

## **JOINT SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT 2008**

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As per the date of this report (February 7, 2008) the JSC has met three times, beginning with November 26. At our first meeting we reviewed the handbook for Joint Search Committees edited by the United Church of Canada. We appointed a chair, recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Following this meeting an ad was placed in the January and February Observer Magazine as well as in the Montreal-Ottawa web-site. The position was also posted on the United Church vacancy list available to all United Church ministers. The members of the committee were also given access to the United Church availability list.

To date we have received 11 applications, 7 of which are from ordained United Church ministers. Non-ordained applicants and applicants from other denominations were not retained since they did not meet the requirements set out by the JNAC. At our February 4 meeting it was decided that we would contact the 3 most promising applicants and start the interview process. The first interview will take place the last week of February. In view of the fact that a number of churches in our area are in the process of looking for a new minister it was felt that it would be to our benefit to start the process as soon as possible. Should new applications be received by the February 14<sup>th</sup> deadline the committee will follow up.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on this committee for their dedication to this process.

Respectfully submitted by  
*Claire Charpentier-Dewar*, chair.