

# Editor

*The United Church Observer* seeks an Editor to lead North America's longest-running magazine into the next chapter of its 188-year history. We are an award-winning publication with a commitment to excellence. Unlike any other church publication, we pursue edgy and controversial subjects, exploring issues of faith, justice and ethical living; as we continue to evolve, we are seeking someone to lead this tradition of innovation within an up-and-coming and exciting workplace.

The Editor functions as the CEO of the publication. The successful candidate will be a magazine professional with proven high-level experience in all aspects of the editorial process, including:

- development and refinement of the magazine's editorial mission
- planning and rationalization of print and digital content
- direct participation in the monthly production cycle including scheduling, assignments, editing, design and proofing
- writing, including features, opinion and display
- management of 10 salaried staff, in addition to contract and freelance editorial staff
- comfort and experience with digital output
- budget-setting and oversight

Observer Publications Inc. is a registered not-for-profit corporation that operates independently of The United Church of Canada. While membership in the United Church is not a requirement for this

position, familiarity with the denomination, its ethos as well as general trends in Canadian religion and spirituality is considered an asset. The successful candidate will be comfortable in representing *The Observer* from time to time in church settings and other public forums.

As CEO, the Editor is accountable to the Board of Directors for the overall direction and health of the magazine. The Board of Directors is committed to the future of the magazine, and we are looking for a candidate who is bold and innovative. We anticipate that the day-to-day business of the magazine and implementation of long-term strategic goals will be managed by a Director of Operations (yet to be named). However, it is desirable for the Editor to have some knowledge of publishing, circulation, financial and human resources fundamentals.

Please submit applications including writing samples and three references by email to: [search@ucobserver.org](mailto:search@ucobserver.org)

While email submissions are preferable, mail submissions will also be accepted:

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The deadline for receipt of applications is **August 15, 2017**, with interviews for shortlisted applicants to be held mid-September 2017.

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