Yearbook editor leaves expanded NCC position

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Eileen Lindner, the widely respected researcher who has overseen the annual Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches for 10 years, will leave her post at the National Council of Churches on May 15.

Lindner survived an NCC staff shakeup to become the director of organizational development at the start of this year, but said she does not have the fund-raising skills that the combined position now requires.

"The role of fund-raiser needs to be focused much more sharply than is possible in my current position," said Lindner. A Presbyterian minister known also for her work on children's issues and church-based health-care ministries, Lindner said the NCC "needs to feel free to rewrite the position description" and find someone better versed in fund-raising.

Michael Kinnamon, the NCC's new general secretary, said, "Eileen will certainly be missed as the NCC moves forward with this transition necessary to serving its best interests." -Religion News Service