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Title	Appointment of the Standards for Ministries Committee
Type of Paper	For information and decision
Assembly or ASC Minute	
Consultation	Members of the Standards for Ministries Committee (SFM) and Ministry Education Boards
Purpose	To appoint the members of the SFM Committee.
Rationale & Findings Summary	
Attachments	A. Mandate of the Standards for Ministries Committee B. Profiles of proposed members
Recommendations	That the Assembly Standing Committee: 1. Receive the Report 2. Appoint the members of the Standards for Ministries Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anne Wright• Ben Gilmour• Christine Sorensen• Helen Paine• Isabel Thomas Dobson• Jay Robinson• Joanna Drayton• Paul Jones• Peter Walker• Ross Chambers• Viola Leung• Fran Barber
Submitted by	Rob Floyd Assembly Associate General Secretary robf@nat.uca.org.au , 0407 944 417

Appointment of the Standards for Ministries Committee

Background

The review of Assembly structures in 2018 resulted in a new Assembly committee the Standards for Ministries Committee which incorporated the work of the previous Education for Ministry Working Group and the Admission for Ministers Committee. The Assembly Standing Committee (ASC) established the Standards for Ministries Committee and adopted the mandate in Appendix A. Members were appointed at the August 2018 ASC meeting in resolution. The Committee held its first meeting face-to-face in November 2018.

Work of the Committee 2018-2021

The Standards for Ministries Committee (SFM) held one face-to-face meeting and eight meetings by teleconference or Zoom during the triennium. The pandemic delayed some work of the Committee. The priorities for the Committee have been Phase 4 standards, developing a consistent approach for Admission of Ministers, and revising the standards for education of Pastors. To address these priorities three subgroups were established.

The Guidelines for Admission of a Minister from Another Denomination developed by the sub-group and approved by the SFM have been circulated to Synods. It is anticipated that a substantial revision of standards for Phase 4, including requirements for continuing education for lay specified ministries, and a revision of standards for Ministry of Pastor will be submitted to the Assembly Standing Committee prior to the 2022 Assembly (Reconvened).

SFM recognised that standards for chaplaincy ministry in the UCA were variable and unspecified. Other issues related to chaplaincy were out of the remit of SFM. The Committee recommended that ASC establish a task group to work on these issues and include some SFM Committee members. This task group has been established.

SFM conducts consultations with Ministerial Education Boards (MEBs), theological colleges and educational agencies as one avenue through which the Assembly ensures and encourages the adherence to and maintenance of the standards. Consultations were held through the triennium and are being planned for the future.

SFM requests reports from MEBs annually and consolidates them for the ASC. These reports ask some generic questions and also some more specific questions on a cyclical basis relating to the mandate of the SFM and ministry standards.

SFM engages with the Theological Educators' Conference and the National Deacons' Intensive where possible and organises an annual meeting of the principals of theological colleges to facilitate collaboration and the sharing of resources and approaches. The plan for the new triennium is to extend this practice to gatherings of MEB Chairs.

Attachment A

STANDARDS FOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE MANDATE

[Approved by Assembly Standing Committee March 2018]

Responsible to:	The Assembly / Assembly Standing Committee
Reporting Arrangements:	The Assembly / Assembly Standing Committee
Mission:	To advise the Assembly and the Assembly Standing Committee on the standards required for Specified Ministries within the Uniting Church and to ensure that the Assembly's responsibilities in relation to training for Specified Ministries and admission of ministers from other denominations are met.

Background:

Constitution 38. (a)

The Assembly shall have determining responsibility in matters of doctrine, worship, government and discipline, including the promotion of the Church's mission, **the establishment of standards for theological education and the reception of Ministers from other denominations**, and is empowered to make final decisions on all matters committed to it by this Constitution.

