



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**ASSEMBLY**  
Assembly Standing Committee

21-23 July 2023

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<b>Title</b>	<b>President-Elect Search Committee</b>
Type of Paper (Information/Decision)	For Decision
Assembly or ASC Minute	
Consultation	President
Purpose	To establish a committee to identify UCA leaders with appropriate gifts and skills to undertake the role of President of the Assembly; and to ensure all nominees for President (both identified by the committee or nominated by UCA Councils or Assembly members) are in good standing with the UCA and able to undertake the role of President.
Rationale & Findings Summary	See the Terms of Reference in Attachment A.
Attachments	Attachment A: President-Elect Search Committee Terms of Reference
Proposal/s	That the Assembly Standing Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approve the President-Elect Search Committee Terms of Reference</li><li>2. Approve the membership of the President-Elect Search Committee</li></ol>
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**PRESIDENT-ELECT SEARCH COMMITTEE**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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<b>Reporting Arrangements:</b>	Reporting to the Assembly Standing Committee (ASC) that work has been carried out, not for ASC approval of nominations
<b>Period:</b>	This Terms of Reference is ongoing, with review by the ASC within each triennium.
<b>Membership:</b>	As determined by the ASC

**Background:**

1. The duties of President is set out in the Regulations 3.6.4.2
2. The election of a President-elect is set out in the Regulations (3.6.4(b)(c)(d))
3. Nominations for President-elect can be made by Councils of the Church, and by Assembly members
4. It is important that people nominated for President-elect are in good standing with the Church in order that they can fulfil the role of President if they are elected
5. Nominations for President-elect have to be received by the General Secretary 90 days prior to the commencement of the Triennial Assembly meeting where the nomination will be considered

**Task Required:**

The Committee will:

1. Identify UCA leaders with appropriate gifts and skills to undertake the role of President of the Assembly
2. If a person is identified as worthy of nomination, is willing to be nominated, and has not been nominated, work with a Council of the Church or Assembly members to complete the nomination
3. For any person nominated for the role of President of the Assembly, whether through the work of the President-Elect Search Committee or nominated by a Council of the Church or Assembly members, undertake probity and other relevant checks to determine that the person is in good standing with the Church. Once this has occurred, the nomination can be considered by the Assembly.

**Expected Outcomes:**

1. The Assembly has nominations of people for the role of President of the Assembly with appropriate gifts and skills

**How the Committee will work:**

1. Be grounded in the gospel and build upon the tradition of the Uniting Church in Australia, being cognisant of, inter-alia, the breadth of the Church's activities, the many demands on scarce resources, and guided by the issues identified by the Standing Committee. (See Appendix A)
2. Ensure that the activities of the Committee are consistent with the Basis of Union of the UCA, the Constitution and Regulations, and align with the current strategic priorities of the Assembly.
3. Be mindful of the "Background" and "Task Required" as articulated above.
4. The Committee will work collaboratively.

**Establishment:**

The Committee shall be established by the ASC, no later than the July in the year prior to that when the Triennial Assembly meets.

**Membership:**

*Membership for the Committee will be appointed by the ASC once a triennium.*

1. Convenor (ASC member)
2. Three other members (if possible these are ASC members)

Casual vacancies will be filled as required by the General Secretary and communicated to the ASC.

Support for the work of the Committee will be provided by the office of the General Secretary.