



Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY
Assembly Standing Committee

27-29 August 2021

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Title	Nomination for the Defence Force Chaplaincy Committee
Type of Paper (Information/Decision)	For information
Assembly or ASC Minute	Not applicable
Consultation	Not applicable
Purpose	To appoint the members of the Defence Force Chaplaincy Committee
Rationale & Findings Summary	
Attachments	
Proposal/s	That the Assembly Standing Committee appoint the members of the Defence Force Chaplaincy Committee: 1. Nikki Coleman 2. Andrew Watters 3. Andrew Delbridge 4. Alan Williams
	Rev Charles Vesely, Chair, Defence Force Chaplaincy Rev Kaye Ronalds, Secretary, Defence Force Chaplaincy

DEFENCE FORCE CHAPLAINCY MANDATE

Responsible to: The Assembly

Reporting arrangements: The Assembly and the Standing Committee

Mission statement: To advise the Assembly on matters concerning defence force chaplaincy, and to act on behalf of the Uniting Church in relation to defence force chaplaincy in accord with Assembly policy.

Mandate:

1. To advise and support the Uniting Church member of the Religious Advisory Committee to the Services (RACS).
2. In consultation with synods, to approve the placement of Uniting Church ministers as defence force chaplains, and to determine on behalf of the Assembly which chaplaincy positions are regarded as approved placements within the Assembly.
3. As requested by the Uniting Church member of the Religious Advisory Committee to the Services or by the General Secretary, to liaise with the Department of Defence and with representatives of other churches and other faiths on matters related to defence force chaplaincy.
4. To ensure the provision of pastoral care for defence force chaplains, their spouses and families.
5. To consult with and work with Synod bodies relating to defence force chaplaincy concerning the work and welfare of defence force chaplains.

Power to appoint: The Reference Committee has power to appoint working groups to operate within this mandate.

Membership of the Reference Committee:

Convener: the Uniting Church member of the Religious Advisory Committee to the Services, appointed by the Assembly following receipt of a nomination from the Reference Committee.

Up to 14 persons appointed by the Standing Committee, to be located within a Synod as determined by the Standing Committee (normally the Synod of residence of the chairperson).

Corresponding members: chairpersons/conveners of Synod bodies related to defence force chaplaincy.

Approved by Assembly Standing Committee, November 1999

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Name of the Committee / Task Group: UCA Defence Force Chaplains Committee

Brief description of the Mandate / Terms of Reference for this body: Oversight of all UCA chaplains serving in the Australian Defence Force, including recruiting of chaplains

Personal Information:

Affix photo here 	Name: Andrew Watters <i>(Please complete as relevant)</i> Congregation: Presbytery: Georges River Synod: NSW				
What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group? RAN chaplain 2006 to present; five operational deployments; 34 years ordained ministry; four years ministry overseas (Ireland and UK)					
What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? Past membership of Assembly EAC and Synod committees; former Chair of Presbytery, membership of PRC and other Presbytery committees; representing UCA on ecumenical and multi-faith committees					
What if any relevant qualifications do you have? BA BTh MTh MPhil (Ecum); currently studying GradDip in Pastoral Care (UD)					
Age range	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Under 30</td> <td style="width: 33%; border-bottom: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow;">30-59</td> <td style="width: 33%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">60+</td> </tr> </table>	Under 30	30-59	60+	
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What cultural and linguistic background do you have? Anglo-Saxon cultural background; English speaking; wide exposure to Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern and Southern European cultures					

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

1. Rev Kaye Ronalds, 0418 907 540
2. Rev Charles Vesely, 0416 218 389

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: _____

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Name of the Committee / Task Group: Defence Force Chaplains' Committee

Brief description of the Mandate / Terms of Reference for this body: Oversight of all UCA chaplains serving in the Australian Defence Force, including recruiting of chaplains

Personal Information:

	Name: Rev Alan Williams <i>(Please complete as relevant)</i> Congregation: Centenary UC Presbytery: Bremer-Brisbane Synod: Queensland		
What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group? 16 years as a full-time Air Force Chaplain, 24 years of ordained ministry			
What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? Member of this Committee for several years, 8 years of congregational ministry, 2 years as an Elder, member of Presbytery Resources Committee and PRC at various times			
What if any relevant qualifications do you have? BD, MMin			
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 and German heritage, born in Australia, speak English. Have lived in the USA for 12 months, UK for 4.5 months, and the Middle East for a total of 18 months.			

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Signature: _____

Date: ____ 10 AUG 2021 ____

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Name of the Committee / Task Group: UCA ADF Chaplains Committee

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

Personal Information:

	Name: Revd. Dr. Nikki Coleman <i>(Please complete as relevant)</i> Congregation: Presbytery: Canberra Synod: NSW/ACT		
What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group? 4 years of military chaplaincy experience and 25 years of general chaplaincy experience.			
What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? Congregational Minister in Goulburn, SES Chaplaincy (NSW), ANU Chaplaincy Team, RAAF Chaplain.			
What if any relevant qualifications do you have? B.Theol, M.Ed, PhD (Military Ethics)			
Age range	Under 30	30-59 X	60+
Ministry category	Lay		Ordained X
Location	Remote	Rural	Regional Centre 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. Revd. Charles Vesely
2. Revd. Alan Williams

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Signature: 

Date: 10/8/2021

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Name of the Committee / Task Group:

Defence Force Chaplaincy Committee

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

Provide direction, support, encouragement, information dissemination etc for UC chaplains in the ADF

Personal Information:

<i>Affix photo here</i>	Name: Andrew Delbridge <i>(Please complete as relevant)</i> Congregation: ARRM Presbytery: North East Vic Synod: VicTas			
What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group? Time on this committee Links with Presbytery and general Synod 20 years of chaplaincy, 12 with ADF				
What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church? Chaplaincy PMPC for 5 years Active minister				
What if any relevant qualifications do you have? BA (Management Communication) B. Psych Sci Grad Dip Ed Grad dip FDR BD MREd DISC trained Accredited mediator				
Age range	Under 30	30-59 X	60+	
Ministry category	Lay		Ordained X	
Location	Remote	Rural X	Regional Centre X	City
What cultural and linguistic background do you have? None				

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

1. Richard Whereat (Coord chaplain at Army Logistic Training Centre) 0467082618
2. Richard Franklin PMA NEV Presbytery 0474452745

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Signature andrew delbridge _____

Date: ____ 11/08/2021 ____