

**JOINT SEARCH COMMITTEE**  
**What the United Church Manual (2010) Says**

**054** Joint Search Committee.

- (a) Membership. The Joint Search Committee shall include:
  - i. two (2) representatives of the Presbytery elected by the Presbytery; and (2010)
  - ii. representatives in full membership of the Pastoral Charge, elected by the membership of the Pastoral Charge or by the Official Board or Church Board or Church Council of the Pastoral Charge. (2010)
- (b) Committee Process. The first meeting of the Joint Search Committee shall be convened by a Presbytery representative, and shall fix its own quorum, which shall in no case be lower than two (2), including representatives of both the Presbytery and the Pastoral Charge. The Committee shall determine its own process. Its proceedings shall be confidential.
- (c) Mandate. The mandate of the Joint Search Committee is determined by the decisions of the Presbytery authorizing Ministry Personnel search and selection based upon a needs assessment report and recommendations and Pastoral Charge decisions. (2010)
- (d) Recommendations. Before making any recommendation of a person to the Pastoral Charge, the Joint Search Committee shall receive from that person, at that person's expense, a current vulnerable sector (level 2) police records check. The Joint Search Committee shall recommend terms of covenant with one (1) person for each Vacancy. Where the appointment of a Supply for up to one (1) year is recommended, the recommendation may be presented either to the Official Board or Church Board or Church Council for approval on behalf of the Pastoral Charge or to a meeting of the Pastoral Charge called and convened in accordance with sections 047, 048, and 049. Other recommendations of a Joint Search Committee shall be presented to a meeting of the Pastoral Charge called and convened in accordance with sections 047, 048, and 049. The name of only one (1) eligible person may be recommended at any one time for each authorized pastoral relationship. (2007)