



Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY
Assembly Standing Committee

10-12 November 2023

DOCUMENT

Title	General Secretary Recruitment JNC Update
Type of Paper (Information/Decision)	For Information and decision
Assembly or ASC Minute	Approve the Nominating Committee composition for recruitment of the next General Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• President as Chair• A current General Secretary from a Synod• 2 or 3 of the elected members of the ASC• 2 members from the wider Church community• Congress chair or their nominee
Consultation	
Purpose	To advise the ASC of the members of the Nominating Committee for recruitment of the next General Secretary.
Rationale & Findings Summary	<p>1. Following the approval of the July 2023 ASC meeting of the composition of the Nominating Committee, I have had conversations with people who would bring skills and wisdom to the task of the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee for approval by this ASC meeting is as follows: Philip Gardiner Sandy Boyce David Busch Mark Dingle</p> <p>I am still finalizing the final person from the wider church and will provide that name to the ASC as soon as I am able.</p>
Attachments	Brief profile of each nominee
Proposal/s	That the Assembly Standing Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Endorse the following to be the members of the General Secretary Nominating Committee: [add names]
Submitted by	Sharon Hollis President president@nat.uca.org.au

Nominees for General Secretary ASC

Philip Gardiner is General Secretary of the Synod of South Australia. Prior to this Philip has exercised ministry in the Synod/Presbytery office and in congregations. Philip reads widely, thinks deeply about the life of the church and can ask critical questions

Sandy Boyce has experience in a congregation and Assembly. Her ecumenical understanding and commitments along with her leadership are seen in both her role with as Executive Officer of the Victorian Council of Churches and as President of DIAKONIA World Federation.

David Busch has wide experience in the Church, in terms of congregational and Presbytery roles as well as understanding the different Councils of the Church. He also understand the value of good communication skills and what makes for good communication as well as valuing and understanding the importance of the multicultural church.

Mark Dingle is a Partner with EY focusing on risk, strategy and governance with clients in the public sector and select private and ASX listed clients. Mark's work focuses on improving performance and decision making. Mark has also worked closely with Indigenous communities across Australia learning from their deep knowledge and wisdom and sharing his professional expertise. Mark is the chair of Church Council of the congregation he attends in Melbourne.