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Title	Appointment of Panel Members for Assembly Circles of Interest
Type of Paper	For information and decision
Assembly or ASC Minute	
Consultation	Panel Members and Advocates from the last triennium
Purpose	To appoint Panel Members for Assembly Circles of Interest
Rationale & Findings Summary	
Attachments	
Recommendations	That the Assembly Standing Committee:1. Receive the Report2. Appoint Panel Members for Assembly Circles of Interest
Submitted by	Rob Floyd Assembly Associate General Secretary robf@nat.uca.org.au, 0407 944 417

Panel Members for Assembly Circles of Interest

Introduction:

The Assembly Circles of Interest were established to create ways for people across the Uniting Church to engage with the Church's national work, providing opportunities for people to be informed, to contribute and to connect with others.

The seven Circles of Interest are:

- Walking together as First and Second Peoples
- Being a Multicultural Church
- Seeking Common Ground
- Working for Justice
- Discipling the Next Generations
- Growing in Faith
- Transforming Worship

Together, the seven circles of interest encompass the core values of the Uniting Church and how we contribute to God's mission in the world.

Each circle is a platform for learning and sharing among its members and provides a mechanism to offer input into the Assembly's work. Through this interaction, it is hoped the circles will be a sharing and learning space where we are stretched, faith is deepened and together we listen to where God is leading the Church.

Advocates:

Each Circle of Interest is led by an Advocate. At the 16th Assembly the following people were appointed as Advocates.

Walking together as First and Second Peoples Being a Multicultural Church Seeking Common Ground Working for Justice Discipling the Next Generations Growing in Faith Transforming Worship Alison Overeem Rev Dr Matagi Vilitama Rev Dr Matthew Wilson Rev Loni Vaitohi Virginia Lavaki Rev Liam Miller Rev Alex Sangster

Panels:

In the guidance documents for Circles, Panel Members will:

- Exhibit the following characteristics
 - o Expert in latest thinking in the ministry area
 - Active participants in the field of work
 - o Expert in the theological underpinnings of the ministry area
 - Aware of UCA positions (current and historic) and current ongoing work across the life of the Church
 - o Able to help critique and formulate UCA positions
 - o Available to provide expert input to their Circle or other groups in the life of the UCA
 - Available to participate in Task Groups
 - o Able to suggest suitable outside expert input in the field of work

- Well informed about opportunities for training and other events
- Undertake the following roles in order to support Advocates and Assembly staff
 - Provide feedback to Assembly on policies and resources in their area of expertise as required
 - Serve on Task Groups appointed by the ASC
 - Read widely, filter and share resources to their Circle
 - Mentor and nurture developing leaders within the Circle
 - Gather input from Circle to feed into policy development and development of future ministry priorities
 - o Gather sharing from their Circle to communicate more widely
 - Assist in documenting and drawing upon the history of the Church's work in a ministry area

Panel Members for the 2021-2024 Triennium

The following people are nominated as Panel Members for each Circle of Interest. Expressions of Interest for each person are included at the end of this document.

It is expected that each Panel will have around 8-10 members. Additional nominations will come to later ASC meetings.

Being a Multicultural Church Cyrus Kung Levon Kardashain Paul Goh Sandy Brodine	Discipling the Next Generations Amanda Nicholas Jason Kioa Joshua Harbort Melissa Neumann Michael Ramaidama Robin Yang Steven Molkentin
Growing in Faith Hee Won Chang Jon Humphries Peter Walker Rachel Kronberger	Seeking Common Ground Marie Wilson Roy Alexander Surjanegara Siosi (Joyce) Tangi Tara Curlewis
Transforming Worship David Macgregor Ellie Elia Jennifer Hughes Mat Harry Paul Walton Warwick Cadenhead	Walking Together as First & Second Peoples Jennie Gordon Joy Han Michelle Cook Nathan Tyson Seung Jae Steph Teh Tim Molineux
Working for Justice Beatriz Skippen Doug Hewitt Emma-Louize Bovoro Geoffrey Bice John Jegasothy Richard Arnold Mary-Anne Hawson	

Expressions of Interest - Being a Multicultural Church

Cyrus Kung Levon Kardashain Paul Goh Sandy Brodine

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Name of the Assembly Circles of Interest:

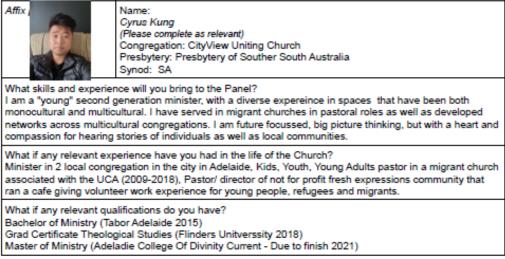
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Personal Information:



Age range	Under 30		30-59		60+	
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Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

- 1. Rev Andrew Robertson 0409 864 139 2. Rev Charissa Suli 0413 188 105

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES / NO

4 Signature:

Date: 10/8/2021

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Personal Information:

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1.Clive Pearsoncliverpearson@gmail.com2.Apwee Tingapweet@nat.uca.org.au

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Aunte Signature:

Date: 08/07/2021



Expression of Interest

Assembly Circles of Interest Panel Member

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

Name:	Paul Goh				
Email:	pgoh@sa.uca.org.au				
Phone:	0416 564 193				
Position:	I am interested in being considered for the Position of Panel Member for the Assembly Circle of Interest (select one or more):				
	 Walking Together as First and Second Peoples Growing in Faith Being a Multisultural Church 				
	 <u>Being a Multicultural Church</u> Seeking Common Ground 				
	 Discipling the Next Generations 				
	 Transforming Worship 				
	□ Working for Justice				
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:	~				
Date:	6/08/2021				

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 Apwee Ting _____ apweet@nat.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 filling the position of Panel Member for the Circle(s) indicated above.

Ministerial experience

Employment period:	Name of employer	Position title	Placement
Aug 2018 ~ Present	Synod of South Australia	CALD & Multicultural and Cross-cultural Officer	Mission Resourcing
Mar. 2017~ July 2018	Port Philip East Presbytery Synod of Vic/Tas	Supply Minister	St Mark's & Melbourne Fijian Uniting Church, Chadstone
Nov. 2010~ Nov. 2016	Port Philip East Presbytery Synod of Vic/Tas	Senior Minister	Korean Church of Melbourne

Teaching expe	Teaching experience				
Teaching period	Course title / degree program	Name of organisation / institution			
2018 ~ Present	Intercultural Ministry Practice/ Post Graduate Supervision/ Ministry Formation	Adelaide College of Divinity, Uniting College			
2017	Pastoral theology and Spirituality /UCA Candidates Integration Programme	Pilgrim Theological College, Melbourne			
19/09/2016~ 23/09/2016	Introduction to Pastoral Theology / Master	Sydney College of Divinity Korean School of Theology, Brisbane			
Semester two 2016	Introduction to Pastoral Theology / Master	Sydney College of Divinity Korean School of Theology, Melbourne			
27/07/2015~ 31/07/2015	Christian Mission among World Religion / Master & Doctoral	Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, South Korea			
03/02/2014 ~ 07/02/2014	Intergenerational Ministry in Emigrant Church / Bachelor	Alphacrucis College, Sydney			
07/10/2013 ~ 11/10/2014	Spirituality and Vocation / Master	Alphacrucis College, Sydney			

Wider church services

Member of the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly (2021) Member of the Assembly Circle of Being a Multicultural Church (2019 ~ Present) Member of Standing Committee, Port Philip East Presbytery, Synod of Vic/Tas (2013-2018) Member of Cross-cultural Working Group, Port Philip East Presbytery (2012-2018) Vice-Chairperson of Intercultural Forum, Synod of Vic/Tas (2017-2018)

Personal Statement:

Over 10 years I have been fully embraced by the Uniting Church in Australia, which receives and embodies cultural and linguistic diversity as God's gracious gifts and practises inclusive ministry through living faith and life cross culturally. While I recognize the continuing role of the mono-ethnic church in providing culturally appropriate worship and pastoral care I also affirm the increasing need for becoming multicultural churches in an increasingly multicultural society. It is my conviction that being a multicultural church and cross-cultural/intercultural ministry is pivotal in the Uniting Church' ministry of reconciliation and renewal and it is my hope that my theological gifts and intercultural ministerial experience can be a resource for fostering and supporting this vital ministry in the transforming mission of God.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]



Expression of Interest

Assembly Circles of Interest Panel Member

RETURN THIS FORM TO <u>circles@nat.uca.org.au</u>

Name:	Rev. Sandy Brodine			
Email:	sandybrodine@gmail.com			
Phone:	0413355483			
Position:	I am interested in being considered for the Position of Panel Member for the Assembly Circle of Interest (select one or more):			
	 Walking Together as First and Second Peoples Growing in Faith X Being a Multicultural Church Seeking Common Ground Discipling the Next Generations Transforming Worship Working for Justice 			
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Signed:

Date: 17th July 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. Claire Dawe
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 827
 597

 Rev. Apwee Ting
 0430
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 811

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 filling the position of Panel Member for the Circle(s) indicated above.

Prior to ministry, I spent 17 years as a teacher of Mandarin Chinese. As a result I have spent stretches of time living in China, where I have experienced what is like to be the person from a non dominant culture, trying to read culture, understand power dynamics and live and function in my second language, and all of the other aspects that go along with living as a member of a non dominant culture in another country.

During my time as a Chinese teacher and Head of House (Pastoral Care), I had many varied experiences of working alongside students who had come from overseas in order to study here. These experiences gave me a deepened understanding of the issues of living in a different culture.

Within the church context I was fortunate enough to travel with Rev. Dr. Ji Zhang to China with the young leaders in 2014, and enjoyed developing an understanding of our ecumenical partner churches in China. I am keen to build on these links further. I have also been fortunate to work with some of the Chinese community churches here in Melbourne, building strong working relationships: particularly with the South Camberwell Gospel Hall.

