

Possible Process Outline for Engagement between Boundaries Commission members
And Conference Executives

1. Worship (15 minutes)

Introduction:

Express gratitude that we have been invited.

Land acknowledgement (varies depending on what land and treaties the meeting is on, communicate with local leaders).

Lighting of the Christ candle:

MV 115 Behold, behold I make all things new

Or Spirit of Life Come unto Me (#381VU)

Psalms 100

Ezra 3 vs 10-13

Meditation

We are pilgrims on a journey (VU 595)

Prayer to ground us in our work:

Eternal God,
you call us to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us,
and your love supporting us.
through Jesus Christ. Amen. (Adapted from VU 915)

2. Questions (1 hour)

1. How do Boundaries /Borders shape how you live out the mission of the church?
2. What is needed within the boundaries of an effective regional council?
3. Are there any unique situations of which the Boundaries Commission should be made aware?
4. Are there any other criteria of which the Boundaries Commission should be made aware?

**3. Information that we need to convey (15 minutes) There will be powerpoint slides available.
Amongst the information, a timeline:**

Commission meeting via teleconference on October 1, 2017

Commission face-face meeting October 13-15, 2017

Gathering of Information and travel to engage with Conference Executives

Deadline for written submissions from Conferences and Presbyteries/Districts/ Consistoires/
Synod.

Commission face-face meeting December 1, 2017

Interim report: January 10, 2018 – will be widely distributed to reach as large an audience as possible

Input to be received by January 31st

February 9 – 11, 2018 Meeting of Commission to finalize decision

Final report: No later than March 15, 2018

July 21-28, 2018: General Council 43 meets to enact remits

January 1, 2019: remits are enacted and new regional councils come into effect

Additionally, questions or comments can be sent to: remits@united-church.ca

