

20(a) Placements Commission

<i>Chairperson</i>	Rev Hannes Halgryn
<i>General Secretary</i>	Rev David de Kock
<i>Moderator (Visitor)</i>	Rev Steve Francis
<i>Member elected by Synod</i>	Trevor Thomas
<i>Member elected by Synod</i>	Rev Elizabeth Raine
<i>Member elected by Presbytery</i>	Rev Corina van Oostende
<i>Member elected by Presbytery</i>	Rev Trevor Waters
<i>Co-opted by Synod</i>	Rev Andrew Broadbent
<i>Co-opted by Synod</i>	Vacant
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<i>Staff - Deputy General Secretary (non-voting)</i>	Rev Mark Illingworth
<i>Staff – Administration (non-voting)</i>	Amanda Badenhorst

1. INTRODUCTION

The following report is based on the current movements and happenings in relation to the Placements Commission for the period 1 September 2017–31 August 2018.

2. STRUCTURE AND OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION

The Placements Commission orders its business and ministry under the mandate set out at Reg. 3.7.4.2(b) of the Constitution and Regulations and also operate according to Bylaw S 3.1 which was approved by the Synod Standing Committee on 12 June 2017. Our primary role is

- to keep updated lists of all placements, number and distribution of placements;
- exercise an overview of the placements having regard for the best interest of the church;
- making sure that ministers are deployed to meet the suitability of all parties;
- initiate a placement priority if required;
- supply relevant information to those calling a minister;
- negotiate with other synods regarding transfer of ministers and recommend names to Joint Nominating Committees for placement.

3. STAFF

Rev Mark Illingworth was appointed as Deputy General Secretary with effect from 1 May 2018 and up to 1 August 2018, Mark transitioned gradually into his new role, from his previous role as Pastoral Relations and Placements Co-ordinator. Part of Mark's new responsibilities as Deputy General Secretary includes resourcing the Placements Commission. This has been the only change to the Placements Commission Membership since September 2017 to date.

4. REGIONAL PASTORS

Alan Hortin - Great Southern Region
Rev Marie Wilson - Metro South
Jill Clements - Mid West
Pastor John Tomkins - North West
Vacant – Metro East
Vacant - South West
Vacant - Metro Central
Vacant - Metro West
Vacant - Great Eastern Region
Vacant – Metro North

5. VACANT APPROVED PLACEMENTS 2017/2018

- Victoria Park and Districts Star Street Uniting Church(.6 FTE) – approved vacant from 1 February 2017–30 September 2017.
- Albany Regional Congregations (1FTE) – approved vacant from March 2017–January 2018.
- Trinity North Uniting Church (1FTE) –vacant from July 2017–30 January 2018.
- Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL) x2 (.5FTE) – vacant from October 2017–January and March 2018 respectively.
- Floreat Uniting Church (1FTE) – vacant from July 2017–February 2018.
- Presbytery Minister CEDAL VET (1FTE) – Vacant from September 2017–31 July 2018.
- Presbytery Mission Planner (1FTE) – vacant from December 2017–June 2018
- Presbytery Minister Uniting Generations (1FTE) – approved vacant from 4 November 2017 – Joint Nominating Committee in progress.
- Kalgoorlie and Remote Area Ministry (1 FTE) – Priority Placement approved vacant from 13 June 2017
- Director of Education and Formation (1FTE) – approved vacant from 1 January 2019

6. PLACEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS (date order)

- Rev Elizabeth Raine began .5FTE position as Victoria Park and Districts Star Street Uniting Church Transitional Minister from 1 October 2017
- Rev Corina van Oostende began at Albany Regional Congregations on 1 January 2018.
- Rev Emma Matthews began with CEDAL 0.5FTE on 1 January 2018
- Rev David Kriel began at Trinity North Uniting Church on 1 February 2018
- Rev Anne Wright began with CEDAL 0.5FTE on 1 March 2018 then fulltime from 1 August 2018
- Rev Sophia Lizares began at UnitingCare West from 1 March 2018.
- Rev Bronwyn Elvery's Leave of Absence period was extended up to the end of May 2018.
- Julie Ridden began as Children and Family Pastor at Nedlands Uniting Church from 1 February 2018
- Rev Dr Ian Tozer began at Floreat Uniting Church from 1 March 2018
- Anna Bandiera began as the Children and Young Families Ministry Worker at the Billabong Uniting Church from 1 March 2018.
- Chelsie Bunter began as Youth Ministry Co-ordinator at Lighthouse Church Geraldton from 1 March 2018.
- Rev Mark Illingworth began as Deputy General Secretary from 1 May 2018.
- Rev Justine Wall began as School Chaplain at Scotch College from 5 June 2018.
- Rev Elizabeth Raine began as Pastoral Relations Committee Co-ordinator 0.5FTE for a period 23 July to 12 October 2018
- Dr Elaine Ledgerwood began as the CEDAL VET Presbytery Minister for a period of three years from 1 August 2018–31 July 2021.
- Rev Alison Gilchrist will begin as the Presbytery Mission Planner from 1 September 2018

7. SPECIAL SERVICES 2016/17

Name	Type	Date	Venue
Rev Steve Francis	Installation as Moderator	08.09.2017	Ross Memorial Uniting Church
Rev Claire Pickering	Ordination and Induction – Penrhos College	Sept 2017	Bicton Uniting Church
Rev Mitch Fialkowski	Induction Murchison Patrol	01.10.2017	Meekatharra Uniting Church
Rev John Dihm	Induction Pilbara Patrol	01.10.2017	Pinjarra Uniting Church
Rev Elizabeth Raine	Induction Transitional Ministry	29.10.2017	Victoria Park and Districts Star Street Uniting Church
Rev Corina van Oostende	Induction – Albany Uniting Church	24.01.2018	Juniper’s Beryl Grant Community Centre
Rev Emma Matthews	Induction - .5FTE CEDAL	23.02.2018	Perth Theological Hall
Rev Dr Anne Wright	Induction - .5FTE CEDAL	23.02.2018	Perth Theological Hall
Rev Gary van Heerden	Admission as a Minister of the Word to the Uniting Church in Australia	09.03.2018	Presbyterian Ladies’ College
Rev David Kriel	Induction – Trinity North Uniting Church	04.03.2018	St Stephen’s School Duncraig
Rev Dr Ian Tozer	Induction – Floreat Uniting Church	21.03.2018	All Saint’s Floreat Uniting Church
Rev Sophia Lizares	Ordination as Deacon	03.03.2018	Willetton Uniting Church
Rev Sophia Lizares	Induction – UnitingCare West	16.03.2018	UnitingCare West
Rev Cathie Lambert	Conclusion of Placement	05.05.2018	Augusta Uniting Church
Pastor Marilyn Price	Commissioning as Ministry of Pastor	24.06.2018	Mandurah Uniting Church
Dr Suzanne Boorer	End of Employment Service	29.06.2018	Murdoch Worship Centre
Dr Nancy Ault	End of Employment Service	29.06.2018	Murdoch Worship Centre
Rev Robert Dummermuth	Conclusion of Placement	05.08.2018	Esperance Uniting Church

8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Rev Cathie Lambert – (1 May 2018–30 June 2021)

- Rev Elke Reikmann

9. RETIREMENTS

- Rev Alistair Melville concluded 10 June 2018

- Rev Chas Lewis will conclude 31 December 2018

10. INTER-SYNOD TRANSFERS

- Rev Bronwyn Elvery to QLD Synod from 1 June 2018
- Rev Elizabeth Raine to NSW/ACT Synod from 1 November 2018
- Rev Dr John Squires to NSW/ACT Synod from 1 January 2019

11. SUPPLY MINISTERS

- Rev Chris Walker – Long Term Supply Perth Theological Hall 1 August to 31 December 2017
- Rev Alison Longworth – Long Term Supply at Rowethorpe
- Rev Roy Alexander Suryanegara – Long Term Supply at GKI Perth for 2 years from 1 September 2018

12. MINISTERS ELIGIBLE FOR CALL

(note: this includes those Ministers who have been in their placement 5+ years or 3+ if first placement)