In addition to fluent Mandarin Chinese, I also speak and read reasonably fluent French. I have learned some Swedish as well – but only at a simple level.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a Panel Member for this Circle of Interest.

As someone who has spent most of my life working within and between cultures I am passionate about helping the Uniting Church grow and develop into a Multicultural church. I am interested in helping us deepen our relationships with one another so that we can all learn from the richness and depth of the liturgical, theological and cultural heritages from which we come.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]

Expressions of Interest - Discipling the Next Generations

Amanda Nicholas Jason Kioa Joshua Harbort Michael Ramaidama Melissa Neumann Robin Yang Steven Molkentin

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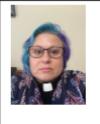
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Personal Information:



(Please complete as relevant) Congregation: East Geelong Uniting Church Presbytery: Port Phillip West Presbytery Svnod: VicTas

Name: Rev Amanda Nicholas

What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel?

A strong belief and focus on the importance of discipling congregation members in ways that are relevant and make sense to them. In particular the development of and teaching tools for becoming a theological thinker from a young age to ensure a capacity for life long theological engagement. Creativity in implementation of discipleship practices, a diverse range of skills across technology, arts and coaching for life and education. An out of the box approach to planning and solution focused approach to creating relevant opportunities for all to worship, including art therapy practices currently being applied to spiritual exploration and education for all ages. Excellent understanding of different learning languages and need for diversity of educational content and experiences to ensure accessibility for all peoples. Well developed listening skills. A desire for the Gospel message to be shared widely in meaningful, relevant and unique ways. Advocacy for the voiceless and consideration for underrepresented demographics with a focus on LGBTIQA+ and Mental Health based on lived experiences and continuing education opportunities.

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

11 years in ordained ministry working in marginal communities. Prior lay experience including Children', Youth and families consultancy for NSW Synod in early 2000's, congregational work in intergenerational ministries, Working with LGBTIQA+ individuals and communities as both an ally and advocate from Diverse family experience. Time as a member of the National Messy Church Round Table. Currently resourcing local congregations and communities through the growing work of growingfaithdownunder.org and the Tea With Two Revs lectionary podcast.

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

BTh, current Continuing education in Technology applications for the purposes of discipleship and spirituality development and growth, and a focus on pastoral care and listening skills, units in Art Therapy practices, Long history of music education, Training and ongoing practice in both Godly Play and Messy Church. On going online ed opportunities in Queer Theology.

Age range	Under 30	<mark>30-59</mark>	60+	
Ministry category	Lay	Lay		
Location	Remote	Rural	Regional Centre	City

What cultural and linguistic background do you have?

Bom in Australia, with 1st generation Eastern European heritage as refugees during 2nd WW, this has given me an appreciation and sensitivity towards the needs of others from CALD backgrounds.

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1.Robyn Hodge, robyn@fgntigger.id.au, 0427571453 2. Rev Elizabeth Raine, elizraine@bigpond.com, 0400245006

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES / NO

Signature:

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Date: ____1 July 2021_____

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Personal Information:

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	Congregation: MA Presbytery: SYDN Synod: NSW/ACT		UNITING CHURC	Н	
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What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? I HAVE WORKED IN DIFFERENT LEVELS OF INTERESTS AND VARIOUS COUNCILS OF THE CHURCH. HAVE BEEN MODERATOR OF THE SYNOD OF VICTAS 2006-09. I HAVE ALSO CHAIRED PRESBYTERY OF BOURKE (VICTAS) IN THE PAST. NOW THE SECRETARY OF SYDNEY PRESBYTERY.					
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Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

Rev Dr Apwee Ting & Rev Charissa Suli

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If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES

Signature:

Date: ____29th June 2021



Expression of Interest

Assembly Circles of Interest Panel Member

RETURN THIS FORM TO charissas@nat.uca.org.au by 11th August 2021

Name:	Joshua Harbort
Email:	joshua.biph@gmail.com
Phone:	0458 189 570
Position:	I am interested in being considered for the Position of Panel Member for the Assembly Circle of Interest (select one or more):
	the Assembly circle of interest (select one of more).
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Date:	9/August/2021
Please provide the name and	contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to
give feedback concerning you	r expression of interest for this position.

Referee(s):

Rev. Faye Talatonu Ph: 0434 399 773

Steve Molkentin (Molk)

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 filling the position of Panel Member for the Circle(s) indicated above.

I have been involved in the young people's space in the Uniting Church for quite some time, both through being young myself and through being part of organising activities for young people.

I am a lay person with no formal church training, but I am an academic scientist in my day-to-day work: this exposes me to a wide range of perspectives from people not involved in church life. Working at the forefront of human knowledge and being an interface between the worlds of Christian faith traditions and scientific enquiry is an interesting intersection with exposure to a lot of different perspectives on life.

I have been a team helper and leader at one of the Day Camps here in South East Queensland many years, primarily going around with a small group of primary school children from across the community for one week in the winter holidays; the team helpers are high school students, so our Day Camp provides lots of opportunities to interact with a wide range of young people during the training and week of the Camp.

I am a member of the Bremer-Brisbane Presbytery's youth and young adults discipleship task group, a group formed to facilitate and support ministry with young people across the Presbytery and together with other Presbyteries in Queensland when the opportunity arises. Although the Presbytery Minister is a part of our group, we run separately from the Presbytery leadership by design, with the hope of creating a sustainable and self-driven support body.

I have been a member of the Bremer-Brisbane Presbytery since late 2014, a member of the Queensland Synod since 2016, and a member of the national Assembly since 2018. I am also involved with music and am the chair of congregational meetings in my congregation at Rosewood Uniting Church. Membership of these bodies has given me insight into the workings of the Uniting Church at all levels, as well as the opportunity to connect with young people both locally and across Queensland and Australia. These connections have led to things like participating in the 2019 NYALC and Walk on Ngarrindjeri Country, and have shown me the joys of being connected with others even when there are few opportunities locally.

I have also participated in ecumenical activities through my long participation in the Royal School of Church Music, and the youth ecumenical summit co-hosted by the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Uniting Churches in SEQId a few years ago for the centenary of the Reformation. I have been involved with the local Chrysalis community as well; while it has a large amount of Uniting Church involvement, it is also an ample opportunity to interact with other Christian traditions and participate in the faith journey of other young people.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a Panel Member for this Circle of Interest.

Nia Lavaki, the Discipling the Next Generations advocate, asked me if I would be interested in joining the panel, and this is when I first seriously considered applying to be a Panel Member. I have been involved in the young people's space in the Uniting Church for some time, and my experience of often being isolated as a young person in the Uniting Church is a driving motivation for my passionate interest in helping young people connect with each other, especially when they are physically separated or when they are separated in ways that are harder to see. The Uniting Church in Queensland has a number of issues with connectivity between young people at the moment: while there are areas of successful youth communities, they're often quite isolated from the wider church and young people a mere kilometre down the road may be entirely disconnected. There are significant challenges for young people who live outside the South-East corner, and I personally know several who have been forced to seek their church fellowship elsewhere because the Uniting Church simply is not meeting their needs for discipleship and fellowship. There are also

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challenges for young people belonging to culturally and linguistically diverse communities in connecting with the wider Uniting Church.

I'm not entirely sure why, but even though I'm not in a place where I work a lot with young people personally, I seem to have been placed in a spot to see these challenges and to be connected with a diverse range of people also in this space. I want to respond to this calling and help connect people through the Body of Christ and make a difference in their lives.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]



Expression of Interest

Assembly Circles of Interest Panel Member

RETURN THIS FORM TO charissas@nat.uca.org.au by 11th August 2021

Name:	_Melissa Neumann
Email:	mneumann@sa.uca.org.au
Phone:	_0419 850 544
Position:	I am interested in being considered for the Position of Panel Member for the Assembly Circle of Interest (select one or more):
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Signed:	Man
Date:	_11/8/2021
	contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to ar expression of interest for this position.

Referee(s):

Mark Schultz_____ mschulz@sa.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 filling the position of Panel Member for the Circle(s) indicated above.

 - employed by the Synod of South Australia in children and family ministry and intergenerational ministry for over 10 years. This has included:

- networking and mentoring local church children and family ministry leaders

 writing and producing resources for children and family ministry and for intergenerational ministry

 engaging in thinking and training in intergenerational ministry and working with local church ministers and leadership teams in this area

 Messy Church training, networking and supporting as a Regional Coordinator in SA and I'm also part of the national Messy Church team (also previously been a Messy Church coordinator at my local church)

- trained in Godly Play and coordinate resourcing Godly Play in SA

- facilitating KCO in Adelaide (an annual camp for 7 – 12 year olds)

 working nationally with other Synod and Presbytery staff/key leaders in children and family ministry

 working ecumenically in SA and nationally with other children and family ministry leaders from denominations and organisations, particularly through the Children's Ministry Network

- been in local church paid and volunteer children and family ministry leadership roles

- have a Bachelor of Education (Junior Primary and Primary)
- have studied for a Diploma of Ministry

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a Panel Member for this Circle of Interest.

I am very keen to see children and family ministry well-resourced and equipped so that children and families can encounter Jesus and grow in their faith. I am also keen to see congregations grow in their understanding and practice of being an intergenerational community so that people of all ages grow as disciples of Jesus. Being part of the Discipling the Next Generations Circle of Interest provides an opportunity to continue to share resources and encouragement in these areas of ministry through a broader network and to contribute more widely to the work and ministry of the UCA.

