

GENERAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE



Rev. Dr. Jennifer Janzen-Ball

Jennifer is currently the Executive Minister, Theological Leadership at the General Council Office (GCO). Jennifer is an ordained minister in the United Church and earned her PhD in Christian social ethics through Emmanuel College and the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology. She is originally from the Prairies and currently lives in Saskatoon. However, Jennifer was settled in New Brunswick and served three years in the Blackville pastoral charge in New Brunswick. She has fond memories of her time in Maritime Conference!

After settlement, Jennifer moved to Toronto for doctoral studies. Throughout her doctoral studies, she worked part-time with various organizations, including the Student Christian Movement of Canada, United Church congregations, and in the General Council Office, as well as teaching at Emmanuel College and Queen's School of Religion. Upon completion of her doctoral studies, Jennifer became the director of the Designated Lay Ministry Program (Calling Lakes Centre and then St. Andrew's College). She served as director for almost 10 years. Jennifer was most recently the Program Coordinator, Ministry Vocation at the GCO, with responsibility for Candidacy Pathway policies and for supporting the work of Candidacy Boards and Office of Vocation ministers throughout the country.

She is passionate about eco-theological ethics and the climate crisis. In her spare time, she likes to garden, knit, bird-watch, and most recently, play pickleball. During the long prairie winters, Jennifer and her partner like to build snow forts and create ice art, as a way to practice gratitude for the seasons and the gifts of the earth throughout the year.