



# Atheist Minister May Face “Review” by United Church of Canada Leaders Who See Her as a Heretic

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**Gretta Vosper** (<http://www.grettavosper.ca/>) is a reverend for the United Church of Canada... even though she doesn't believe in God ([http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0062294857/ref=as\\_li\\_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&%23038;creative=390957&%23038;creativeASIN=0062294857&%23038;linkCode=as2&%23038;tag=wwwfriendlyat-20&%23038;linkId=QTHWEHC2BODIEDAO](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0062294857/ref=as_li_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&%23038;creative=390957&%23038;creativeASIN=0062294857&%23038;linkCode=as2&%23038;tag=wwwfriendlyat-20&%23038;linkId=QTHWEHC2BODIEDAO)). Maybe you think that's controversial — or hypocritical — but the UCC has long ordained women and LGBT individuals. So it's not completely out of line to have an atheist minister.

But her position is now in jeopardy.

(<https://www.facebook.com/grettavosper>)

Earlier this year, following the *Charlie Hebdo* attacks, the church posted a prayer (<http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/general/150107>) on its website that included these lines:

*Gracious God,  
By the light of faith,  
lead us to seek comfort, compassion, and peace,  
in the face of escalating violence around the world.*

Vosper criticized that word choice in an open letter (<http://www.grettavosper.ca/letter-gary-paterson-regarding-paris/>):

Read More (<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/friendlyatheist/2015/05/27/atheist-minister-may-face-review-by-united-church-of-canada-leaders-who-see-her-as-a-heretic/>)

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