Mandate:

1. Advise the Assembly regarding standards required for the specified ministries within the Uniting Church, including:
 - responding to the changing context of church, culture and approaches to ministry;
 - developing policies relating to standards of formation, education and training for the specified ministries in the Uniting Church, including continuing education, professional development and supervision;
 - developing policies for people of other denominations including Partner Churches of the UCA, to serve and be admitted to the specified ministries of the Uniting Church, including the requirements for the education and ministry formation of the applicant;
 - report to the ASC regarding significant changes.
2. Advise the Assembly regarding centres approved for training for ministry.
3. Organise regular Consultations with Ministerial Education Boards (MEBs) and through them, their approved centres and Synod lay education and leadership development agencies, for the purpose of ensuring that standards for ministry education are being appropriately implemented.
4. Resource the Church including relevant Synod committees in issues relating to admissions for ministry, through:
 - Establishing guidelines for assessing the suitability of, and requirements for the education and formation of, ordained ministers of other denominations who apply to serve in a placement as a Minister in the Church, or for admission as a Minister of the Word or Deacon;

- Organise regular consultations with appropriate Synod Committees for the purpose of ensuring that standards for admission of Ministers are being appropriately implemented;
 - Maintaining a list of ordained ministries of denominations of the church catholic that are recognised for the purposes of Regulation 2.5.1(e); and
 - Where an application for admission is made by a person holding an ordination which is not so listed, determining the matter;
 - Foster relationships of collaboration and understanding with ecumenical and overseas partners with particular regard to the processes concerned in the placement of Ministers from other denominations within the Uniting Church, and the admission of Ministers from other denominations as Ministers within the Uniting Church.
5. Develop mechanisms to enable input from MEBs, Synods and Colleges, and to foster relationship and active collaboration between them, including the sharing of expertise and resources for education for ministry and admission of ministers.
 6. Encourage regular national networking of key leaders in formation, theological education, continuing education for ministry, lay education and leadership development, and admission and placement of ministers.

As a Body of the National Assembly, the Standards for Ministries Committee will also:

1. Ensure that the activities of the Committee are consistent with the Vision and current strategic priorities of the Assembly.
2. Advise the Assembly/Assembly Standing Committee on policy matters within its area of responsibility and expertise.
3. Make decisions where the Assembly/Assembly Standing Committee has delegated authority for certain policy areas, either through this Mandate, or by resolution.
4. Implement policies determined by the Assembly/Assembly Standing Committee when relevant to its mandate and operations.
5. Work collaboratively with other Assembly bodies.

Chair:

The Chair will be appointed by the Assembly every three years at its triennial meeting. The selection process will consider the skills and expertise required to undertake the work of the Committee.

Membership:

The Assembly Standing Committee will appoint the Standards for Ministries Committee and delegate to that Committee the work covered by this mandate.

Members of the Committee will be appointed/re-appointed every three years at the Assembly Standing Committee meeting following the three yearly Assembly meetings. Casual vacancies will be filled as required by the Assembly Standing Committee, with guidance from the Chair and the Assembly General Secretary.

The Committee will have a diversity of age, gender and cultural background. All members will be expected to be committed to the fundamental values of the Uniting Church including:

- living out our covenant as First and Second peoples,
- being a multicultural Church
- oriented towards justice
- engaging constructively with ecumenical and overseas partners.

Whilst skills will be a priority, attention will also be given to geographical considerations.

Membership should cover the following range of skills and experience:

- Strategic, innovative thinking about the future of the church
- Practice of Theological Education
- Formation for Ordained Ministry, including an awareness of the two Ordained ministries of the Uniting Church
- Formation for Discipleship and Lay Ministry (including Lay Specified Ministries)
- Culturally contextual education including an awareness of Partner Churches of the UCA
- Experience in ministry focused toward children, young people and families
- Awareness of Ecumenical issues and relationships
- Knowledge of issues related to immigration and employment
- Continuing Education for Specified Ministries
- Tertiary Education (including Vocational Education and Training)
- Distance Education, Online Education and Mixed-mode Education

The Committee will have a membership of up to twelve people, two of whom will be appointed by the UAICC. In addition, a representative of the Assembly Resourcing Unit will attend meetings.