I also really enjoy working with teams of people for projects to learn with and work alongside so being part of this Circle will also enable me to learn and grow too.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]



Expression of Interest

Assembly Circles of Interest Panel Member

Name:	MAIKELI (MICHAEL) RAMAIDAMA
Email:	MICHAELRAMAIDAMA@YAHOO.COM
Phone:	0452424074
Position:	I am interested in being considered for the Position of Panel Member for the Assembly Circle of Interest (select one or more):
	 Walking Together as First and Second Peoples Growing in Faith Being a Multicultural Church Seeking Common Ground Discipling the Next Generations Transforming Worship Working for Justice
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:	
Date:	10/08/2021
Please provide the name and	contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order

Referee(s):

REV. STEPHEN MATHEWS

to give feedback concerning your expression of interest for this position.

REV. BEVERLY MATHEWS

stephenmathewsbcuca@gmail.com beverlymathewsbcuca@gmail.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 filling the position of Panel Member for the Circle(s) indicated above.

• EDUCATION

 Completed secondary school studies in Fiji and moved to Australia for tertiary education. Currently halfway through a Bachelor in Business Management and recently enrolled into a Certificate 3 in Community Service. I have completed a pilot program offered by Pulse, in the NSW/ACT synod. This was a year of Theological studies, studying an introduction to The Old Testament and The New Testament of the Bible.

• VOLUNTEER/YOUTH EXPERIENCE

- Currently the representative of Uniting Church in Australia to the Regional Ecumenical Youth Council which is under the Pacific Conference of Churches. Being part of this council has broadened my networking in the region dealing with youths and the issues we face. The council organises activities such as webinars, bible studies, community outreach, tiktok challenge and more for social justice advocacies and growing faith.
- Active Volunteer for Scripture Union in Fiji for about 7 years now. Part of SUIS, (Scripture Union in Schools) that used to visit schools and conduct Bible studies or be present in the school's Christian fellowship sessions. Organized rally's once a term in division level which is attended by Christian fellowship members from different schools in the same division. Organized annual SUIS camp that is at a national level, getting students from all over Fiji together for a week of fun, networking but most importantly to grow their faith as they discover more of the Bible. This camp is also attended by students from the other Pacific islands and open internationally. Presently, I still help with organizing some of the events from Sydney.
- I'm a helper in English Conversation. An initiative of the Burwood Croydon Uniting church to help people who struggle with Conventional English. Students are of all ages and backgrounds.
- I'm part of Christian Student Uniting (CSU). Recently involved in organizing the climate strike church service and march in Sydney.
- Sunday School helper at Malvern Hill Uniting Church, Croydon.
- > A liturgist, singer and preacher at Burwood-Croydon Uniting Church

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a Panel Member for this Circle of Interest.

It would be great to be a Panel Member on Assembly's Discipling the Next Gen Panel as it is space for me to share my experiences of REYC and to also inform and resource the work of the Discipling the Next Generation Circle. There are some great ideas from REYC that could be adopt and made in the Australian context in how we continue to nurture the faith of our young people. It will also give me a great platform to grow in my ministry, leadership, and discipleship within the Uniting Church.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]

Expression of Interest Form

for Assembly Circles of Interest Panel Members

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Name of the Assembly Circles of Interest:

- □ Walking Together as First and Second Peoples
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- □ Being a Multicultural Church
- $\hfill\square$ Seeking Common Ground
- Discipling the Next Generations
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- □ Working for Justice

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Personal Information:

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	<i>(Please complete as</i> Congregation: Presbytery: Port F Synod: VicTas							
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Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Rev. Tony Floyd – mobile 0401 815 110

2. Rev. Nigel Hanscamp - mobile 0438 732 226

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES / NO

Signature: ___Robin Yang_____

Date: ___20/6/2021_____

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Personal Information:

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Affix photo here	Name: Steve M	Name: Steve Molkentin							
	(Please complete	(Please complete as relevant)							
		Congregation: Terrigal UC							
		Presbytery: Sydney Central Coast Presbytery Synod: NSW/ACT							
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Location	Remote	Remote Rural			ntre	City			
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Growing experience	working with Pacific	: (Tongan, F	ijiian, Samoar	n), Korean and	Indige	nous young adults			

and communities.

Referees: (*Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role*)

- 1. Bradon French bradon.french1@gmail.com
- 2. Rev Richard Harris richard@terrigalunitingchurch.com

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Signature: _Steve Molkentin_____ _20/08/2021_____ Date:

Expressions of Interest - Growing in Faith

Hee Won Chang Jon Humphries Peter Walker Rachel Kronberger

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Name of the Assembly Circles of Interest:

- □ Walking Together as First and Second Peoples
- □ Growing in Faith
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Personal Information:



Name: Hee Won Chang

(Please complete as relevant) Congregation: Centenary Parramatta Presbytery: Parramatta-Nepean Synod: NSW-ACT

What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group?

I bring myself and my faith journey as a non-white woman, a mother and a migrant living in-between cultures with passion for justice and critical engagement with the Bible and the world.

I am deeply interested and exploring intergeneration faith forming, which is more than simply creating space for young people/youth. How do we grow and nurture each other's faith? How do we learn from each other? How do we learn from our First Peoples who embody intergenerational knowledge and wisdom? Something I am keen to learn, share and explore with the group.

I have curated Bible studies, worship, discussion groups for youth and congregation members. I have also organized church members to participate in different kind of social justice movements. And I have a deep passion for contextual biblical hermeneutics and how the Word of God speaks into our lives empowering us to follow Christ into the world.

I have a peace activism background from Korea so growing in faith for me means holding the Word and Deed together.

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

I grow up in the Korean Methodist Church and on a local level was actively involved as a Youth Leader, Sunday School teacher and Youth Mentor. I was also exposed to the ecumenical movement from a young age participating in various gatherings and meetings. I also did a Human Rights internship through World Student Christian Federation-Asia Pacific and was stationed at the Philippines.

Since coming to Australia, I have worked as a community worker at a local Uniting Church. And now am a candidate for ordained ministry, doing a practicum at Wesley Castle Hill UC. I was part of the team (Uncommon Tokens) that led the Bible study at the 2014 NSW.ACT Synod Meeting.

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

I have a B.Th and B.Th Hon. Also Grad. Dip in Peace Studies and M.A in International Politics and Security Studies.

Age range	Under 30 30-59			60+		
Ministry category	Lay (Candidate for M.O.W)		Ordained			
Location	Remote Rural			Regional Cer	ntre	City

What cultural and linguistic background do you have?

I am a Korean background, 1.25 gen. migrant. Speak Korean and English fluently. Bilingual. Move in and out of two cultures-Korean and Australian- comfortably. Sometimes sits at the margins of two cultures confidently.

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Radhika Sukumar-White, radhika@leichhardtuniting.org.au, 0423823363

2. Peter Walker, PeterW@nswact.uca.org.au

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES

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Signature:	

Date: _____04.08.2021_____



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Name of the Assembly Circles of Interest:

Walking Together as First and Second Peoples

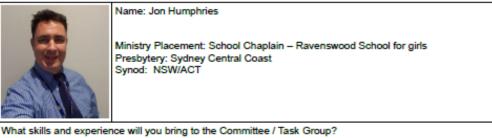
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Personal Information:



What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group? Theological, creativity, prayer writing,

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

I am a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church. I have been a school chaplain for 21 years and have extensive experience around creating innovative and engaging worship experiences both in the school and congregational settings. I am a qualified teacher, with almost 30 years experience teaching K-12. I have a passion for faith and discipleship and have been active in this space for many years. I regularly contribute

to a series of Facebook groups about faith and discipleship, including the Assembly circles. I facilitate a group about creative worship spaces. I have developed resources for creative, collaborative and interactive worship experiences. I have developed a resource for extroverted spirituality Up until the end of 2017 I was a member of the NSW/ACT Synod Selection Panel, being chair for 6 years. I host page on Facebook about Changing Church, which is about how we better engage people who no longer learn and work in relational models around much of which we I am currently, and have been working on for the past 10 years, a model of discipleship which would provide a framework for understanding the facets and task of discipleship.

I have also been a part of team which developed a Christian Education learning framework which could be applied in schools and in the Church.

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?								
B.Ed (Primary Teaching	ng), Dip.T, B.Th.		-					
Age range	Under 30	3	0-59	53	60+			
Ministry category	Lay			Ordained	in 200	1		
Location	Remote	Rural		Regional	Centre	City		
What cultural and linguistic background do you have?								
English								

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Rev Phil Swain phil.swain@turramurrauniting.org.au

2. Rev Vanessa Williams-Henke vwilliams-henke@mlcsyd.nsw.edu.au

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES / NO

Signature: _____

Date: 18.08.2021

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Personal Information:

Affix photo here	Name: Peter Wa	alker						
	(Please complete as relevant) Congregation: Roseville Presbytery: Sydney Central Coast Synod: NSW-ACT							
What skills and experi	ence will you bring	to the Com	mittee / Task	Group?				
Theological reflection								
What if any relevant e	xperience have you	u had in the	life of the Chu	urch?				
Principal, United Theo	logical College							
What if any relevant qualifications do you have?								
BA BTh PhD								
Age range	Under 30		30-59	60)+			
Ministry category	Lay Ordained							
Location	Remote Rural Regional Centre City							
What cultural and linguistic background do you have?								
Anglo								

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Rev Simon Hansford moderator@nswact.uca.org.au 2. Rev Jane Fryjanef@nswact.uca.org.au

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES / NO

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Signature:

Date: 29 July 2021

Basis of Union:

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Name of the Assembly Circles of Interest: Growing in Faith

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Personal Information:

Affix photo here	Name: Rachel Kronberger Congregation: Pilgrim Yarraville Presbytery: Port Phillip West Synod: Victoria Tasmania							
What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel? Theological reflection, pastoral ministry, reading, writing and editing.								
What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? I have been a congregational minister for 19 years; was a member of the Christian Unity Working Group and co-chair of the UCA-Salvation Army Dialogue for seven and four years respectively. I was a member of the Working Group on Doctrine for six years. I have been the convenor of the Continuing Witnesses Task Group of the ASC for the past three years and a member of this Panel for the past triennium.								
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Age range		3	80-59					
Ministry category				Ordained				
Location						City		
What cultural and linguistic background do you have? Anglo Australian								

