

Governing body name: **Synod Standing Committee**

Applicant name: **Philippa Ferrant-Smith**

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Office of interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> member <input type="checkbox"/> chairperson (if applicable)
Congregation	Chapel Hill Uniting Church
Presbytery	Bremer Brisbane
Current church involvement (includes non-UCA denominations)	Placement as a chaplain at The Wesley Hospital Presbytery Representative for Chapel Hill Uniting Church
Current occupation	Chaplain
Current qualifications	Diploma in Ministries
Current directorships and committee positions	Presbytery
Previous occupation(s), positions held and church involvement (if relevant)	Office Administration Family Day Care Educator Moggill State School P & C Secretary Moggill Uniting Church Leadership Team (Church Council)
Potential conflicts (refer <a href="#">Conflicts Policy</a> )	N/A
Why I am interested in joining this board	I believe we are all called to contribute to the life of the wider church and as I am passionate about Church governance, I feel this is a space where my gifts and talents align.
Any other relevant information	
Biography	I am a Hospital Chaplain at The Wesley Hospital with five years experience. My previous experience is in office administration working at a management level and running my own business. I was a member of the executive of the Moggill State School P & C for six years and am a long standing member of the Bremer Brisbane Presbytery as well as being on Church Councils and other sub committees within the congregational space. I believe committees are important as it provides the opportunity for people's voices to be heard and this leads to good discernment and decision making for the whole organisation.



## Governing body skills, attributes and perspectives

Refer to the [Governing body skills, attributes and perspectives definitions](#) for how each of the following terms are defined and which elements are recommended for each governing body. Complete the experience level for each skill, attribute and perspective.

<b>Mandatory general governance skills</b>	<b>Experience level</b>
Theological understanding	Experienced
Corporate governance understanding and commitment	Experienced
Financial literacy	Experienced
Strategic thinking	Experienced
Critical reflection	Experienced
Communication skills	Experienced
<b>Specialist skills</b>	<b>Experience level</b>
Specific and relevant industry knowledge, including UC ethos & polity	Experienced
Board experience	Experienced
Theological expertise	Experienced
Risk management	Experienced
Financial expertise	Requires development
Legal expertise	Experienced
Strategic planning	Experienced
Property expertise	Experienced
Education knowledge and expertise	Experienced
<b>Attributes and attitudes</b>	<b>Experience level</b>
Ability and experience to reflect theologically	Experienced
Capacity to devote necessary time	Experienced
Commitment to ongoing personal / professional development	Experienced
Emotional intelligence	Experienced
Curiosity	Experienced
<b>Specialist perspectives</b>	<b>Experience level</b>
First peoples	Requires development
Multi-cultural	Experienced
Youth and young adults	Experienced
Regional and remote	Requires development
Business / enterprise experience independent from the church	Experienced

## Nominee affirmation

The Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod is committed to upholding and articulating the ethos of the Uniting Church within its boards, committees and commissions, and supporting them as they seek to apply Uniting Church regulations and other governing documents.

Uniting Church policies including governance and discipline are grounded in an understanding of and commitment to the core values and beliefs of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Members of Synod boards, committees and commissions will continually strive to develop a culture that is underpinned by a value system based on love, social justice and compassion. Members are expected to ensure that policies and processes within the Synod boards, committees and commissions reflect the values of the Uniting Church and are consistent with any public positions taken by the Church.



Members of Synod boards, committees and commissions guide their behaviours as they work together, to achieve goals and be accountable for their actions through the Assembly's [Code of Conduct for Lay Leaders](#) and the following values:

- we will provide consistent, fair, courteous and timely service to the best of our individual and collective ability
- we will be loyal, diligent and accountable by taking responsibility for our actions
- we will show respect through trusting and treating each other with compassion, dignity and being inclusive
- we will demonstrate integrity, by acting ethically, honestly and faithfully, valuing truthfulness and justice in all that we do

All individuals have a duty to the Uniting Church to act with honesty and integrity and promptly disclose any conflict they may have in the manner prescribed by the Uniting Church from time to time (refer to the [Conflict Policy](#)). Generally, all individuals must:

- disclose all conflicts of which they are aware to the best of their knowledge; and
- if circumstances change over time, make further disclosures, to the relevant person in charge, and follow the related processes prescribed from time to time by the Uniting Church.

All individuals must:

- treat as confidential any personal or sensitive information acquired through their work or other involvement in the Church, other than as required by law or where proper authorisation is given.
- adhere to legal requirements, policies and all other lawful directives regarding the use of personal or sensitive information (refer to [Privacy Policy](#)).
- use personal information only for the purpose stated or understood when the information is gathered

As a nominee to a Synod board, committee and/or commission, I make a commitment to respect, recognise and accept the validity of the doctrines of the Uniting Church in Australia. In the fulfilment of my responsibilities in the governance structure of the Uniting Church in Australia, I will not teach or counsel against the Basis of Union and subsequent doctrinal statements of the Assembly.