Members other than those appointed by UAICC may serve for up to three consecutive terms before becoming ineligible for further membership for a period of one term.

The Committee has the delegated authority to establish sub-committees for various tasks related specifically to the mandate.

Reporting:

The Standards for Ministries Committee will report to the Assembly Standing Committee as and when required by that Committee.

Attachment B

Proposed Membership:

Rev Dr Rob McFarlane was appointed as convener of SFM for the 2021-2024 triennium.

Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress appoint two additional members to the SFM.

The following people are nominated as committee members for the new triennium. Their profiles are attached.

- Anne Wright
- Ben Gilmour
- Christine Sorensen
- Helen Paine
- Isabel Thomas Dobson
- Jay Robinson
- Joanna Drayton
- Paul Jones
- Peter Walker
- Ross Chambers
- Viola Leung
- Fran Barber

Note:

The Mandate refers to a Committee of 12 members, two of whom are appointed by Congress. The list above contains 12 suggested appointees to the remaining 10 positions.

The Committee requests that the ASC appoint all these people for the following reasons:

1. The complexity of the work of this Committee requiring diverse expertise.
2. Most of the Committees work is done in subcommittees where additional members are able to work productively.
3. All the people above have served on the Committee or were co-opted to serve on one of the sub-committees during the last triennium.
4. Meetings are taking place electronically, so no major additional costs are incurred.



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Expression of Interest

Assembly Committee/Group Member

RETURN THIS FORM TO circles@nat.uca.org.au BY MONDAY February 1 2021

Name: Anne Wright

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Position: I am interested in being considered as a member of the Assembly
Committee/Group:
 Standards for Ministry

Acknowledgement:

I understand that this is an unpaid volunteer position focussed on supporting the work of the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly.

I have read the Mandate for the Committee/Group named above and believe that I have the knowledge, experience, skills and personal qualities necessary to serve the Church in the role of Committee/Group Member.

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Signed:

Anne Wright

Date:

 11/3/21

Please provide the name and contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to give feedback concerning your expression of interest for this position.

Referee(s):

Alan Jeffrey *alan.jeffrey@wa.uca.org.au*
Alan Jeffrey *alan.jeffrey@wa.uca.org.au*



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Expression of Interest

Assembly Committee/Group Member

RETURN THIS FORM TO circles@nat.uca.org.au BY MONDAY February 1 2021

Name: Rev Ben Gilmour
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Phone: 0421 333 986
Position: I am interested in being considered as a member of the Assembly Committee/Group:
Standards for Ministry

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Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Referee(s): _____ Dr Glen Powell _____
_____ 0429490602 _____

Statement of Qualifications, Experience and Skills:

Please list any ministry or other experience, education and training or specific skills you possess which you believe would prepare you for membership of the Committee/Group indicated above.

My current role as Head of Vital Leadership oversees the implementation and adaption of Assembly Ministry Standards for Lay preachers, Ministry of Pastor and Phase 1,3 and 4 of Formation, working with Presbyteries on behalf of the UME Board (MEB). I have been in this role since 2019.

While I am not a professional educator, I have over 20 years of Ministry practice in Congregational life, including pioneering new worshipping communities, developing fresh expressions, and assisting with youth and adult faith and leadership development. I am keen on encouraging peer learning through communities of practice. I am also a practitioner of a strengths-based approach to leadership development. I am a Minister of the Word in the UCA.

As part of my role at UME, I manage a professional team of educators and facilitators whose core business is the development of Ministry across the Synod of NSW and the ACT.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a member of this Committee/Group.

