

You may wish to consider exploring a partnership:



**... if there are partnership options available to you.**

*Is there another Community of Faith with whom you could partner in some way?*

There are many different forms this partnership could take: [click here for examples](#).

Consider factors such as geographic proximity, as well as what resources, gifts, and contexts each partner would bring.



**... if you are both able and willing to embrace significant change as a community.**

*It is important to acknowledge that your community will not be able to enter a partnership or amalgamation unchanged.*

What will this mean for your community?



**... if a change in your community's Ministry Personnel and/or Lay Staff is feasible.**

If there is a pre-existing vacancy in a Community of Faith, this could facilitate some forms of partnership, including Amalgamation.

If there is no vacancy, *there are many possible staffing considerations.*

Sometimes a Minister must be willing to take on new and different roles, in some cases a new Call must be created, and the roles and numbers of Lay Staff must also be considered.

# When to consider: Partnership with another Community of Faith

[For more information on partnerships and amalgamation, click here.](#)

# When to consider: Disbanding

## You may wish to consider Disbanding:



### ... if your **Community** has less than 12 months of **finances available to you.**

Ideally, if your Community's finances might not stretch to cover the next 2 years, you will start to consider your options. Tools to help gauge your Community's financial situation include the Region's Financial and Ministry Viability Assessment.



### ... if **human resources to maintain the viability of your Church** have dwindled.

*Have your human resources have dwindled beyond the ability to maintain united church requirements? For example, can you maintain a board, a chair, a treasurer, trustees, etc.?*



### ... if your **Church** has migrated towards another **denomination.**

If your congregation is no longer in compliance with the polity of the United Church of Canada, you must formally disband as a United Church Community of Faith.



### ... if there are no **partnerships available to you in your area or situation.**

Amalgamation with a partner congregation may not be a viable option for your community, because of geographical, financial, faithful, or other considerations.

[For more information on the process of Disbanding, click here.](#)