



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 (Transferred to NSW on 30 November 2019)
<i>Co-opted by Synod Standing Committee</i>	Rev Leslie de Grussa
<i>Member from Pastoral Relations Committee</i>	John Boon
<i>Member from Pastoral Relations Committee</i>	Rev Ivan Clark
<i>Co-opted by Synod</i>	Rev Andrew Broadbent
<i>Staff - Deputy General Secretary (non-voting)</i>	Rev Mark Illingworth
<i>Staff – Administration (non-voting)</i>	Maree Kemp

1. INTRODUCTION

The following report is based on the current movements and happenings in relation to the Placements Commission for the period 1 August 2018 – 31 July 2019.

2. STRUCTURE AND OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION

The 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 operates 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 with calling a minister;
- negotiate with other Synods regarding transfer of ministers and recommend names to Joint Nominating Committees for placement.

3. STAFF / MEMBERSHIP

Maree Kemp has been appointed to provide administrative assistance to the Placement Commission. The restructure of Synod and Presbytery staff responsibilities meant Amanda Badenhorst was no longer available.

4. REGIONAL PASTORS

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



5. VACANT APPROVED PLACEMENTS 2018/2019

- Kalgoorlie and Remote Area Ministry (1 FTE) – Approved vacant from 13 June 2017 – Bush Chaplain Goldfields Patrol PD and Funding approved May 2019 and currently advertising.
- Presbytery Minister Uniting Generations (1FTE) – Approved vacant from 4 November 2017 – PD advertised and then withdrawn – revised PD approved and currently awaiting funding confirmation
- Presbytery Officer (1FTE) - Approved vacant from 13 November 2018 – PD advertised but no applicants – revised PD approved and currently advertising
- Director of Education and Formation (1FTE) – approved vacant from 1 January 2019 and filled by Rev Anne Wright.
- St Peters Emmaus – approved vacant from 1 March 2019 – Letter of Call sent.
- Presbytery Minister (Pastoral) (1FTE) – Approved priority placement May 2019 and filled by Rev Alan Jeffery from 1 August 2019
- Tranby College Chaplain (0.6FTE) – Approved vacant from May 2019 – currently advertising
- Presbytery Minister (Formation and Discipleship) (1FTE) – Approved 6-month filled by Rev Narelle Collas from 1 August 2019

6. PLACEMENT CHANGES (date order)

- 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.
- Rev Elizabeth Raine resigned as PRC Coordinator from 31 October 2018
- Rev John Squires resigned as Director of Education and Formation from 31 December 2018
- Rev Anne Wright concluded as Presbytery Minister (Formation and Discipleship) 31 December 2019 and began as Director of Education and Formation 1 January 2019
- Rev Gary van Heerden concluded as PLC Chaplain and began as Scotch College Chaplain 1 January 2019
- Rev Manie Strydom began as PLC Chaplain 1 January 2019
- Rev Sonny Rajamoney concluded at St Peters Emmaus 28 February 2019
- Rev Craig Collas concluded at UCIC 11 July 2019
- Rev Sophie Lizares concluded her contract with UnitingCare West in July 2019
- Rev Alan Jeffrey concluded at South Perth Uniting 31 July 2019 and began as Presbytery Minister (Pastoral) from 1 August 2019.
- Rev Narelle Collas concluded at Carramar Uniting 31 July 2019 and is 1FTE Presbytery Minister (Formation and Discipleship) from 1 August 2019 to 31 January 2020.
- Rev Emma Matthews will conclude as 0.5FTE Presbytery Minister (Formation and Discipleship) 23 October 2019.

7. SPECIAL SERVICES

Name	Type	Date	Venue
Rev Robert Dummermuth	Conclusion of Placement	05.08.2018	Esperance UC
Ps Pamela Crass	Commissioning as Pastor	26.08.18	Busselton

Rev Elizabeth Raine	Conclusion of Placement @ Star Street	07.10.2018	Star Street
Rev Roy Alexander	Induction – GKI	14.10.2018	Mosman Park
Rev Alison Gilchrist	Induction – Presbytery Minister (Mission)	26.10.2018	Maylands/Mt Lawley
Rev Dr John Squires	Conclusion of Placement	13.11.2018	Floreat UC
Rev Janelle MacGregor	Service of Appointment – Rowethorpe	06.01.2019	Rowethorpe UC
Rev Dr Anne Wright	Induction – Director of Education and Formation	08.02.2019	Maylands Mt Lawley
Ps Julie Ridder	Commissioning as Pastor	10.02.2019	Nedlands
Rev Gary van Heerden	Induction – Scotch College	15.02.2019	Scotch College
Rev Justine Wall	Induction – Scotch College	15.02.2019	Scotch College
Rev Manie Strydom	Induction – PLC Chaplain	29.03.2019	PLC
Rev Stephen van Schalkwyk	Admission of Minister	25.08.2019	Wagin

