



Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY
Assembly Standing Committee

21-23 July 2023

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Title	Report from the Standards for Ministries Committee
Type of Paper	Nominations for SFM membership
Assembly or ASC Minute	
Consultation	
Purpose	Nominations to ASC to appoint two new members of SFM Committee.
Rationale & Findings Summary	This report includes: 1. Two nominations.
Attachments	Nil
Proposal/s	That the Assembly Standing Committee: 1. Appoint the Rev Dr Cathie Lambert as member of the Standards for Ministry Committee for the remainder of the current term. 2. Appoint the Rev Scott Litchfield (Deacon) as member of the Standards for Ministry Committee for the remainder of the current term.
Submitted by	Rev Dr Rob McFarlane (Committee Chairperson)

Nominations for the Standards for Ministries Committee

Rev Scott Litchfield (Deacon)

The Rev Scott Litchfield is a Deacon within the Synod of South Australia. Mr Litchfield is currently serving in a 50% ministry role at Bridgewater Uniting Church where he has been in placement since September 2020. He is also undertaking a 50% supply role at the Uniting College for Leadership & Theology (UCLT) developing a Phase 2 program of formation for Deacon candidates as well as further continuing education processes. Mr Litchfield is a reflective practitioner with strong commitment to advancing Diaconal ministry and formation. His work with UCLT is of national significance.

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Rev Dr Cathie Lambert

The Rev Dr Cathie Lambert was ordained as a Minister of the Word in 2009 and has served in placements in a school and in congregations. In 2018, she took a leave of absence from ministry to complete her PhD through Pilgrim Theological College and to develop her passion for formation of spiritual directors through the Dayspring Community. At the commencement of 2023, Dr Lambert was called to the position of Education Co-ordinator (Ordained ministries and Perth Theological Hall Principal) with the Uniting Church in Western Australia. This is a 0.8 FTE position and has a strong emphasis on review of the current structures. She has also maintained her 0.2 FTE position with Dayspring as the Dean of Studies.

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Expression of Interest Form for Assembly Standards for Ministry Committee

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 Committee / Task Group: Standards for Ministry

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

To advise the Assembly and the Assembly Standing Committee on the standards required for Specified Ministries within the Uniting Church and to ensure that the Assembly’s responsibilities in relation to training for Specified Ministries and admission of ministers from other denominations are met.

Personal Information:

<p><i>Affix photo here</i></p> 	<p>Name: Catherine (Cathie) Lambert</p> <p><i>(Please complete as relevant)</i></p> <p>Congregation: Currently don't have a home congregation but attend a few</p> <p>Presbytery: Western Australia</p> <p>Synod: Western Australia</p>				
<p>What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group?</p> <p>I have been a Minister of the Word since 2008 serving in congregational and school chaplaincy placements. I am currently the Dean of Studies for the Dayspring courses offering spiritual formation and training of spiritual directors. I am also currently the Education Co-ordinator (Ordained ministries and Perth Theological Hall Principal) with the Uniting Church in Australia. I was a member of the Pilgrim Theological College Academic Committee in 2020 and 2021 as a research student representative and am now on the Academic Committee for Uniting College in my role with Dayspring. I have experience in teaching theology at university level with Pilgrim Theological College, Whitley College and Uniting College for Leadership and Theology. I feel these positions have given me experience and skills in education and formation.</p>					
<p>What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?</p> <p>I have grown up in the Uniting Church and have been involved at different levels and in different areas. Within Western Australia I have served on CEDAL for the last since 2020. I have been part of three Assemblies and regularly attend Presbytery and Synod meetings. I am a Uniting Church minister and have served two congregations and been in school chaplaincy at a Uniting Church School. I am currently working in an interim position as one of the Education Co-ordinators for the Presbytery.</p>					
<p>What if any relevant qualifications do you have?</p> <p>Bachelor of Education 1996, Bachelor of Theology (Honours) 2007, Master of Ministry (2009), Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction (2013), Doctor of Philosophy (2023)</p>					
Age range	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Under 30</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">30-59</td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: right;">60+</td> </tr> </table>	Under 30	30-59		60+
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Location	Remote	Rural	Regional Centre	City
What cultural and linguistic background do you have?				
Born in England. Emigrated to Australia in 1981.				

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 Andrew Williams andrew.williams@wa.uca.org.au
2. Rev David Kriel david.kriel@wa.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

Signature: 

Date: _____ 12/07/2023 _____