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Rev Alistair Macrae(03) 9666 12382. Rev Fran Barber(03) 9340 8800

minister@wesleychurch.org.au Fran.Barber@victas.uca.org.au

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES

Signature: Rachel Krombege

Date: __1 July 2021____

Seeking Common Ground

Marie Wilson Roy Alexander Surjanegara Siosi (Joyce) Tangi Tara Curlewis

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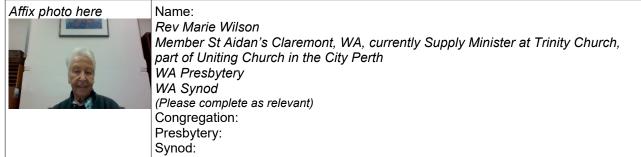
- □ Walking Together as First and Second Peoples
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Personal Information:



What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel? Sixty years since I first became a 'Friend of the WCC' Have been involved in ecumenical and interfaith activities. Was on the Christian Unity working group for many years, attended many ACCA and some NCCA forums, have Chaired the CCWA, and been an executive member for a number of times. Am currently Chair of the Council of Christians and Jews in WA and a member of the Exec of the ACCJ We have organised some meals with a local moslem community

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

Age range	Under 30		30-59 60+7		60+78	3
Ministry category	Lay			Ordained yes		
Location	Remote	ote Rural		Regional Centre		City Perth
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Referees: /Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1.Dorothy Carey dcarey@westnet.com.au 2 .Susy Thomas Moderator, WA Synod

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Signature: _____Marrie E Wilson_____ Date: ____16.6.2021_____



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

Name:	Roy Alexander Surjanegara
Email:	royassure@gmail.com
Phone:	0412630470
Position:	I am interested in being considered for the Position of Panel Member for the Assembly Circle of Interest (select one or more):
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Signed:	Roy Alexander Surjanegara
Date:	05 August 2021
Please provide the name and o	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. Apwee Ting (0430744811)

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 filling the position of Panel Member for the Circle(s) indicated above.

I have been in ordained ministry since 2005. The experience from being a minister in religiously diverse context of Indonesia helped to develop some sensitivity towards plurality. Also it is my personal interest for the field of ecumenism, ecumenical theology. With regard to that, I was also involved in ecumenical cooperation between the Indonesian churches and the Protestant Church in the Netherlands (PCN), which is trying to develop an emancipatory partnership between the churches beyond donor-receiver paradigm. I was secretary of that steering committee from 2009 to 2018.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a Panel Member for this Circle of Interest.

Ecumenism has been my theological interest, and I hope to be able to contribute to the wider church through this circle of interest.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]

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Personal Information:



Name: Siosi (Joyce) Tangi

(Please complete as relevant)

Congregation: Auburn Uniting Church Presbytery: Parramatta Nepean Presbytery Synod: NSW/ACT

What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel?

I have a passion to seek common ground and be part of stories that build bridges in different religion beliefs and interfaith dialogue. I was part of a Steering Committee that created an Interfaith charter in Sydney. *The Sydney Statement: Building Bridges Between believers from Different Religions.* In this space we gather every 6 weeks to share and learn more about possibilities of events throughout the year. I was also a representative of the UCA at the Asian Ecumenical Youth Assembly. I have lead interfaith groups in dialogue at a Christians Conference of Asia event in Indonesia where I still have connections. As I have stared this passion when I was younger, I know and understand where these gatherings of interfaith can help expand knowledge but also increase the awareness of other communities around you. In my generation it is always exciting to hear remote stories that you can either relate to, or want to respectfully grow your understanding, as well know the wondrous works around you and your community.

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

Being from Auburn, and going to Auburn Uniting Church my life, I prides myself in coming from one of the most multicultural communities in Australia, being home to a high percentage of migrants and affiliating with various religions on a daily basis. Within life of the church, I have been able to help lead ecumenical services in Auburn 5 Christian churches together town square for the community, where many would gather and witness the retelling of the stations of the cross every Easter.

I have joined wonderful Iftar dinners hosted by the Assembly and have build relationships from them, as well as a deeper understanding of what it means to break bread together. I have travelled to Indonesia and witnessed 1st hand what it means to be different part of Gods body but the same, with few 100 other youthful members at an ecumenical conference.

I have been invited to several other meetings in similar spaces where I have gained wisdom and continue to try bring more young people into this space.

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

As a previous member of this Panel, I understand the means of being part of this circle.

Age range	Under 30		30-59		60+		
Ministry category	Lay			Ordained			
Location	Remote	te Rural		Regional Centre		City	
What cultural and linguistic background do you have?							
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Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Amelia Koh-Butler

2. Karen Mitchell – Lambert

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES / NO

Signature:	Parez	
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Date: 3/8/21

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- □ Being a Multicultural Church
- □ ⊠ Seeking Common Ground
- □ Discipling the Next Generations
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Personal Information:



Name:

Rev Tara Curlewis Congregation: Galston Presbytery: Sydney Central Coast Synod: NSW of interest and the ACY

What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel? Extensive in cross cultural relations and Dialogue with people with faith perspectives that may vary from her own and the Uniting Church. Tara has a good network of connection with leaders across the Christian denominations and also people of other faiths.

Tara understands the challenges that are faced by people of faith in the community.

Participating in the panel For Seeking Common Ground is an opportunity to offer the experience and wisdom from many years of ecumenical and interfaith engagement for the benefit of the UCA and our wider partnerships.

Seeking Common Ground is important for better social inclusion and harmony in all communities across Australia

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

Tara has been engaged in seeking common ground for the Oikumene (whole household) of God for nearly thirty years. Her experience has ranged from facilitating ecumenical gatherings in local communities and events of the NSW Ecumenical Council.

Tara has represented the Uniting Church in a variety of ways including the Uniting – Greek Orthodox church Dialogue prior to its suspension.

Tara represented the NSW ACT Synod on the NSW Ecumenical Council (NSWEC)1995 – 2009 the NSWEC Executive 1999 – 2009 2019 – present and as President 2007 – 2009. Tara represented the Assembly on the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) Executive 2004 – 2009, in 2009 Tara was appointed as the third general secretary of the NCCA a position held to mid 2014.

Tara has also experience with the Christian Conference of Asia attending the General Assemblies 2005, 2010, and 2015. Through her role in the NCCA Tara was involved with the CCA consultations relating to peace in Asia, HIV Aids, mission and solidarity visit to New Zealand after the Christchurch Earthquake.

Tara has experience as an advisor to the World Council of Churches Central Committee and involvement in ecumenical solidarity visits to the people of the Philippines including advocating for the human rights of farmers, health care workers and marginalised groups.

Tara also has extensive experience in relations with other faiths. Tara was co-chair of the Australian National Dialogue of Christians Muslims and Jews (ANDCMJ) (2009 – 2014) and on the steering committee of the Australian Partnership of Religious Organisations (APRO) (2009 -2014).

Tara is currently a member of the UCA – Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) dialogue and also on the NSW ACT Synod dialogue with the NSW Board of Deputies.

Tara has also worked closely with the Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh, Bahai, and Hindu faith communities in Australia. Tara, on the invitation of the Department of Foreign Affairs, has been engaged with many interfaith groups visiting Australia.

The involvement reflected above is just the tip of the iceberg of experience in seeking common ground in the Australian, Asian and global community.

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

Degree in Theology

Age range	Under 30		30-59 Yes		60+		
Ministry category	Lay			Ordained Yes			
Location	Remote	Rural		Regional Centre		City Sydney	
What cultural and linguistic background do you have?							
I have experience working with cultural diversity both in Australia and abroad.							

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1.Alistair Macrae amacrae@wesleychurch.org.au 2.Sandy Yule yules@optusnet.com.au

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Signature: _____

Date: __13 July 2021____

Transforming Worship

David Macgregor Ellie Elia Jennifer Hughes Mat Harry Paul Walton Warwick Cadenhead

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Personal Information:



Name: Rev David MacGregor

(Please complete as relevant) Congregation: (attending) Forest Lake Uniting Church, Brisbane Presbytery: Bremer-Brisbane Synod: Queensland

What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel?

- Extensive experience at 'grassroots' level of the life of varied worshipping communities, across a range of worship styles, theologies and practices.
- I am a creative person, not only with music but in curating inclusive, intergenerational worship
- I believe, from extensive wider church experience, I've a "feel" for worship across the life of the UCA
- My involvement in synod and Assembly agencies, forums and working groups helps prepare me for continuing on the TW Panel, if so chosen.
- Personally, I have the giftings or competencies to craft, curate, critique and lead worship across a diversity of styles, thus offering empathy and support for this diversity in the life of the church especially when it comes to encouraging the church's present and future worshipping and missional life.

- I am a Christian Educator, a passion/experience/skillset/gifting I bring to encouraging the formative role of worship.
- My background in children's, youth and family ministry helps inform my passion for inclusive, intergenerational worship

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

- Member of Assembly Worship Working Group
- Current member of Assembly Transforming Worship Panel, as well as T.W. Circle
- Former sessional lecturer (unit: Uniting Worship) at Trinity College Qld
- "Published" worship and children's ministry songwriter
- UCA member of the Australian Hymn Association (formerly Together in Song/AHB Editorial Ctee)
- Curator of RCL contemporary worship song website: Together to Celebrate
- Member of PRC's in four Queensland presbyteries
- I have led workshops on worship/music-in-worship at various congregational, regional, synod and assembly events, including gatherings of lay and CALD folk
- I've been (along with others) at the forefront of the UCA's Songwrite movement since 2012
- Currently offering weekly Monday.Musing contemplative worship blog via Facebook
- Chaired Qld synod's Schools & Colleges Commission for 8 years
- Former children's & youth worker in UCA and primary school teacher
- Have served in 8 ministry placements in Queensland since 1987 chaplaincy, congregational, multi-site, urban and provincial city
- For many years, shared in the coordination of worship at Qld UCA Synod gatherings.

