

Synod Admission of Ministers Committee By-law



The Uniting Church in Australia
Synod of South Australia

19.1 SYNOD ADMISSION OF MINISTERS COMMITTEE

19.1.1 PURPOSE

To oversee and implement the process of assessing applications for admission of ministers from other denominations, into the Uniting Church on behalf of the Synod of South Australia in accordance with Regulations 2.5.2; and Assembly Guidelines for the Admission of a Minister from another Denomination (attached).

19.1.2 RESPONSIBILITIES

The committee has responsibility to:

- (i) Receive completed applications (on appropriate Synod forms) from ministers applying for admission into the UCA.
- (ii) Check the credentials of an applicant, including good standing and referees .
- (iii) Interview the applicant initially to assess their suitability in accordance with Regulations 2.5.2; and Assembly Guidelines for the Admission of a Minister from another Denomination.
- (iv) Discuss with the applicant and the applicant's Presbytery required formation, preparation and mentoring required.
- (v) Regularly receive updates on the applicant's progress, including meeting with the applicant and/ or their mentor, and/ or receiving reports from their Presbytery on their progress.
- (vi) Make a determination on behalf of the Synod as to the whether the application is approved or declined.
- (vii) Submit a written report to the Assembly if an application for admission is approved in order to receive a certificate of admission.

19.1.3 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- (i) The General Secretary will be an ex-officio member.
- (ii) The Associate General Secretary Governance and Operations will be an ex-officio member, who is secretary.
- (iii) The Associate General Secretary Placements and Safe Church will be an ex-officio member, who is chairperson.
- (iv) The Principal of Uniting College of Leadership and Theology or their delegate will be an ex-officio member.

- (v) The Standing Committee will appoint an additional 5 persons as members, ensuring all presbyteries are represented, at least one Deacon and one Minister of the Word; and one person from a culturally and linguistically diverse background
- (vi) Members will be appointed by Standing Committee for a 3 year term with a maximum of three consecutive terms.
- (vii) The Committee may co-opt further members to meet specific needs as required; for example a UAICC person for a first nation's applicant.