I am seeking to continue to serve on this committee to learn, contribute and grow ministry practice not only in the Synod of NSW and the ACT but with the whole church, by contributing to the standards of formation, education, and training. I am looking forward to getting more involved in the shared work of this committee.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]



RETURN THIS FORM TO circles@nat.uca.org.au BY MONDAY February 1 2021

Name: (Rev Dr)_Christine Sorensen _____

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_Standards for Ministry_____

Acknowledgement:

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Signed: _Christine Sorensen_____

Date: _17/03/21_____

Please provide the name and contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to give feedback concerning your expression of interest for this position.

Referee(s): Dr Kaye Roberts Thompson kaye.robertsthompson@adelaide.edu.au

Statement of Qualifications, Experience and Skills:

Please list any ministry or other experience, education and training or specific skills you possess which you believe would prepare you for membership of the Committee/Group indicated above.

I have been on this group and its predecessor since 2017 so while it is not an extremely long time I do provide some continuity.

I have a PhD in “Formation, Theological Education and Transformative Learning” and a Master’s in International Theological Education.

I have worked in theological education/ formation in VICTAS; NSWACT; and WA Synods so have a reasonably broad scope of awareness of how the UCA functions across the life of the church.

I have ministry experience in theological education in New Zealand and Pakistan.

I continue to have ecumenical links with other parts of the church, particularly with the Australia New Zealand Association of Theological Field Educators, (ANZATFE) which is one of the groups that discusses the nexus of ministry practice, theological education and formation, so I bring a perspective of practitioners outside of the UCA with concerns similar to our own.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a member of this Committee/Group.

I have been a part of this group for four years and think I bring continuity to the conversations. I believe my broad background in theological education, in the UCA and in other geographical locations and ecumenical situations gives me broad perspectives and experiences to bring to the conversation. I like talking about how we do what we do, what makes a difference, how we can do it better /‘be better’ in the ways that we educate and form for ministry in many different ways. This desire and this kind of conversation has been the backdrop of much of my own thinking for the last couple of decades and I hope to be able to continue in it.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]



RETURN THIS FORM TO annac@nat.uca.org.au BY MONDAY 2 MARCH 2020

Name: Rev Helen Paine_____

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Position: I am interested in being considered as a member of the:

UCA Assembly Standards for Ministries Committee

Acknowledgement:

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I have read the Mandate for the **Standards for Ministries Committee** and believe that I have the knowledge, experience, skills and personal qualities necessary to serve the Church in the role of Committee Member.

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Signed: _____ *H. Paine* _____

Date: _3/3/2020_

Please provide the name and contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to give feedback concerning your expression of interest for this position.

Referee(s): _____ Rev Lee Levett-Olsen _____ 08 8982 3400 _____

Posalie Clarke _____ 0419 245 466 _____

Statement of Qualifications, Experience and Skills:

Please list any ministry or other experience, education and training or specific skills you possess which you believe would prepare you for membership of the Committee/Group indicated above.

I am currently convenor of the Formation Committee in the Northern Synod.

I am also an approved Safe Church Awareness Trainer with National Council of Churches Australia in the Northern Territory.

My prior experience includes Ministry in Broome working with a small congregation, encouraging them to expand their skills in leading worship and Bible Study.

I trained in the Retail Sector for 10 years in NSW. Working mainly with year 11 and 12 students.

Whilst in congregational ministry I drew up the Safe Church Policies and procedures for the Northern Synod and did the roll out Work Shops and Training Sessions which I continue to do.

I have a passion for having well formed leaders both Lay and Ordained. If our leaders are well trained we will save ourselves and the church much heart ache.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a member of this Committee/Group.

As a member of the Northern Synod I believe it would be providential for there to be a member from the Northern Synod on this committee. The Northern Synod has unique requirements in its ministry agents (both Lay and Ordained) and it would be helpful for a voice from the synod to speak into the committee.

We also uniquely host Nungalinya College. A college dedicated to training Indigenous members for ministry in their communities.

I have been working to implement lay education in the Synod using different methods and modes of teaching.

In the near future we will be rolling out a model for POD which will be a group exercise. The practice will entail regular contact with a mentor and all assessments will be done orally.