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

- Master of Theology
- Graduate Diploma of Education (Religious Education)

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Age range	Under 30		30-59		60+)		
Ministry category	Lay		(Ordained				
Location	Remote	Rural		Regional Cent	tre 🧹	City		
What cultural and linguistic background do you have?								

Nothing significant, though I have worked to a limited number of CALD communities.

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

- 1. Rev Russell Reynoldson, Forest Lake UC, Brisbane, rev.russell@bigpond.com, 0429 472 567
- 2. Rev David Busch, Presbytery Minister, Moreton Rivers Presbytery, PresMin@southmoreton.org.au, 0438 646 559

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Signature:

Date: 2 June 2021

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Brief description of the Mandate / Terms of Reference for this body:

Name: Rev Ellie Elia

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Personal Information:



(Please complete as relevant) Congregation: Glenbrook Uniting Church Presbytery: Parramatta Nepean Synod: NSW

What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel? A background in Dramatic Arts. A strong pastoral understanding of worship. A creative capacity to encourage embodied participation in worship. What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? 6 years in ordained ministry. Previously many years as a lay leader positions as Youth and Family Worker and Mission work (UCATA) What if any relevant qualifications do you have? Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Dramatic Arts.

Age range	Under 30	6	31-59		60+	
Ministry category	Lay			Ordained 🥝		
Location	Remote	Rural		Regional Ce	ntre	City

What cultural and linguistic background do you have?

Australian born. English

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Rev Charissa Suli 0413 188 105 2. Rev Adrain Sukumar 0410 285 138

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Signature:______

Date: 28 June 2021

Expression of Interest Form for Assembly Committees or Task Groups

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Name of the Committee / Task Group:

Transforming Worship Panel

Brief description of the Mandate / Terms of Reference for this body:

To consider the changing worshipping needs of the church; resource, equip and encourage healthy, vital worship within the breadth of the Church.

Personal Information:

Name: Jennifer Hughes

	Please complete as relevant) Congregation: Brougham Place Uniting Church and The Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts for Music, Liturgy and the Arts Presbytery: Wimala Presbytery Synod: South Australia							
What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group? I am a UCA minister in two placements – Brougham Place Uniting Church (12 years) and The Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts (11 years). Ministry at Brougham Place includes regular preparation and leadership of worship. My role with The Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts includes teaching and resourcing in the area of worship and the sacraments, preparation of publications of worship resource and songbooks, leadership in wider church worship events, and nurturing the creativity of local congregations.								
What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? I have been active in leading, planning and shaping worship for over 20 years. I have had a broad range of experiences of worship including evangelical worship settings, Taizé, Iona, Hillsong, the United Methodist Church (USA), Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and local Australian churches. Over the moderatorial term of Dr Deidre Palmer I served the Presbytery and Synod as the worship coordinator, a role I have returned to during the term of the current moderator, Bronte Wilson. I have led the MiniM (Ministry in Music) choir and taught as an adjunct lecturer in worship and music with Uniting College for Leadership and Theology.								
What if any relevant qualifications do you have? 2020 – Currently undertaking National Executive Development Program – Adelaide College of Divinity 2009 Clinical Pastoral Education (Adelaide Community Healthcare Alliance) 2004 – 2006 Masters of Church Ministry – Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology 2003 B.Sc. (Hons – Psychology) – University of Adelaide 1999 – 2001 B.Sc. (Genetics and Psychology majors)								
Age range	Under 30		30-59 🗸	60+				
Ministry category	Lay			Ordained 🗸	_			
Location	Remote	Rural		Regional Centre	City 🗸			
What cultural and linguistic background do you have? English speaking – US and Australian citizenship								

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Michelle Harris – BPUC Church Council Chair - 0435 370 918, michelle_harris@hotmail.com 2. Lindsay Cullen – Assembly – 0408 000 165, lindsayc@nat.uca.org.au

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Signature: ______

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Personal Information:

Affix photo here	Name: Rev Mat Han (<i>Please complete as re</i> Congregation: End Presbytery: Port Phi Synod: VicTas	e <i>levant)</i> eavour	Hills				
What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel? Leadership of Traditional congregations as well as Fresh Expressions. Including Outdoor Worshipping communities.							
What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? Ordained for 15 years Current Placement as New & Renewing Communities Catalyst for VicTas Synod							
What if any relevant qualifications do you have? Bachelor Economics, MDiv, DipMin, MA (Church Leadership)							
Age range	Under 30	Under 30 30-59			60+		
Ministry category	Lay			Ordained X			
Location	Remote	Rural		Regional Cer	ntre	City X	
What cultural and linguistic background do you have?							

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

- 1. Nigel Hanscamp nigel.hanscamp@victas.uca.org.au
- 2. Chris Barnett chris.barnett@victas.uca.org.au

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Signature: Mathew Harry

Date: 15/7/21

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Personal Information:

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(Please complete as relevant) Congregation: West End UC Presbytery: Moreton Rivers Synod: Qld

What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel?

Name:

I have been a member of the Commission on Liturgy, Working Group on Worship and this panel since 1992. I edited Uniting in Worship 2

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? I am retied, but in long-term supply at West End UC in inner-city Brisbane

What if any relevant qualifications do you have? I am a minister of the Word; my PhD is in ordination liturgies

Age range	Under 30	30-59	60+2	Х
Ministry category	Lay		Ordained X	
Location	Remote	Rural	Regional Centre	City X
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What cultural and linguistic background do you have?

N/a

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

Dr Janice McRandal janicemcrandal@gmail.com 1. 2

Rev Dr Anita Monro revdrajm@gmail.com

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Fancholion Signature: Date: 29 July 2021

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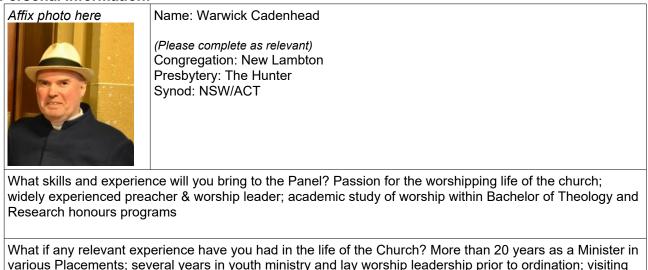
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Personal Information:



 Sydney (1995-2008)

 What if any relevant qualifications do you have? B. Th. (Hons)

 Age range
 Under 30
 30-59 Yes
 60+

tutor/lecturer variously in Preaching, Funerals and Sacramental Theology at United Theological College,

Ministry category	Lay O		Ordained Yes					
Location			Regional Centre City Yes					
What cultural and linguis	stic background do yc	What cultural and linguistic background do you have? Anglo-Celtic						

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

- 1. Rev. Dr Anita Monro 0409 273 059 principal@grace.uq.edu.au
- 2. Mr Charles Pope 02 4933 3312 chas.pope1@icloud.com

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Signature: W. Cadenhead

Date: 24/07/2021

Walking Together as First & Second Peoples

Jennie Gordon Joy Han Michelle Cook Nathan Tyson Seung Jae Steph Teh Tim Molineux

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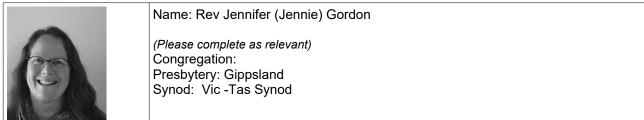
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What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel?

I sense a strong call to offer the gifts and graces I have to the work of reconciliation between First and Second Peoples. It's a gospel call into a shared life that is rich and complex and there's a fair degree of holy fear that walks with me. I'm hungry to grow in faith and understanding and have a deep yearning for connection with the spirit stories embodied in the people on whose ancient land I live. I've read a good deal of our history and feel the raw and painful honesty in the unearthing of the truth of the invasion of this land. We're in interesting times, with treaty and sovereignty talks happening on many levels and with the voices that have been silenced for so long being heard, and I want to continue to walk with my church on this one, in this way.

Together with my husband Rev Arnie Wierenga, we have connections with family in Milingimbi and visited in 2017 after attending the President's conference in Darwin. I also attended the President's Conference in Darwin in 2009 and the following Women's Ministry experience in Ramingining.

Recently in my home congregation of Wonthaggi we've been amazingly fortunate to begin a monthly Yarning Circle with local First and Second people, with one of the Bunurong elders as a willing and enthusiastic participant. His welcome to country is deep and mysteriously moving. This is the work of the Spirit. Through this Yarning Circle friendships are being forged, deep listening happens and sacred stories are being held.

I am a writer and a poet and have used these gifts in varied ways in ministry and life and continue to seek ways that I can use words to bring hope and healing.

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? I served for a while as a member of the Advisory Committee of UAICC Vic and in that time learnt much about the role of Congress within the church. I felt a deep sense of blessing for being invited and trusted in that space and saw the struggle and vulnerability of both First and Second peoples in the sitting, learning, listening and walking together.

I've worked on the Synod of Vic/Tas Covenant Task Group and assisted in the development of the Covenant Guide launched at the meeting of the Synod earlier this year.

I've been a Panel Member of this Assembly Circle and have valued the input of others but felt I haven't been as useful or active on social media as may have been expected.

I've been in ordained ministry for 19 years, having had a broad experience in urban, suburban and rural congregational ministry as well as chaplaincy in a church school. My current placement is as Resourcing Minister, Pastoral & Strategic in the Presbytery of Gippsland, a role I share with Rev. Arnie Wierenga. Last year, alongside our Presbytery role, we engaged in part time Bushfire Recovery Chaplaincy with Frontier Services in East Gippsland.

