

Glossary of Terms often used at the Centre for Christian Studies

ACC	Anglican Church of Canada
ACPO	Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination, part of the process of vocational discernment in the Anglican Church
ASC	Annual Service of Celebration, worship service to celebrate the Centre, acknowledge students in their final year and celebrate Companion(s) of the Centre
AST	Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax
ATFE	Association of Theological Field Educators
ATS	Association of Theological Schools
AWTC	Anglican Women's Training College, a forerunner of the Centre
BAS	Anglican Book of Alternative Services
BCP	Anglican Book of Common Prayer
Candidate	a member of the United Church who, having completed a discernment process, has been recommended by their Church Board/Council and received by a Presbytery as being qualified to prepare for commissioning or ordination
CCS	Centre for Christian Studies
CCTE	Churches' Council on Theological Education
CDM	Committee on Diaconal Ministry, The United Church, a standing committee of the Division of Ministry Personnel and Education (currently being reorganized)
Common Praise or CP	Anglican hymn book
commissioning	the rite of entrance into Diaconal Ministry (education, service and pastoral care) in the United Church
Conference	regional groupings of United Church Presbyteries, eg. Conference of Manitoba Northwestern Ontario; also the annual (or bi-annual) meeting of the delegates from Presbyteries within the Conference
Covenant College	renaming of the United Church Training School in 1962, a forerunner of the Centre
diaconal minister	indicates someone who has a ministry of diakonia (service) and might refer to someone in the recognized diaconate of their denomination
Diaconal Minister	in the United Church, member of the order of ministry, commissioned to "education, service and pastoral care"

Diocesan Synod	regular (annual or biannual and then when needed, for eg. to elect a bishop) gatherings of laity representatives and clergy of a Diocese
Diocese	regional groupings of parishes in the Anglican Church, eg. Diocese of Rupert's Land
Discernment	a one year process of inquiry and vocational decision making in the United Church
DJSRC	Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre, Beausejour, MB, a centre for theological education for First Nations' people preparing for ministry
DOTAC	Diakonia of the Americas and the Caribbean, an association of diaconal communities
DUCC	Diakonia of The United Church of Canada, an association of those in the United Church who name themselves in diaconal ministry
E&S	Education and Students, United Church Presbytery committee responsible for Candidates for ministry
ECL	Education for Church Leadership, governance body in the United Church which has oversight of theological education, including the disbursement of funding
ECL-CC	Education for Church Leadership Coordinating Committee, the committee of volunteers related to Education for Church Leadership (ECL)
Ed Year	one of the three theme years in the diploma program
Externals	courses required for CCS certificate/diploma but taken at another theological school/university
Face-to-Face	meetings of the Central Council which occur in Winnipeg, and where members of the Council from across the country are in attendance
General Council	tri-annual national gathering of delegates from the Conferences, United Church
General Synod	tri-annual national gathering of delegates from the Dioceses, Anglican Church
GPE	Global Perspectives Education, a trip for students in the Integrating Year, to a country in the south
HR Cte	Human Resources Committee
ICPO	In-Community Program for Ordination, a pilot project of the United Church, with offices in Winnipeg
Integrating Year	the final year in the Centre's 4 year diploma program
LDM	Leadership Development Module, the 18 day intensive class, held each June

Learning Circles	new name for Learning in Community gatherings (see below)
LIC	Learning in Community, the intensive gatherings of the students held in the fall and spring, held in Winnipeg
NAAD	North American Association of the Diaconate (Anglican/Episcopalian)
Pastoral Care Year	one of the three theme years in the diploma program
Presbytery	regional groupings of United Church pastoral charges, eg. Winnipeg Presbytery
PWDRF	Primate's World Development and Relief Fund, Anglican Church
SAC	St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon
Social Ministry Year	one of the three theme years in the diploma program
SSC	St. Stephen's College, Edmonton
St. John's	St. John's College, Anglican college on the campus of University of Manitoba
TAG	Ted, Ann and Gerry, the program staff
Theological Consortium	organization of Winnipeg theological schools who cooperate to confer degrees
U of W	University of Winnipeg or University of Winnipeg Faculty of Theology
UCC	United Church of Canada
UCTS	United Church Training School, a forerunner of the Centre
Voices United or VU	United Church hymn book