We currently have 1 Ordinand and 2 Candidates in our Synod.

We are forming our candidates through a Formation process that includes the candidates being in part time ministry. Some are doing academic studies through intensive or online study. They are connected to a Mentor, Supervisor, a Field Educator and the Formation Panel. I have committed much into the development and practice of this process.

I have had extensive experience teaching at a VET level prior to my call to ministry. (8 years teaching retail in NSW) I redid my Cert 4 in Work Place Training and Assessment in 2015

Having people that can bring different experiences and perspectives can only make such a committee more robust.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]



RETURN THIS FORM TO circles@nat.uca.org.au BY MONDAY February 1 2021

Name: _____ Isabel Thomas
Dobson _____

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Position: I am interested in being considered as a member of the Assembly
Committee/Group:
**Standards for Ministry
Committee** _____

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supporting the work of the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly.

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Signed:

Date: _____ 12/4/21 _____

**Please provide the name and contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to
give feedback concerning your expression of interest for this position.**

Referee(s): _____ Mark Lawrence _____
mark.lawrence@victas.uca.org.au _____

_____ 0391161423 _____

Statement of Qualifications, Experience and Skills:

Please list any ministry or other experience, education and training or specific skills you possess which you believe would prepare you for membership of the Committee/Group indicated above.

In my current and former roles, as Associate General Secretary of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, Moderator and Presbytery Minister Pastoral Care for Loddon Mallee, I have had extensive engagement with ministers, people in pastor positions, ministers of other denominations and the congregations and other contexts in which they have been serving, and I bring a practical and polity perspective to the significant issues that need to be navigated in a changing ministry context.

I am currently secretary of the Synod Admission of Ministers Committee and I have been the secretary of the Synod Placements Committee. I was a member of the Assembly Admission of Ministers Committee from 2014-2018 and then continued into the new Standards of Ministry Committee. In this structure I believe it is important that someone with knowledge of the particular work of Admission of Ministers is represented, as the specific focus on individual situations requires a different perspective from the big picture tasks of standards for ministry.

I also bring experience of overseeing the Synod's Culture of Safety Unit which has responsibility for professional standards, Code of Ethics, and ministerial misconduct matters. I am Executive Secretary for the Synod's Ministry and Mission Committee to which the Synod's Ministerial Education Board (known as TMEC) relates.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a member of this Committee/Group.

See above.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]



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Assembly Committee/Group Member

RETURN THIS FORM TO annac@nat.uca.org.au BY MONDAY 2 MARCH 2020

Name: Rev Jay Robinson

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Position: I am interested in being considered as a member of the:

UCA Assembly Standards for Ministries Committee

Acknowledgement:

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I have read the Mandate for the **Standards for Ministries Committee** and believe that I have the knowledge, experience, skills and personal qualities necessary to serve the Church in the role of Committee Member.

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Signed:

Date: 9 March 2020

Please provide the name and contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to give feedback concerning your expression of interest for this position.

Referee(s): Kelly Skilton 0432714758. kelly@skiltons.com

Belinda Clear 0400559423. baclear@bigpond.com

Statement of Qualifications, Experience and Skills:

Please list any ministry or other experience, education and training or specific skills you possess which you believe would prepare you for membership of the Committee/Group indicated above.

I am an ordained minister of the word since 2009. I am a recognised supervisor who is currently supervising a mix of ordained and lay ministry agents.

I am serving as the minister for Murrumbeena Uniting Church.

I hold a Cert IV in Training and Assessment.

I am currently completing my MTS (Masters of Theological Studies)

I convene and are part of a number of presbytery and synod groups regarding pastors.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a member of this Committee/Group.

I am currently convening the Presbytery of Port Phillip East in the VicTas Synod Ministry of Pastor team. I am very passionate about the gifts and skills that lay people can bring to ministry and are wanted to see them treated well and equally. I am becoming involved in ensuring that training, UCA regulations and core competencies are being applied as required to new positions asking to be recognised as pastor positions and the lay ministry workers who are placed in them.