## Privacy collection statement

We collect your personal information to enable us to further our mission, respond to your request and maintain contact with you. We may also collect sensitive information about you. You give us your explicit informed consent to our exchanging your information with any part of the UCAQld and any third party service provider or professional advisor for these purposes, or purposes reasonably related to them and also for any other purpose you have consented to or as authorised by law. If you provide us with personal information about another person, please make sure that you tell that person about this privacy statement. Further information about what personal information and sensitive information is; as well as why and how we collect, hold, use and disclose it; and how you can access your personal information is available in our [Privacy Policy](#) which you can obtain from our website [www.ucaqld.com.au](http://www.ucaqld.com.au).

## Nominee declaration

I declare that I:

- (a) accept nomination/apply for consideration for appointment to the Synod Standing Committee
- (b) if an interview is required, am available to attend an interview (either in person or by teleconference) at a time to be agreed amongst all relevant parties
- (c) agree to the terms of the Nominee Affirmation outlined above
- (d) agree that, if appointed and if required, my personal details will be provided to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), or its successor



- (e) agree that, if appointed, I will notify the Synod office of all changes to my personal details within 14 days by email to [directory@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:directory@ucaqld.com.au)
- (f) am not disqualified from managing a corporation under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), which includes that I am not an undischarged bankrupt
- (g) have not been disqualified from being a responsible person by the ACNC Commissioner within the last 12 months
- (h) have not been convicted of an indictable offence against a law of Australia or a foreign country
- (i) agree that, if appointed, I will comply with the Regulations, all Queensland Synod By-laws, all Qld Synod policies and processes and all ongoing legislative, common law and equitable requirements, as they apply from time to time
- (j) agree that, if appointed, I am available to prepare for and can regularly attend meetings of the <insert Board name>
- (k) agree that, if appointed, my contact details will be used by the Synod office to provide me with relevant information and invitations
- (l) agree that, if appointed, the information collected as part of this nomination will be collected, stored and used in accordance with the privacy collection statement above.

PJ Ferrant-Smith

Signature of nominee

27/04/2022

Nominee contact details

The following information is requested but will be kept confidential and not circulated outside of the Synod Office

Email	philippajfs@gmail.com
Phone	0421 549 286
Residential address	REDACTED
Postal address (if different to residential address)	

Remuneration and Nomination Committee (RNC) Recommendation

The RNC may make a recommendation about the nominee and provide information in support of the recommendation.

Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nominee supported <input type="checkbox"/> Nominee not supported <input type="checkbox"/> No recommendation made <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
Information to support recommendation	<i>A review of the nomination has been completed by the Remuneration and Nomination Committee Chair and the nomination is supported for consideration and discernment by the 36th Synod in Session</i>



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Governing body information:

**1. Committee membership (By-laws Q2.2.3 & Q2.2.4)**

- the Moderator (chairperson), ex-Moderator (deputy chairperson), Moderator-Elect, General Secretary, UnitingCare Queensland chairperson, Wesley Mission Queensland chairperson, and 1 nominee of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress for Queensland as ex officio members
- 8 persons elected and appointed by the Synod in Session from amongst its members
- not more than 2 persons co-opted from amongst the members of Synod to be co-opted by the Synod Standing Committee

**2. Elected members' term (By-laws Q2.2.5, Q2.7.7 & Q2.7.9)**

- for the period of two ordinary meetings of the Synod from the rising of the Synod at which they were appointed (usually approximately 3 years)
- maximum total period of 9 continuous years
- ceases on disqualification from or vacation of office

**3. Meetings (By-law Q2.2.6)**

- mandatory – not less than 6 times per year
- generally – 11 times per year on the 1st Thursday of each month (excluding January), notionally from 2pm – 8pm

**4. Remuneration**

- nil – voluntary (reasonable expenses will be reimbursed)

**5. Eligibility conditions (Regn 3.7.4.1 & By-law Q2.7.8)**

- must be on the roll of members of Synod in Session
- the total number of lay members must not be fewer in number than the total number of ministerial members
- refer to by-law Q2.7.8 for general eligibility requirement rules

**6. Disqualification / Vacation of Office By-laws Q2.7.7 & Q2.7.9**

- refer to by-laws Q2.7.7 and Q2.7.9 for general disqualification and vacation of office rules

**7. By-laws**

- For further information regarding the SSC, including its purpose, objectives and functions refer to the Queensland Synod By-laws. By-law Q2.7 contains matters of general governance and oversight applicable to all Synod governing bodies.

Nomination details

If insufficient space, please include the information in labelled and referenced attachments

