



9 December 2020

Dear friends,

I write to provide you with information about the nomination and election process for boards and committees and the 16th Triennial Assembly, to be held in the lead up to and at our Synod meeting in February.

Nomination Process

There are vacancies occurring on some Synod committees, councils or boards. Some of these are filled by appointment and some are filled by a nomination/election process. With due attention to Synod by-laws, members of Synod are invited to submit nominations for vacant positions.

This year, nominations will close prior to the meeting of the Synod. Please note: no nominations will be accepted at the Synod meeting. The only committee that requires a nominee to be a member of the meeting of the Synod is Synod Standing Committee. For all other committees, non-members of the meeting of the Synod may be nominated. Please note, nominees must be confirmed members of the Uniting Church. Proposers and seconders must be members of the Synod meeting.

► **Nomination forms are available [here](#)**, and will be received up to 5pm on Thursday 21 January 2021.

Parts of the Nomination form are required to be completed by the proposer or seconder as well as the nominee before being submitted. A photo of the nominee is required. Please note, nomination forms will not be accepted without a photograph, this is because we will be making nominee profiles available to members of Synod prior to our meeting so that members may prayerfully discern their voting.

The nomination form is a fillable PDF form, which means you can complete it on your device (including digitally signing it), and email it for completion between proposer, seconder and nominee. When it is complete, please save it using this convention: *Name of committee name of nominee* and email it to: synod@sa.uca.org.au. Forms may also be printed, hand-written and posted.

Below is a list of vacancies to be filled by a nomination / election process:

Committee/Council	Vacancies to be filled	Term of membership	Category (if applicable)
Assembly 2021	18	Attendance at the 16 th Assembly 15-19 July to be held in Queensland	Categories apply
Synod Standing Committee	5	24 months	Categories apply
Mission Leadership Development Board	2	36 months	Categories apply
Parkin Mission / Parkin Trust Governors	2	36 months	1 ordained and 1 lay person
Placements Committee Chairperson	1	12 months	
Moderator Nominating Committee	3	Until Moderator-elect is elected	Categories apply

Appointments

Vacancies to be filled by appointment include:

3 members	Stipends Committee	1 member	Synod Committee for Discipline
2 members	Resources Board	Convenor	Advisers Committee
3 members	The Property Trust	4 members	Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee
4 members	Synod Committee for Counselling		

If you are interested in serving on any of these boards or committees, please select the 'other' box on the nomination form and specify which committee you wish to nominate for.

Information on Boards and Committees

Information about the boards and committees with vacancies can be found at the end of this document.

Conducting of Ballots

The ballots will be conducted electronically via Survey Monkey. During the Synod meeting you will receive an email with a unique link to the surveys for these elections. Members only are entitled to participate in the ballot and only one vote is allowed per Synod member. Please remember to bring your device to the Synod meeting. If you do not have your own device to access your emails during the meeting, there will be a process for submitting ballots available to members.

Each of the ballots will include instructions specific to that election and ballots will open and close at designated times.

Any questions about the process should be directed to Sue Page assocgensec@sa.uca.org.au

Votes will be counted by the Ballot team led by Chief Scrutineer, Mrs Anne Wilson.

Thank you for being prepared to serve God and the Church as a member of Synod 2021. Please continue to pray for one another and for our meeting together. If you have any concerns before or during the meeting please phone Sue Page on 0430 666 959.

Grace and Peace,



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