I am very keen to get a broader picture of what is going on around Australia and to add any insights and skills that I can into that conversation.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]



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Assembly Standards for Ministries
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RETURN THIS FORM TO annac@nat.uca.org.au BY MONDAY 2 MARCH 2020

Name: Joanna Drayton
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Position: I am interested in being considered as a member of the:

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Signed:

Date: 16/03/2020

Please provide the name and contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to give feedback concerning your expression of interest for this position.

Referee(s): Ben Gilmour Head of Vital Leadership, UME
Lindsay Cullen National Consultant Resourcing Unit, Assembly

Statement of Qualifications, Experience and Skills:

Please list any ministry or other experience, education and training or specific skills you possess which you believe would prepare you for membership of the Committee/Group indicated above.

I have worked within the UCA since 2000 in a variety of lay roles in Congregation, Presbyteries and Synod as well as a period working for the Baptist Association.

I am currently working with UME as the Ministry of Pastor and Ethical Ministry Facilitator, this role includes training, assessing and discipling lay ministry workers across the church as well as contributing to compliance education for all Specified Ministry Agents in the area of Ethical Ministry education.

I have almost completed work on a Ministry of Pastor Handbook for Congregations and Presbyteries which outlines the rules and regs, Competencies, processes for employing Pastors as well as a volunteer process, commissioning, accountability, church membership, oversight of pastors etc.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a member of this Committee/Group.

I believe I could make a national contribution to the oversight of the Ministry of Pastor as I am a passionate Lay person working in the UCA and have done a great deal of work in the area of Ministry of Pastor which I believe could translate into the national framework helpfully.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]



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Assembly Committee/Group Member

RETURN THIS FORM TO circles@nat.uca.org.au BY FRIDAY 13 JULY 2018

Name: Dr Paul Jones

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Position: I am interested in being considered as a member of the Assembly Committee/Group:

Principal of Trinity College QLD

Acknowledgement:

I understand that this is an unpaid volunteer position focussed on supporting the work of the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly.

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Signed: Paul H Jones

Date: 7/4/2020

Please provide the name and contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to give feedback concerning your expression of interest for this position.

Referee(s): Rev Peter Armstrong

Rev Heather den Houting



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RETURN THIS FORM TO annac@nat.uca.org.au BY MONDAY 2 MARCH 2020

Name: PETER WALKER

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Signed: 

Date: 28.02.20

Please provide the name and contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to give feedback concerning your expression of interest for this position.

Referee(s): ROSS CHAMBERS 0419 493 797
SIMON HANSFORD 02 8267 4300

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Statement of Qualifications, Experience and Skills:

Please list any ministry or other experience, education and training or specific skills you possess which you believe would prepare you for membership of the Committee/Group indicated above.

Minister of the Word, ordained 1999

Ministry experience in congregations, Synod, and tertiary education.

BA (Hons) BTh PhD

Currently Principal, United Theological College.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a member of this Committee/Group.

I would hope to have a helpful contribution to offer the Committee arising from my role in the NSW-Act Synod.

It will certainly benefit me and UTC to experience and learn from the deliberations and work of the Committee.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]



RETURN THIS FORM TO circles@nat.uca.org.au BY MONDAY February 1 2021

Name: _____ Ross
_____ Chambers _____

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Phone: _____ 0419493797 _____

Position: I am interested in being considered as a member of the Assembly
Committee/Group:

_____ Standards for Ministry Committee

Acknowledgement:

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I have read the Mandate for the Committee/Group named above and believe that I have the knowledge, experience, skills and personal qualities necessary to serve the Church in the role of Committee/Group Member.

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Signed: _____ Ross Chambers _____

Date: _____ 1 February 2021 _____

Please provide the name and contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to give feedback concerning your expression of interest for this position.

