

INFORMATION ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES SEEKING NOMINATIONS

Synod Standing Committee (SSC)

The Synod Standing Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Synod between meetings of the Synod in respect of any of the responsibilities of the Synod. SSC must ensure the role of the Synod is fulfilled in every aspect of the life of the Church; and be aware of compliance issues, such as reporting requirements to the ACNC, the use of appropriate accounting standards and WH&S requirements.

SSC drives the strategic direction of the Synod through annual plans, policies and strategies designed to achieve God's mission as per the mission of the Synod and expressed in the Synod's strategic plan.

SSC is responsible for the ongoing process of establishing policies and ensuring compliance with statutory requirements.

SSC's role is to analyse and review reports and monitor performance within the areas that report to it.

It is incumbent upon the SSC to take a strategic perspective on all resourcing issues and work with the General Secretary to create and implement strategies to address those issues. SSC must regularly review its structure and composition to ensure that it is keeping up with current governance practice. See by-law 12.1.2 to 12.1.8 for more detail.

Currently, SSC meets on a Thursday afternoon from 1pm – 5pm. However, this is subject to change to a later meeting time if we elect members who have work commitments.

Indicative dates for SSC from June 2026 until the end of 2026 are:

6 August Please note as this is the first meeting of SSC this will include an Induction and governance training.

10 September

29 October

3 December

Placements Committee Chairperson

This person chairs meetings of the Synod Placements Committee which has oversight of placements processes within the synod. See by-law 22.1 for more detail.

18th Assembly members

The Synod of SA can appoint 34 members. The Moderator and General Secretary are ex-officio and each presbytery can appoint 1 ordained and 1 lay person. 26 members will be elected at the meeting of the Synod. An equal number of lay and ordained people must be elected, 1 in 10 members must be of youthful age.

The Assembly is the national council of the Uniting Church and has responsibility in matters of doctrine, worship, and governance, promoting the mission of the Church, and determining standards for theological education. Assembly members can look forward to a fascinating and demanding time of Christian community, spiritual enrichment, small group work, solid discussion and a serious exercise in seeking to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in the Uniting Church in Australia as we considering the Act 2 report on the ordering of the life, governance, resourcing and theological education, and formation of the UCA, We will also celebrate the installation of the next President of the UCA, Rev Dr Paul Goh.

Checklist for Completing Nomination Form

Have you:

- ☐ Read the information about each of the boards/committees seeking members
- ☐ Completed one form for each nomination only
- ☐ Ensured the proposer, seconder and nominee have signed
- ☐ Completed the relevant sections **note the second page is for Synod Standing Committee nominees only*
- ☐ Attached a photo of the nominee
- ☐ Saved the form following this convention: *Committee name and Nominee name*; e.g. SSC JoSame
- ☐ Emailed it to: synod26@sa.uca.org.au