

### C.1.2 Lay Members

*Communities of faith that are congregations or pastoral charges continue to elect representatives to the regional council in the same way they elected representatives to the presbytery prior to January 1, 2019. They may also change the way in which they elect representatives within denominational policies, with the agreement of the regional council, and by including it in the covenant between the community of faith and regional council.*

The lay members of the regional council are members of the United Church who are not ministry personnel and who are

- a) elected by communities of faith on the following basis:
  - i) one representative from each community of faith with 100 or fewer members;
  - ii) two representatives from each community of faith with 101 to 200 members;
  - iii) three representatives from each community of faith with 201 to 300 members;
  - iv) four representatives from each community of faith with more than 300 members;and (2022)
- b) additional lay members as determined by the regional council if necessary to respect a balance of ministry personnel and lay members who are not ministry personnel in the membership of the regional council. (2021)

*The regional council determines for itself the best way to respect this balance which may include adding lay members to ensure diversity or particular experience and competencies within the regional council.* (2021)

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