Referee(s):

Kaye Roberts-Thomson kaye.robertsthomson@adelaide.edu.au

Peter Walker PeterW@nswact.uca.org.au

Statement of Qualifications, Experience and Skills:

Please list any ministry or other experience, education and training or specific skills you possess which you believe would prepare you for membership of the Committee/Group indicated above.

Extensive experience in university education and senior university leadership (1979 – 2012) , including significant experience of professional education, online and distance education, indigenous education and regional and remote education. (Awarded AM for services in these areas in 2018) DVC (Academic) Charles Sturt University 2002-2012.

Good understanding of TAFE/VET sector as member of TAFE Councils in NSW (2000-2012) and through responsibility for RTO based in university.

Long involvement with theological education through accreditation panels for theology of NSW government; establishment of School of Theology at CSU; Chair UTC Council; Assembly consultations with Nungalinga and Pilgrim. My own field of study includes church history.

Current member of Standards for Ministry and also served one term on predecessor E4M Committee. Currently convening the Phase 4 working group of SfM.

Involved in formation, lay education and continuing education through membership of committees at presbytery (Mid-North Coast PRC) and Synod levels (UME Board).

Chair, Church Council, Port Macquarie UC.

Chair, Board of Management, Centre for Ecumenical Studies (education and research centre of NCCA)

Extensive experience of Christian-Muslim dialogue, including establishing School of Islamic Studies, member of advisory board of Affinity Intercultural Foundation, participant in Christian-Muslim scriptural reasoning program.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a member of this Committee/Group.

I have a strong commitment to supporting education, formation and continuing development as an integral part of the life of the church and of discipleship. I have welcomed the opportunity to support this through membership of the SfM Committee and believe my background and knowledge and experience have been useful to the Committee. I would like to serve at least one more term so as to carry through projects I am currently engaged with for the Committee: the review of Phase 4; and the Consultation with the SA Synod.

I have made contributing to the church a priority in my retirement and am currently in a position to engage with discipleship, formation and education at congregation, presbytery, synod and assembly levels. I believe such an integrated perspective is useful and has been and will be of value to the SfM.

I care deeply about the future of the UCA, of which I have been a member since Union, and value the distinctive gifts and insights it has to contribute to the broader church and the world. Education in all its

forms and for all members has an important role to play in the future of the UCA and its witness.
[Approved by ASC, March 2018]



RETURN THIS FORM TO annac@nat.uca.org.au BY MONDAY 2 MARCH 2020

Name: _____ Ye (Viola) Liang _____

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Phone: 0430 391 666 _____

Position: I am interested in being considered as a member of the:

UCA Assembly Standards for Ministries Committee

Acknowledgement:

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I have read the Mandate for the **Standards for Ministries Committee** and believe that I have the knowledge, experience, skills and personal qualities necessary to serve the Church in the role of Committee Member.

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Signed: _____ Ye Liang _____

Date: _____ 8/3/20 _____

Please provide the name and contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to give feedback concerning your expression of interest for this position.

Referee(s): _____ Rev. Ji Zhang _____ 0409 020 319 _____

Statement of Qualifications, Experience and Skills:

Please list any ministry or other experience, education and training or specific skills you possess which you believe would prepare you for membership of the Committee/Group indicated above.

Education

Degree/Diploma/Certificate	University, College or Institute	Year of completion
Master of Theological Study	Pilgrim Theology of College (FT)	Feb 2017 – Nov 2019
Bachelor of Ministry	Melbourne School of Theology (FT)	Feb 2010 - Nov 2012
Diploma of Community Welfare	Cambridge International College (FT)	Feb 2008 - Nov 2009
Bachelor of Foreign Language (French & Spanish)	Xi'an Foreign Language University (FT)	Sep 2000 - July 2002
Certificate of Nursing II	Vocational & Technical Nursing TAFE (FT)	Sep 1989 - July 1992

Continuing Education and Conferences

- (Please list significant courses, continuing education programs etc attended over the last 5 years and include any special use of study leave).

