



**Terry Ann Louise Harrison**  
**Property Resource Team Coordinator – BC Conference of The United Church of Canada**

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Terry Harrison is a communications professional and change specialist with experience in private, public and not-for-profit settings. Her career began over 25 years ago, as a television producer for CBC-TV in Medicine Hat. A decade later she left the broadcasting industry to put her skills to work as a communications and outreach coordinator for several community agencies, first in Alberta and then in Victoria, BC. After a brief sojourn (she spent 1997 living and working in Tokyo) she joined the BC Public Service and spent several years in various communications roles, including Assistant Communications Director at the Ministry of Women's Equality and Manager of eCommunications at the provincial government's central communications office, the Public Affairs Bureau. Here she excelled in communications planning and managing change on cross-government initiatives.

Terry left the Public Service in 2004 to start an advanced degree in theology, while continuing to do consulting work. She started working for the BC Conference of The United Church of Canada in 2007, as the Camp Future Project Manager. Late in 2008 she expanded her role with the BC Conference, when she was hired as the Conference Minister for the Victoria Presbytery; **then in February 2012 Terry was asked to provide leadership on a new BC Conference initiative – to develop and coordinate a Property Resource Team, designed to provide assistance to congregations and other ministries within the Conference on property matters.**

Her communication skills, along with her organizational and process management abilities have enabled Terry to bring major change initiatives to fruition. She can build partnerships with a broad range of stakeholders, working to bridge differences in order to meet shared goals, and can translate technically complex details in ways that are accessible and meaningful.

In addition to her professional communication training, Terry holds a Masters degree in Theological Studies (MTS) from St. Stephen's College. This course of study has helped her ground her work in Christian stories and experience. She chose theology as an academic framework to better understand the impact that change has on individuals and society as a whole; and the uncertainty and anxiety it generates. She has come to believe that the greatest challenge of any organizational change is first and always a *human* one.

*"These things will destroy the human race: politics without principle, progress without compassion, wealth without work, learning without silence, religion without fearlessness, and worship without awareness." ~Anthony de Mello*

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