



July 6, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings from the General Council Office.

I am writing to let you know of the voting results for Remits 1 to 4. All four remits were approved by a majority of the 84 voting presbyteries and 2,136 voting pastoral charges of the United Church.

**Remit 1: Three Council Model**

Presbyteries:	Yes: 74	No: 7
Pastoral charges:	Yes: 1,672	No: 222

**Remit 2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement**

Presbyteries:	Yes: 74	No: 7
Pastoral charges:	Yes: 1,792	No: 89

**Remit 3: Office of Vocation**

Presbyteries:	Yes: 69	No: 12
Pastoral charges:	Yes: 1,681	No: 190

**Remit 4: Funding a New Model**

Presbyteries:	Yes: 70	No: 12
Pastoral charges:	Yes: 1,472	No: 398

There is one final step in the remit process to be taken by the 43rd General Council when it meets in July 2018. We will now be working to be ready for that prospect.

A Remit Scenario Planning group, co-chaired by Alan Hall (Executive Minister, Ministry and Personnel), and Peter Hartmans (Executive Secretary, Hamilton Conference), has been meeting over the past year to do preliminary thinking on the change process, depending on which of the remits received approval. This group will now be re-mandated as the Remit Implementation group, to have broad oversight over the plans for implementation of the changes that will follow if General Council gives its approval to the decisions that have been approved by remit. David Allen has agreed to step away from his position as Executive Secretary of Toronto Conference to accept the full-time assignment as Project Leader for this work.

The 42nd General Council will reconvene for an electronic meeting on September 30, 2017, to put plans in motion for determining the boundaries of the regional councils, and a nominations process for the next General Council Executive, pending the final step in the remit process.

Thank you all for your participation in this important work of the church.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nora Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'N'.

Sincerely,  
Nora Sanders  
General Secretary, General Council