Continuing Education & Conferences	Year	Duration
Master of Education Sichuan Normal University (PT)	Sep 2004	Nov 2006
The Good Summit	July 2019	
Children and Families Ministry	July 2019	
Understanding and Responding to Conflict	Mar 2019	
Mental Health First Aid Course	Sep 2018	
Safe Church Training	July 2018	
Effective Christian Leadership and Ministry	Aug 2017	
Intercultural Leaders (NextGen Conference)	June 2017	
Living Leadership 2017	April 2017	
Living Leadership 2016	Sep 2016	
Authorisation training for Holy Communion (Paul Stephens)	April 2016	
Finding your voice—Lay people workshop (Rohan)	Oct 2015	
UCA Studies (Rohan & Geoff)	Jun 2014	

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a member of this Committee/Group.

My experience has come from interpreting in Mandarin into Cantonese or Cantonese into Mandarin at church Sunday services, church activities, community events, discipleship training, etc. I always try my best to interpret in as natural a way as possible. To do this requires the ability to perceive a message from two different perspectives without changing its meaning.

I believe that God called me with my gifts to a multicultural society and a multicultural church. A multicultural church is a foretaste of the family of God we will experience in eternity. Doing multicultural ministry is a gift because it gives us a glimpse of the forever.

Revelation 7 says that men and women will gather around the throne of God for eternity, and they will be from every tongue, tribe and nation. Scripture goes to great lengths to point out the diversity around the throne. Because of this, people are supposed to look into the church and say, "That's what the kingdom of God looks like."

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]

Expression of Interest

Assembly Standards for Ministries Committee



**Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY**

RETURN THIS FORM TO annac@nat.uca.org.au

Name: Fran Barber
Email: fran.barber@victas.uca.org.au
Phone: 0437132472
Position: I am interested in being considered as a member of the:
UCA Assembly Standards for Ministries Committee

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Signed: Agreement received

Date: August 2nd 2021

Please provide the name and contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to give feedback concerning your expression of interest for this position.

Referee(s): Rev Dr Sean Winter sean.winter@pilgrim.edu.au
Rev Dr. Jenny Byrnes jenny.byrnes@victas.uca.org.au

Statement of Qualifications, Experience and Skills:

Please list any ministry or other experience, education and training or specific skills you possess which you believe would prepare you for membership of the Committee/Group indicated above.

I am a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church, having been ordained 21 years ago. I am also a qualified teacher. I have ministered in a wide variety of environments: (private) school chaplaincy, parish and agency contexts, and am now in a Synod role in VicTas Coordinating Continuing Education for Ministers. Part of my current placement involves working also with ministers in formation (especially in their final year), and I have particular oversight of Phase 3 ministers' Continuing Education: I deliver a ministry skills/theological reflection on vocation program for Phase 3 ministers until they enter Phase 4. I have also had some experience delivering Ministerial Code of Ethics training in VicTas.

I serve on the Synod (of VicTas) Discipline Committee (and have done for 6 years), and on the Synod Reception of Ministers Committee (just begun). I am also on the Beneficiary Fund Policy Committee.

I would bring a breadth of ministry experience to the AMSC, as well as a theological understanding of ministry and a deep knowledge of the UCA. I am able to work to a deadline, and see the main issues within a broader scene. I have ministers' best interests at heart, which includes a commitment to ministers' accountability and vocational health. I bring a current knowledge of ministers' Education needs and desires, and an understanding of the complex scene in which ministry is exercised in the 21st century.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a member of this Committee/Group.

I would like to be considered for this Committee because I am committed to contributing to measures that help sustain life-long, life-giving vocational life for ministers. In my current role I minister with/alongside a significantly sized cohort in VicTas, so am familiar with the challenges and creative opportunities ministers navigate- knowledge I can bring to the Assembly conversation. On a pragmatic level, I believe contributing to the national conversation in the UCA re Ministry Competencies is necessary for continuity at the local levels.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]