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

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Age range	Under 30	30-59 X		60+		
Ministry category	Lay C			Ordained X		
Location	Remote	Rural X Reg		Regional Centre		City
What cultural and linguistic background do you have?						
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Referees: (*Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role*)

1. Safina Stewart	0413 599 978
2. Rev. Jenny Byrnes	0427 071 007

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Signature:

Date: June 30, 2021

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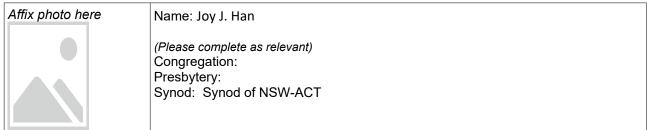
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Personal Information:



What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel? I believe I can bring a distinctive intercultural perspective that is grounded in a continual and lifelong reflection upon race relations and the impact of colonisation. Not because of any virtue on my part but simply due to the circumstances of my upbringing, I became aware from a young age, growing up on Anaiwan country, that my body was racialised as a non-white body. At the same time, I also gained an awareness of how my Aboriginal classmates were also racialised in similar as well as different ways. This childhood experience has formed me and informs how I process every experience of racialisation.

I have and will continue to reflect upon this for my whole lifetime. It is partly due to this personal context that my experience of walking on country, at Raukkan in 2019, was so profoundly healing and spiritually transformative for me. In a similar vein, learning about the witness of Covenanting at NCYC in 2014 (sadly, for the first time, despite having grown up in the UCA) was what encouraged me to intentionally return to worshipping community after several years of disengagement. Prior, I had searched the church communities I was connected to at the time and had failed to find any prophetic word against

the injustice of colonialism, or any proclamation of hope for a future without racism. But after that NCYC I became able to trust in Christ for justice and healing. Walking on Country in 2019 gave me a foretaste of the reconciliation to come.

This, I hope, gives a brief insight into why I am so deeply inspired by Covenanting and Walking Together, and some background to my positionality of wanting to learn and to offer my intercultural perspective in dialogue with First and Second Peoples. As examples of that perspective I attach my reflection on my experience of Walking on Country https://uniting.church/like-sun-rays-over-water/ as well as the introduction to an essay that I recently submitted as part of my studies in which I critically assess the 1985 statement 'The Uniting Church is a Multicultural Church' from a postcolonialist perspective.

This essay assesses how the 1985 statement 'The Uniting Church is a Multicultural Church' (hereinafter UCMC), as one of the Uniting Church in Australia's most recognised documented engagements with cultural diversity, contributes to the UCA's place in Australian society. The essay first expounds the dominant Australian conceptualisation of cultural diversity, as found in government policies and received political history. Ultimately, however, the essay argues from a postcolonialist perspective that such dominant narratives must be subject to ongoing critique. The essay finds that, to the extent that UCMC echoes certain historiographical and ideological assumptions from the dominant narrative, UCMC is due for revision in order to be able to contribute to such critique.

The first section outlines the dominant Australian narrative about cultural diversity. Using historical and political analyses, this section names that dominant narrative as in fact a structure: settler colonialism. The second section examines UCMC and how it tends to take on the assumptions of settler colonialism, rather than a more critical perspective. The essay concludes by noting that, while a critical reading of UCMC highlights the ways in which the UCA and its history are complicit in dominant narratives and associated violence, there are other documents and developments, [including Covenanting and the hermeneutic of 'Walking Together as First and Second Peoples',] which have demonstrated and continue to resource the UCA's capacity to contribute to Australian society by offering alternative narratives and embodiments of cultural diversity.

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? My membership in a number of councils and committees of the Church has given me a working understanding of key decision-making and communication processes in our Church. I believe that my engagement with the life and history of our movement—both through my academic studies and in my discipleship—positions me to offer a perspective and theological reflections that directly take into account our Church and its context.

What if any relevant qualifications do you have? In my Master of Theological Studies (expected completion 2023) I have focused on postcolonialist perspectives which I continually engage both academically and through my personal experience.

This focus builds on my undergraduate degree where my majors in history and sociology gave me the skills to critically evaluate contemporary colonial and postcolonial social structures and issues including intergenerational trauma; formal apologies and reparations for historical crimes; and the politics of cultural difference.

Age range	Under 30		30-59		60+	
Ministry category	Lay			Ordained		
Location	Remote	Rural R		Regional Centre		City
What cultural and linguistic background do you have?						

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Stu McMillan	0400 831 064
2. Kelly Skilton	0432 714 758

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Signature: electronically

Date: 31st May 2021

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Personal Information:

Affix photo here Name: Rev Dr Michelle Cook	
(Please complete as relevant) Congregation: Nightcliff UC Presbytery: Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia (PPNA) Synod: Northern Synod	

What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel? See Below

This is an area I want to remain committed to in the coming years. My first Assembly was in 2009 when we added the Preamble to the Constitution of the UCA. It was an incredibly moving experience and at the same time I realised how little of the amazing work of the Assembly gets fed back into the ordinary every day lives of people who have contact with the UCA. I think my experience in working with Congress as well as working in Presbyteries trying to help the presbytery develop relationships with Congress would be an asset to such a panel. Working at Nungalinya College also gives me contact and opportunities to listen to what covenanting means for First Nations Peoples

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

Chairperson Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia, Northern Synod.

Theology Teacher Nungalinya College 2019 - present

Convenor Sovereignty Practical Affirmation Task Group, ASC

Completed PhD 2020 'On Being a Covenanting and Multicultural Church: young Adults in the UCA share their theology'

Conducted the Covenanting Audit requested by the 2012 Assembly and brought recommendations to the 2015 Assembly.

Member of Covenanting Group at Assembly from 2009-2012

Presbytery Minister – Mission Development in Tasmania have actively encouraged better relationships with Tas Congress, arranged cultural engagement training for the Presbytery and have advocated for National appeals such as Mapoon Church appeal.

Worked for Congress from 2011-2014 in Mapoon (Qld) and produced CERTIII resources for Yalga Binbi

What if any relevant qualifications do you have? As above Phd in Practical Theology University of Queensland Cert IV in TAE Masters in Social Science (Applied Research)(

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Ministry category	Lay			Ordained X		
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Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Stuart McMillan

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Signature:

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Date: __4/7/21_____

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Personal Information:

Affix photo here	Name: Nathan Tyson
	<i>(Please complete as relevant)</i> Congregation: Presbytery: Synod: NSW-ACT
Corrent position: Managengagement with First F	nce will you bring to the Panel? Jer First Peoples Strategy and Engagement, previously with Uniting NSW ACT Peoples team. Experience in Government, Corporate, Community and Academic nan rights, advocacy, consumer protection, and community engagement
	perience have you had in the life of the Church?

covenant.

What if any relevant qualifications do you have? University qualifications in law, jurisprudence and management

Age range	Under 30 30		30-59 X	9 X		
Ministry category	Lay X			Ordained		
Location	Remote	Rural		Regional Cer	itre	City X

What cultural and linguistic background do you have?

Aboriginal Anaiwon/Gomeroi descent, English First Language

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Stuart McMillan 0400 831 064 2.

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? NO

Signature: NathanTyson Date: 11th June 2021

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Personal Information:

Name: Rev. Seung Jae Yeon (Please complete as relevant) Congregation: Boronia Park Presbytery: Sydney Central Coast Synod: Synod NSW-ACT What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel? See below

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? See below

What if any relevant qualifications do you have? August 2014 to present Minister Boronia Park UC, Ordained July 2014, Jan 2013 Team Educator for AEF Port Augusta Conference, Jan 2012-June 2014 Candidate, 2010-2011 Aboriginal Studies Eora College Redfern, July 2005 - Jan 2012 Bachelor Theology -Sydney College of Divinity, July 2005 – December 2006, Dec 2005 – Jan 2012 Mission Outreach Officer-Pastor Shalom Korean UC, march 2001 – Nov 2005 Assisted the Missionary for the ATSI People sent by PCK, June 1999 First encounter First Nations Peoples in Wellington NSW - Nanima and La Perouse

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Ministry category	Lay			Ordained X		
Location	Remote	Rural		Regional Cen	itre	City X

What cultural and linguistic background do you have? Korean	
My passion for the First peoples of Australia is to bring a path way for future generation that both	
First peoples and Second peoples find out our own future by recognition and self-determination. I	
believe that Aboriginal people can build up a community of hearts by finding stories and tradition of	
the past and by telling them to the next generation, demonstrating them the Path Way, which we	
believe, Jesus Christ. From my past experience being with the First Peoples, particularly in the	
Wellington and Dubbo area, I found that God calls me to his promising in Christian-Wiradjuri people	
and their future generationand has connected me to a number of Aboriginal leaders and communities	
there. I do hope that I will learn more about how God continues his ministry within them from	
others who have been in similar interest and passion like mine. Also if possible I want to offer my	
knowledge and stories that have shapedmy ministry and life so far.	

1. Rosemary Brook (Church council chairperson) 0403 527 541 2. Graham Perry (Presbytery minister) 0404 089 321

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Signature:

Date: ___28 June 2021_____



Expression of Interest

Assembly Circles of Interest Panel Member

0432 019 539

RETURN THIS FORM TO charissas@nat.uca.org.au by 11th August 2021

Name:	STEPH TEH
Email:	-TEHSTEPH 6 @GMAIL. COM
Phone:	0402642630
Position:	I am interested in being considered for the Position of Panel Member for the Assembly Circle of Interest (select one or more): V Walking Together as First and Second Peoples Growing in Faith Being a Multicultural Church Seeking Common Ground Discipling the Next Generations
	Transforming Worship Working for Justice
Acknowledgement:	I understand that this is an unpaid volunteer position focussed on supporting the work of the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly.
	matching Panel Member Position Description and believe that I have the knowledge, experience, skills and personal qualities necessary to serve the Church in the role of Panel Member.
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Signed:	18/08/21
Date:	
	contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to r expression of interest for this position.
Referee(s):	Rev. Cyrus Kung Cyrus Kung @gmail.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 filling the position of Panel Member for the Circle(s) indicated above.

