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Title	Appointment of an additional member to the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) – UCA Dialogue
Type of Paper	For information and decision
Assembly or ASC Minute	
Consultation	UCA Members of the ECAJ-UCA Dialogue
Purpose	To appoint an additional member to the UCA membership of the Dialogue for the new triennium.
Rationale & Findings Summary	<p>The UCA members of the Dialogue between the UCA and the Executive Council of Australian Jewry usually has approximately 6-7 members. At the conclusion of last triennium several members chose not to seek reappointment.</p> <p>The UCA convenor and staff have interviewed Robyn Whitaker to ascertain her appropriateness and also her interest and willingness to become a member for this triennium.</p> <p>Robyn will be a valuable member of the Dialogue.</p>
Attachments	CV for Robyn Whitaker
Recommendations	That the Assembly Standing Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Receive the Report2. Appoint Robyn Whitaker to the ECAJ – UCA Dialogue for the triennium
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Bible, The University of Chicago Divinity School, 2014

Master of Theology, Melbourne College of Divinity, 2005

Bachelor of Divinity (Honours), Melbourne College of Divinity, 1999

Bachelor of Science, Monash University, 1995

POSITIONS

- 2018 -** Senior Lecturer, New Testament, Pilgrim Theological College
- 2016-18** Bromby Lecturer in Biblical Studies and Academic Dean, Trinity College
- 2014-16** Instructor of Biblical Languages, Union Theological Seminary, New York
- 2012-13** Adjunct Instructor, Princeton Theological Seminary
- 2004-2005** Chaplain, Methodist Ladies' College, Melbourne
- 1999-2003** Minister of the Word and Sacraments, Wangaratta UCA, Australia.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

"The Tale of Two Feasts: Synkrisis in Matthew 14" *Australian Biblical Review* 69 (2021): 1-14

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