



Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY
Assembly Standing Committee

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Title	Lutheran-UCA Dialogue Member Nomination
Type of Paper (Information/Decision)	Decision
Assembly or ASC Minute	
Consultation	Lutheran-UCA Dialogue UCA Members
Purpose	To nominate Rev Sandy Boyce as a new member of the Dialogue for ASC approval following the resignation of Rev Denise Liersch.
Rationale & Findings Summary	Expression of Interest Attached.
Attachments	
Proposal/s	That the Assembly Standing Committee: 1. Appoint Rev Sandy Boyce to the UCA-Lutheran Dialogue; 2. Instruct the General Secretary to write to Rev Denise Liersch thanking her for her service.
Submitted by	Rev Dr Anna Grant-Henderson, UCA-Lutheran Dialogue, UCA Co-chair

Expression of Interest Form for Assembly Committees or Task Groups

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: LCA/UCA Dialogue

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

Personal Information:



Name: Rev Deacon Sandy boyce
 Congregation: Pilgrim Uniting Church (Yarraville)
 Presbytery: Port Philip West
 Synod: Vic/Tas

What skills and experience will you bring to the Committee / Task Group?

I am currently working with the Victorian Council of Churches and as such have relationships with ecumenical (and interfaith) bodies, and navigate respectfully the different approaches and practices, ecclesiology, theology and doctrine.

I have been President of the DIAKONIA World Federation since 2013, which is comprised of Deacons and Deaconesses from many churches including Methodist, Lutheran, Uniting, Anglican/Episcopalian and requires awareness of different traditions, practices and ecclesiology.

I am a member of the Vic/Tas Synod Ecumenical Advisory Group.

I have had articles published in a World Council of Churches publication, Uniting Studies journal and an upcoming article for a Wartburg Seminary book.

I maintain the VCC website and have recently created a page with links to the various ecumenical dialogues, and related papers and resources.

I previously served on the Assembly Theology and Discipleship Committee.

What if any relevant experience have you had in the life of the Church?

I am an ordained Deacon in the UCA. I worked for 12.5 years at a city church in the SA Synod.

I was previously the Assembly National Faith Development Coordinator (2 years).

I worked as the 'People in Mission' Coordinator with what is now Uniting World, liaising with partner churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific and coordinating the training and sending of volunteers to serve with partner churches. Prior to that I worked as the SA Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator for 6 years. I worked for 3 years as Youth Worker in a congregation.

My 'first vocation' was as a teacher, probably an orientation I have retained through my various roles in the church.

What if any relevant qualifications do you have?

Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Theology, Grad Dip Theology

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?

Australian

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 Anna Grant Henderson 0410 899 557

2. Rev Christa Megaw 0400 830 483

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: 8.2.24