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•	Completing a 2 year leadership program as a part of
	Surrender.
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[Approved by ASC, March 2018]

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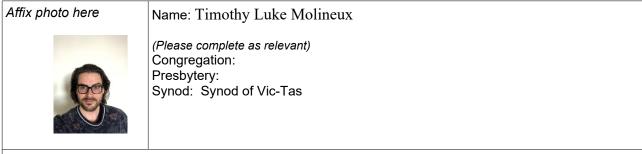
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Personal Information:



What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel? and What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

Social Justice Officer, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania: 2019 – Ongoing Social Justice Advocacy for First Peoples including: Raise the Age of Criminal Responsibility from 10-14, Awareness raising and creating Ministry resources for the Statement from the Heart, Tanya Day Campaign: De-Criminalizing Public Drunkenness in Victoria, Member of the Vic/Tas Covenanting Committee that designed The Vic/Tas Covenanting Guide.

Transforming Mission Project Officer, Synod of South Australia: 2016 – 2017 Member (ex-officio) of the SA Covenanting Committee.

Re-worked the SA Covenanting Committee Terms of Reference.

Supervised and advocated for two UAICC Intern-Placements.

Conducted the initial SA UAICC consultation for the establishment of a 'Centre for Aboriginal Christian Spirituality'.

Participated and organized Walking Together experiences with UAICC.

Helped facilitated cross cultural opportunities between CALD and UAICC.

Attended a Covenant focused President's Conference in Darwin.

Project Coordinator for Barngarla Stories of Resilience, Nexus Arts SA: 2013 – 2015 Barngarla Stories of Resilience was a three stage art and community capacity building project using narrative therapy and visual art to address transgenerational trauma within a South Australian Aboriginal community (Barngarla).

What if any relevant qualifications do you have? Bachelor of Media Honours, Adelaide University – Awarded 2016

Thesis Title: Hearing the Indigenous Voice in Media Policy: Acritical Discourse Analysis of Policy Formation in the Australian Indigenous Broadcasting and Media Sector.

Age range	Under 30 30		30-59 X		60+	
Ministry category	Lay X			Ordained		
Location	Remote	Rural		Regional Cen	tre	City X

What cultural and linguistic background do you have? I grew up in Port Augusta, a regional town in the desert area of South Australia where the Flinders rangers meets the sea. My childhood and adolescence benefitted from relationships with Community, inside and outside of the Church. At the same time, I saw the generational impact of policies that were implemented without first having meaningful engagement with the communities they sought to assist. As a non-Aboriginal person, these stories have impacted me formatively, directly informing my career and world view.

In 2014, a set of circumstances led me to join a Uniting Church Pilgrimage to Oodnadatta in the remote north of SA at the beginning of the APY lands to visit a UAICC faith Community where I was first introduced to the Uniting Church in Australia, the UAICC and the Covenant. For me, this was a road to Damascus moment. Prior to this, I had no engagement with the Uniting Church.

There was something about the way the Covenant was explained to me as a way for the Church in this place, and on this land, with integrity that suddenly made sense. A desire to be part of it was sparked. After reading the Covenanting Statements and the Preamble during that 2014 trip, I wanted to learn more which has since led me down a 7 year path in the Uniting Church to where I am today.

I would like to join the Walking Together as First and Second Peoples Assembly Circle as a continuation of that journey.

Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1. Rev Dr Denise Champion 0427 183 274

2. Rev Dr Jenny Byrnes 0427 071 007

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES / NO

Signature: electronically

Date: 25 May 2021

Working for Justice

Beatriz Skippen Doug Hewitt Emma-Louize Bovoro Geoffrey Bice John Jegasothy Richard Arnold Mary-Anne Hawson

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Personal Information:						
Affix photo here	ffix photo here Name: Image: (Please complete as relevant) Congregation: Bulimba UC Presbytery: Moreton Rivers Synod: Queensland					
I've ministered in a rang	nce will you bring to the Pane e of areas, in Australia and C Congregational Ministry, and	Overseas, from Church Plan				
As mentioned above, m First Peoples Chaplainc Spanish background ha	verience have you had in the y experience is broad, and in y for Corrective Services in C ving migrated to Australia in estic Violence and Mental He	ncludes work with First Peop Queensland. Also working w the last few years. Also I est	ith young mothers from			
	lifications do you have? nd some studies overseas in	Community Services and Li	nguistics.			
Age range	Under 30	30-59	60+ X			

Ministry category	Lay		Ordained Rev Deacon		
Location	Remote	Rural	Regional Centre	City X	
What cultural and linguistic background do you have? Spanish & Portuguese					

1. Janet Shailer <u>Janet Shailer@hotmail.com</u> 0420 407 177 2. Lynelle Mc Donald <u>dazandsav@optusnet.com.au</u> 0431 168 514

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES / NO

Signature: *Beatriz Skippen*

Date: 02,06, 2021

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Personal Information:



Name: Doug Hewitt

(Please complete as relevant) Congregation: Hamilton Wesley UC

Presbytery: The Hunter

Synod: NSW-ACT

What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel? Member of The Hunter Presbytery Social Justice Committee for 14 years Active in peace and justice work in the Hunter and previously in Strathfield Homebush congregation Coordinator of Aboriginal teaching centre in Wilcannia for ACU; teaching PG course in Hong Kong

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? Former Gen Sec NSW Ecumenical Council, chair of its Soc Just Cmmttee Former Chair of World Christian Action Commission, National Council of Churches in Australia Retired Assoc Prof in Education at Aust Catholic University, Director of Academic Stall Development Coordinator Christians for Peace Newcastle

What if any relevant qualifications do you have? University research fellow in development studies and global education Teacher of peace and justice university courses over 25 years

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Ministry category	Lay X		Ordained			
Location	Remote Rural			Regional Cen	tre X	City
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- 1. Rob Hanks, Minister of Hamilton Wesley UC
- 2. Debbie Carstens, convener, Soc Just Committee of The Hunter Presbytery

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? **YES**

Signature: _	_Dong	Hewitt_	
2021			

Date: ____4 August



Expression of Interest

Assembly Circles of Interest Panel Member

RETURN THIS FORM TO charissas@nat.uca.org.au by 11th August 2021

Name:	Emma-Louize Bovoro
Email:	ebovoro@sa.uaicc.org.au
Phone:	0449 934 696
Position:	I am interested in being considered for the Position of Panel Member for the Assembly Circle of Interest (select one or more):
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Signed:	3
Date:	11/08/2021
•	contact details for at least one person who can be contacted in order to expression of interest for this position.

 Referee(s):
 Chelsea Size: 0427 867 744
 Ian Dempster: 0417 217 320

 Uncle Mark Kickett: 0455 438 295
 Andrew McDonough: 0466 678 066

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 filling the position of Panel Member for the Circle(s) indicated above.

Child & Family Worker, Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress SA (2021)

Nurture and develop safe and loving communities that help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families to flourish. Focus creating on holistic ministries, where faith and spirituality are interconnected with cultural, emotional, physical and mental health and wellbeing. Networking with communities, services and educational institutions both Aboriginal specific and non-Aboriginal. Promoting and creating wider community events, educational, sporting, cultural building, health and wellbeing opportunities to schools, churches and UAICC community to engage First Nations people with congress and develop and provide opportunity the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders.

Youth Homelessness Case Worker, St John's Youth Services (2020 - 2021)

Working and supporting Young People and Young Families in 24-hour Hamelessness crisis Centre. Developing independent living skills and providing safety, parenting, domestic violence, men's health, women's health and mental health training, workshops, and courses for young people to attended/participate in. Taking referrals and referring clients to other services, as necessary. Linking clients with different services and programs within preferred or best suited communities, NGO's, and Government. Organizing and managing safety plans and case plans as well as case notes. Promoting healthy living and healthy thinking. Creating an open and safe space, working within a multi-cultural, multi-faith, LGBTQI+ environment with a diverse clientele. Applying for housing within Housing SA, Private rental, Shared housing, and Community Housing. Motivating young people in change and developing their interpersonal and communication skills. Creating and encouraging participation of social group activities for young people to build relationship, community, and confidence.

Children's Ministry Coordinator / Master of ceremonies, Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship Convention (2016 – 2022)

Coordinating and developing Children's Ministry program for the biannual Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship Convention. Sourcing leaders and facilitators Nationwide, organising security clearances for all team members. Creating theological, practical and safety content to keep our First Nations Children and informed spiritually, physically and intellectually. Leading a team of volunteer leaders and delegating jobs to each individual and or appointed subgroups. Running Team Tool Box meetings to ensure safety and wellbeing of children and volunteers. Creating itineraries for leaders and a separate Convention Booklet for the children. Creating a fun and safe cross-cultural learning environment, with programs being mindful of First Nations diversity and encouraging the singing and teaching from Aboriginal & Torres Strait leaders & elders in first tongue. Enlarging knowledge of language, cultural and religious teaching whilst also encouraging and nurturing leadership growth for both Children and Volunteer Leaders. Collecting data and feedback of program and presenting it for future individual, team and program development.

First Nations Ministries Director, Scripture Union SA (2019 - 2020)

Developing and Establishing First Nations Ministries (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander specific ministry) within organization. Focusing on Intercultural effectiveness within the Church as well as Children's and Youth programs and events. Building a core team of leaders ensuring Cross-cultural competence. Identifying and mentoring potential Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander leaders in Indigenous Ministry & Community Relationship. Mentoring Indigenous Youth and working with Indigenous Communities on strategies to encourage growth and a positive future for our young. Networking with First Nations Communities & Churches Nationwide and maintaining relationship. Running Christian Children and Youth Programs across Australia, from Mylor (SA) to Katherine (NT) and many places in between. I have worked on Kriol specific programs and translations in the Roper Gulf Region and have directed the National Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship (AEF) Convention 2019 Children's program. Speaking and advocating at churches, camps, conferences and conventions Australia-wide about the necessity for Indigenous Leadership Development and inclusivity within all Children and Youth programs and events that are run locally, state-wide and nationally.