- Rev Andrew Broadbent (3+ years)
- Rev Ken Devereux
- Rev Hannes Halgyrn (3+ years)
- Rev Toby Keva
- Rev Andrew Morris
- Rev Nalin Perera
- Rev Greg Ross
- Rev David Tressler
- Rev Luke Williams (3+ years)
- Rev Narelle Collas (3+ years)
- Rev Kim Francis (3 years from Jan 19)
- Rev Herman Nienaber (from Jan 19)
- Rev Hollis Wilson
- Rev Craig Collas (from Jan 19)
- Rev Gary van Heerden
- Rev Trevor Waters

13. UNITING CHURCH MINISTERS AWAITING PLACEMENT

- Rev Gordon Scantlebury

14. ADMISSION OF MINISTERS TO THE UNITING CHURCH WA

- Rev Gary van Heerden was admitted as a Minister of the Uniting Church on 9 March 2018.
- Rev Stephen van Schalkwyk – In progress

15. MINISTRY OF PASTOR

- Ps Kristin Grainger (Warren Blackwood Cluster Pastor Appointment)
- Ps Jon Paschke (Geraldton Placement)
- Ps Marilyn Price (Prison Chaplaincy)
- Ps Karen Sloan (Wembley Downs Appointment)
- Ps John Tomkins (Carnarvon Remote Area Ministry Placement)

16. LAY MINISTRY AGENTS

- Anna Bandiera (The Billabong Children and Young Families Appointment)
- Chelsea Bunter (Geraldton Youth Ministry Coordinator Appointment)
- Pamela Crass (Busselton Youth and Children's Ministry Appointment)
- Uto Fotu (Beth Shalom Community Minister)
- Adeline Hsieh (Nedlands ESL to 31 Jan 2018)
- Valda Knott (Central Wheatbelt Community Minister)
- Des Lawson (Maaman O'Mia to 28 Feb 2018)
- Dr Elaine Ledgerwood (CEDAL VET Placement)
- Reza Mendes (The Billabong Children and Young Families to 21 Nov 2017)
- Louise Pekan (Melville Community Engagement Pastor Appointment)
- Julie Ridden (Nedlands Children and Family Pastor Appointment)
- Randy Salmond (Mt Pleasant Young Adults Pastor Appointment to 28 Feb 2018)
- Edith Smirk (Bentley Hospital Chaplain)
- Helen Vasukicakau (Nedlands Youth and Young Adult Appointment to 31 August 2018)
- Gail Wynne (Prison Chaplaincy)

17. PRISON CHAPLAINS

- Gail Cresswell – Derby Prison (1 Day) - transferred oversight from WA to NT Uniting Church. Contract extended to 31st January 2019
- Ps Marilyn Price – Bandyup Women’s Prison (1.5 Day) – 1st August 2017 to 31st January 2019 and Boronia Womens’ Prison (0.5 days per week) from 1 July 2018 – 31 January 2019
- Gail Wynne – additional appointment to Boronia Prison (0.5 Days) along with Bandyup (1 Day), Banksia Hill (1 Day), Wooroloo (1 Day) all extended to 31st January 2019
- Rev Josefa Mar – Derby Prison (0.5 Day) – oversight by NT UCA. Extended to 31st January 2019
- Rev John Jones (Anglican) – Albany Regional Prison (1 Day) – oversight by Bunbury Diocese to 31 January 2019

18. CANDIDATES

- Sione Leaaetoa
- Mitchell Garlett

19. DEATHS

- Rev Les Brockway – died February 2018
- Rev Lindsay Cartwright – died 6 February 2018
- Rev Bill Pickering – died 3 April 2018
- Rev Cedric Jacobs – died 21 June 2018
- Rev Dr Alan Stubbs – died 5 August 2018

20. CONCLUSION

We endeavour to keep up the close relationships with the Pastoral Relations Committee and all the other Commissions, Boards and Committees.

We also urge ministers to regularly refer to the Ministry Handbook on our website. We are constantly updating the Handbooks so that information relevant to ministry remains current.

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