

## "It's All Connected" Intersectionality's call to collaborative Social Justice

Facilitator: Rev Dr Peter Bartlett EOORC Minister supporting Visioning with Communities of Faith, Clusters and Social Justice and Outreach Networks



### **Format**

- 2-2:50: Introduction to UCCan Social Justice Commitments/Open Mic
- 2:50-3:00 Health Break/Gathering Music





## Statement of Purpose and Hope

The (Call) and Vision statement points towards a bold, hopeful, sustainable future for The United Church of Canada. This statement of purpose and hope is not for the sake of the institution or only the needs of the communities of faith that make up our legacy and our present. **But rather because we believe that The United Church of Canada is called to witness in love and justice to the liberating healing Christ risen in this place and time.** 

> 43rd General Council, October 23, 2021 BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY: CALL AND VISION 2022-2025



## **Foundational Commitments**

- To Right Relations with Indigenous Peoples: Reflected in the United Church Apologies and commitments to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Caretakers' Calls.
- To Become a Church that is: Anti-Racist, Inter-Cultural, Affirming, Functionally Bilingual.
- To Live Principles of Partnership in Global and Canadian Solidarity 43rd General Council, October 23, 2021 BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY: CALL AND VISION 2022-2025







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### Affirmations

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Christian Faith Sacred Story Compassion Integrity Respect Community Equity Reconciliation Service Humility Innovation

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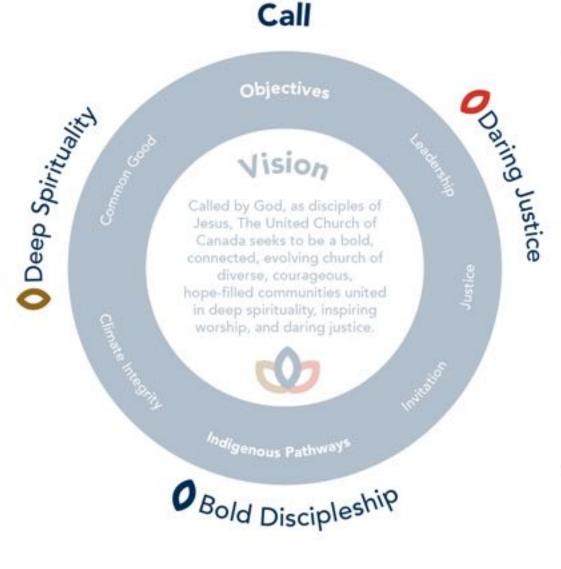
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# Vision

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Justice







**Embolden Justice: Collaborating to Mend Church and World** 

Invigorate Leadership: Adapting and Innovating for Bold Discipleship

Nurture Common Good: Equity and Sustainability in Resources

**Deepen Climate Integrity: Living Climate Commitments** 

**Strengthen Invitation: Humility and Confidence in Sharing Faith** 

Indigenous Pathways (both contributing to above and a unique stream)



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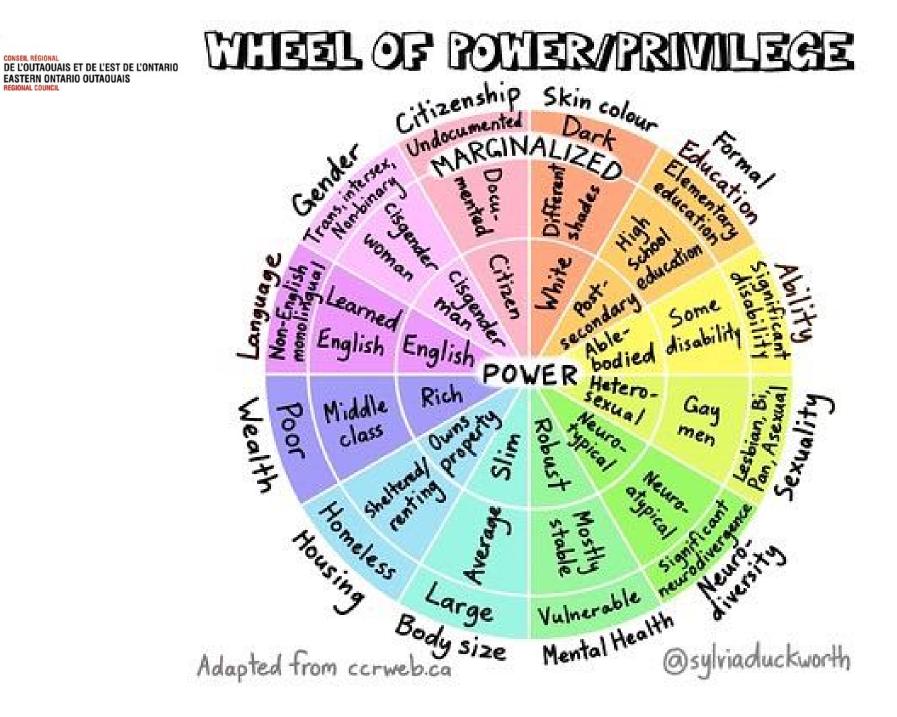
## Intersectionality

The concept of intersectionality describes the ways in which systems of inequality based on gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, class and other forms of discrimination "intersect" to create unique dynamics and effects.

All forms of inequality are mutually reinforcing and must therefore be analyzed and addressed simultaneously to prevent one form of inequality from reinforcing another.

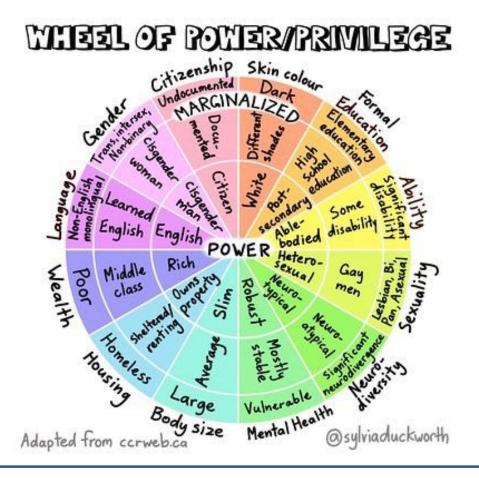
For example, tackling the gender pay gap alone – without including other dimensions such as race, socio-economic status and immigration status – will likely reinforce inequalities among women.

Center For Intersectional Justice: www.intersectionaljustice.org



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"Marginalization;" the further you are from power, the more ignored and unimportant you feel. However, as you try to place yourself in the different categories, notice how your level of power/marginalization shifts between categories.