Ministry Leader (Youth/Worship/Prayer), Aboriginal & South Pacific Islander Christian Community SA & Aboriginal Berean Community Church SA (2011 -2020)

Developing and establishing Community Leadership through Youth Ministry, leading the music ministry and travelling to visit local and interstate Aboriginal Communities for Outreach programs as well as funeral and wedding occasions. Maintaining and Networking with Aboriginal Churches, Communities and people Australia wide in places such as Koonibba, Nepabunna, Point Pearce, Raukkan, Umeewarra, Umoona and Yalata in SA. In NSW, Ballina, Brewarina, Broken Hill, Cabbage Tree Island, Murrin Bridge and Wilcannia. Cherbourg in QLD and Broome in WA. In the NT, Amata, Ernabella, Fregon, Galiwin'ku, Pipalyatjara, Yirkarla and Yuendumu. As well as connecting with South Pacific Island communities within South Australia and working to develop cross-cultural programs and gatherings for ASPICCSA, Also, working in partnership with the AEF on various outreach programs/events nationwide.

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Children's Co-ordinator (2020) National Uniting Fijian Congress Conference

Direct and facilitate the Children's Program at the Biannual National Uniting Fijian Congress Conference, Leading a team of volunteer leaders and delegating jobs to each individual and or appointed subgroups. Running Team Tool Box meetings to ensure safety and wellbeing of children and volunteers. Creating itineraries for leaders and a separate Conference Booklet for the children. Creating a fun and safe cross-cultural learning environment, with programs being delivered in both Fijian and English. Enlarging knowledge of language, culture and religious teaching whilst also encouraging and nurturing leadership growth for both Children and Volunteer Leaders. Collecting data and feedback of program and presenting it for future individual, team and program development.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a Panel Member for this Circle of Interest.

I would like to be considered as I believe, as do the UCA, that inclusivity and diversity it is of the utmost importance when addressing any topic within the Church. I am a proud Adnyamathanha, Kuyani, Arabana, Western Arrente, Yawarrawarrka, Fijian, Afahan Christian woman with a passion for Christ and my people. Although, I am still consider to be, "young" from a ministry perspective, I have been blessed with a multitude of opportunities particularly within ministry for First Nations Peoples here in Australia. Through my travel around Australia doing Christian Ministry I have encountered some of the most beautiful and horrendous our communities are exposed to and live in and amongst. I have developed Christian programs and content for Youth and Children's ministry which I have conducted Nationwide. I have also had the privilege of seeking out and engaging with First Nations peoples (young and old) across the country and mentoring them in their journey to become the next generation of leaders. I have learnt to translate and interpret Christian resources into various Aboriginal languages for communities to use. I have also had the privilege to be on the forefront, speaking at churches, state and community events and at educational institutions nationwide, advocating for reconcliation and healing between First and Second Nations peoples. I have learnt and continue to learn as I engage with people from all walks of life, just what the meaning of love, resilience, reconciliation, hope, forgiveness, grace and healing mean. I often find myself comparing and contrasting it to my own upbringing as a First Nations and Second Generations person and how it can differ drastically from the wider community, particularly the Anglo-Saxon and privileged communities. If we want to grow as a nation, as a Christian organisation and as individuals in this country, we must first hear the voice of which the land belongs to, the voice of our Jerusalem, Aboriginal Australia.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lord's blessings,

Emma-Louize Bovoro

Kin [Approved by ASC, March 2018]

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- □ Being a Multicultural Church
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Personal Information:



Name: Geoff Bice

(Please complete as relevant) Congregation: Wesley Uniting Church in the City Presbytery: WA Synod: WA

What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel? I am directly involved in organising social justice campaigns relating to topics like climate change, prison reform, refugees and social housing. I am the secretary of Bringing Them Home WA, a Stolen Generations advocacy organisation.

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? I have worked in the Uniting Church WA Social Justice Unit for 8 years. I resource the Synod's Social Justice Commission, International Partnerships & Development Commission and Covenanting Commission.

What if any relevant qualifications do you have? Bachelor of Ministry, Masters in Ecologically Sustainable Development.

Age range	Under 30	<mark>30-59</mark>	60+	60+	
Ministry category	Lay		Ordained		
Location	Remote Rural		Regional Centre	<mark>City</mark>	
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- 1. Rev Steve Francis <u>steve.francis@wa.uca.org.au</u>
- 2. Cheryl Lawson cheryllawson2507@gmail.com

If you are not appointed to this body, are you willing for Assembly to retain a copy of this form, and to consider you for appointment to a relevant task group in the future? YES / NO

Date:

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Personal Information:

Affix photo here	Name: Rev John Jegasothy (retired)
	(<i>Please complete as relevant</i>) Congregation: Presbytery: Sydney Synod: NSWACT

What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel?

I have served for 33 years since 1988 January in UCA in the regional centres, inner West and Eastern Suburbs with an emphasis on community engagement, marginalized people, human rights & justice advocacy and asylum seekers/refugees/new migrants.

Served in the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka rom 1974 – 86 and was involved heavily in community development and as Human Rights Chair of Trincomalee District from 1981 – 83, and continued working for Internally displaced people till October 1986 before coming (forced migration) to Australia on Special Humanitarian Visa.

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

Minister of the Word since 1988

Former Chair of the Multicultural Reference Group for NSW Synod Former Chairperson of Central West Presbytery of the NSW Uniting Church Synod Former Minister of the Rose bay – Vaucluse Uniting Church

Recipient Premier's award for "Highly Commended in the NSW Human Rights Category" at the Harmony Day 2019

Awarded "Sandror" (Learned Leader contributing to the community) by the Tamil Cultural Group Kambar Kalazham in 2019

"Outstanding Australian, helping refugees" by STARTTS & RCOA in 2009 at the

Refugee Day

Awarded "Service with Compassion" by the Refugee, the Tamil Uniting Church and community in 2010

Nominated for ACFOA 2003 Human Rights Award by Amnesty International, Australia

President, Australian Council for Tamil Refugees Inc. Vic

Past Chairperson of Friends of STARTTS and present Treasurer

Member of Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce of NCCA

Former Chair of the Consortium of Tamil Organizations NSW

Member of Asylum Seeker Interagency, TPV/SHEV & Detention Working Groups

Volunteer leader/liaison person at Regional Opportunity Australia ROA

Tamil community liaison person with ABF (Department of Immigration)

Member of Sydney Alliance, People Seeking Asylum Team, Cumberland Council and

Canterbury-Bankstown Local Organising Group.

Pastoral Care Volunteer in Detention Centre

Member, Domestic Violence Advisory Committee for Ethnic Communities' Council of

NSW

Trained Police & DV Alert in Domestic Violence & Drug & Alcohol Qualified in Hospital/Aged Care Chaplaincy Justice of the Peace NSW

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

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Age range	Under 30		30-59	30-59 <mark>60+</mark>		
Ministry category	Lay			Ordained		
Location	Remote Rural			Regional Centre City		City
What cultural and linguistic background do you have?						
English / Tamil						

- 1. Rob Floyd
- 2. Elizabeth Stone (General Secretary NCCA)

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Signature: Verbal permission given

Date: 03-08-2021

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Personal Information:

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Referees: (Please list the names and contact details of two people to act as referees for you in regard to this role)

1.Mark Zirsak 0409166915

2.lan Feruson 0438547842

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all rela Signature:

Date: 11/08/21



Expression of Interest

Assembly Circles of Interest Panel Member

RETURN THIS FORM TO charissas@nat.uca.org.au by 11th August 2021

Name:	Mary-Annee Hawson
Email:	m.a.hawson@gmail.com
Phone:	0414601515
Position:	I am interested in being considered for the Position of Panel Member for the Assembly Circle of Interest (select one or more):
	 Walking Together as First and Second Peoples Growing in Faith Being a Multicultural Church Seeking Common Ground Discipling the Next Generations Transforming Worship Working for Justice
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 Description of the Circle named above, along with the matching Panel Member Position Description and believe that I have the knowledge, experience, skills and personal qualities necessary to serve the Church in the role of Panel Member.
	I understand that Expressions of Interest will be acknowledged upon receipt and then will be evaluated by a Selection Committee appointed by the ASC. As part of the process of selection, the Committee may choose to communicate with candidates seeking further information. Candidates will be informed of the outcome of this process. The Selection Committee will determine the Panel members for each Circle, and those proposed names will then be put to the Assembly Standing Committee for approval.
Signed: -	Afric
Date:	16.08.2021

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. Malcom Drake Mobile: 0448672496

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 filling the position of Panel Member for the Circle(s) indicated above.

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I graduated in 2015 from a Bachelor Social Worker Honours.

I have been an active youth worker within the Uniting Church prior to exploring other work avenues.

Professionally I have been in the field of Community Housing, OOHC Sector, My Aged Care and Aftercare Specialist Team for young adults leaving the OOHC sector.

My passion sits within the scenes of Justice for women and men within hybrid cultures merging generations and learning how to navigate such waters holistically, acknowledging the past to move forward for a better future. Encapsulating all mental, emotional, spiritual and physical growth whether individually or as a community.

Personal Statement:

Please tell us why you would like to be considered as a Panel Member for this Circle of Interest.

I would like to be considered for working for justice, as I have a passion for justice, equity, and equality throughout the life span of life. Advocacy and education, as education is power. The developmental changes within the church and the elements of influence and paving away for a people who are holistically free of the influences of oppression, whether this be generational or within a short timeframe of someone's journey.

The church can influence and encourage growth.

[Approved by ASC, March 2018]