



Uniting Church in Australia

ASSEMBLY

Assembly Standing Committee

15-17 July 2022

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Title	Panel Members for Assembly Circles of Interest
Type of Paper	For information and decision
Assembly or ASC Minute	
Consultation	Panel Members and Advocates
Purpose	To note changes in Panel Members and appoint one new Panel Member for Assembly Circles of Interest
Rationale & Findings Summary	Appointment to Panels can take place across the triennium as people with particular skills, experience and interest are identified. One additional Panel Member has been nominated and the CV attached.
Attachments	
Recommendations	That the Assembly Standing Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Note the resignation of several Panel Members as listed in the report2. Appoint Rev Louisa Yanhua Yu to the Being a Multicultural Church Panel
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Panel Members for Assembly Circles of Interest

Assembly Standing Committee (ASC) should note that:

- Robin Yang resigned from the Discipling the Next Generations Panel
- Warwick Cadenhead resigned from the Transforming Worship Panel
- James Aaron resigned from Transforming Worship Panel

Each of these resignations has come about due to changes in personal circumstances of the Panel Member.

The ASC is asked to appoint Rev Louisa Yanhua Yu to the Being a Multicultural Church Panel.

Louisa's CV is included at the end of this document.

Recommendations:

That the Assembly Standing Committee:

1. Note the resignation of several Panel Members as listed in the report
2. Appoint Rev Louisa Yanhua Yu to the Being a Multicultural Church Panel

Expression of Interest Form for Assembly Circles of Interest Panel Members

Basis of Union:

The Uniting Church recognises that responsibility for government in the Church belongs to the people of God by virtue of the gifts and tasks which God has laid upon them.

Constitution:

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

Name of the Assembly Circles of Interest:


- 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

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

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

Each Circle represents a broad area of the Assembly's mission and ministry. Together, the seven circles encompass some of the core values of the Uniting Church and how we contribute to God's mission in the world.

Personal Information:

<p><i>Affix photo here</i></p> 	<p>Name: Rev. Louisa Yanhua Yu</p> <p><i>(Please complete as relevant)</i></p> <p>Congregation: Newlife Brisbane Presbytery: Moreton Rivers Synod: Queensland</p>
<p>What skills and experience will you bring to the Panel?</p> <p>Leadership, theological reflection, pastoral care, grief & loss and mental health support, community capacity building & relationship building, discipleship, spiritual discernment, preaching and worship leading, project coordination and management, governance and administration. Understanding of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (worked as an Education Team Leader and Religious Liaison Officer in Refugee Processing Centre in Nauru and worked with various refugee support networks in Queensland). Operational knowledge of corporations, para-church organisations, NPOs and higher education providers.</p>	
<p>What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?</p> <p>Synod Standing Committee and Audit and Risk Committee member, Multi-Cross-Cultural Reference Group Chairperson, Project Plenty Mentoring & Leadership Program graduate; organised Synod-wide events, CALD networks communications (Synod-wide), consultation and negotiation with various Boards of Christian Formation and training institutions; report writing and presenting; grounding people and centering the call and energy to be Christ centred, and pastoral caring for colleagues when facing adverse environment like the SGM resolution from the 15th Assembly.</p>	
<p>What if any relevant qualifications do you have?</p>	

Master's in Theology; Plentiful Leadership & Mentoring Program (15 months by Qld Synod); Diploma in Multicultural Ministry; Certified Mental Health First Aider; Cert IV in Training & Assessment; Cert IV in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL); Bachelor's in Business Management; Certificate in Human Resources Management.

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?			
Hong Kong Chinese (born in Mainland China), fluent Cantonese and Mandarin Chinese			

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

1. Levon Kardashian, 0410 404 542; levon@kps-press.com
2. Rev. Rod Fisher, 0419 678 619; rfisher@thegapuca.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

Signature:  _____

Date: 20/05/2022