8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

9. RETIREMENTS

- Rev Chas Lewis concluded 31 December 2018
- Rev Dr Emanuel Audisho concluded 31 March 2019
- Rev Ruth Vertigan concluded 30 June 2019
- Rev David Tressler will conclude 31 March 2020
- Rev Lesley de Grussa will conclude 29 February 2020
- Rev Lorraine Stokes will conclude 30 June 2020

10. INTER-SYNOD TRANSFERS

- Rev Elizabeth Raine to NSW/ACT Synod from 1 November 2018
- Rev Dr John Squires to NSW/ACT Synod from 1 January 2019
- Rev Rick Morrell from NSW/ACT Synod from 14 February 2019

11. SUPPLY MINISTERS

- Rev Janelle MacGregor – at Rowethorpe from 1 October 2018 – 31 December 2019
- Rev Brian Carey - at Fremantle for the period 1 September 2018 – 30 November 2019.
- Rev Roy Alexander Suryanegara –at GKI for 2 years from 1 September 2018
- Rev John Barendrecht – as PRC Coordinator from 1 December 2018 to 31 July 2019
- Rev Gordon Scantlebury – Long-term Supply for Rural Ministry from 1 December 2018 – 31 December 2019.
- Rev Frances Hadfield – at UCIC from 1 March 2019 – 31 August 2019
- Rev Sonny Rajamoney – at St Peters Emmaus from 1 March 2019
- Rev Peter Johnston – at South Perth from 15 September 2019

12. DESIGNATION OF MINISTERS (Regulation 2.6.1)

(A list is maintained for the use of the Placements Commission)

13. MINISTERS ELIGIBLE FOR CALL (Regulation 2.6.2)

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14. ADMISSION OF MINISTERS TO THE UNITING CHURCH WA

- Rev Stephen van Schalkwyk is to be admitted as a Minister of the Uniting Church on 25th August 2019.

15. MINISTRY OF PASTOR

- Ps Pamela Crass (Busselton Youth and Children's Ministry Appointment)
- Ps Kristin Grainger (Warren Blackwood Cluster Pastor Appointment)
- Ps Dr Elaine Ledgerwood (Presbytery Minister (VET))
- Ps Jon Paschke (Geraldton Placement)
- Ps Marilyn Price (Bandyup Women's Prison (1.5 Day) – 1st August 2017 to 31 July 2020 and Boronia Women's' Prison (0.5 days per week) from 1 July 2018 – 31 July 2020)
- Julie Ridden (Nedlands Children and Family Pastor Appointment)
- Ps Karen Sloan (Wembley Downs Appointment)
- Ps John Tomkins (Carnarvon Remote Area Ministry Placement)

16. LAY MINISTRY AGENTS

- Arnold Ardian (Mt Pleasant Children and Young Families Ministry Worker from 25 Feb 2019)
- Anna Bandiera (The Billabong Children and Young Families Appointment concluded 31 Mar 2019)
- Chelsea Bunter (Geraldton Youth Ministry Coordinator Appointment)
- Uto Fotu (Beth Shalom Community Minister)
- Valda Knott (Central Wheatbelt Community Minister)
- Louise Pekan (Melville Community Engagement Pastor Appointment – Leave of Absence from 1 Feb 2019)
- John Qui (Nedlands ESL Coordinator from 13 May 2019)
- Edith Smirk (Bentley Hospital Chaplain)
- Helen Vasukicakau (Nedlands Youth and Young Adult Appointment concluded 31 August 2018)
- Gail Wynne (Boronia Prison (0.5 Days) along with Bandyup (1 Day), Banksia Hill (1 Day), Wooroloo (1 Day) all extended to 31 July 2020)

17. PRISON CHAPLAINCY CONTRACTS

- Rev Josefa Mar – Derby Prison (0.5 Day) – oversight by NT UCA. Extended to 31 July 2020
- Rev John Jones (Anglican) – Albany Regional Prison (1 Day) – oversight by Bunbury Diocese. Extended to 31 July 2020

18. CANDIDATES

- Sione Leaaetoa
- Mitchell Garlett

19. DEATHS

- Rev Dr Alan Stubbs – died 5 August 2018
- Rev Dr Douglas MacAdam – died 24 October 2018

20. SUMMARY

1 August 2019 Summary of Ministry Agents UCAWA	MOW/ Deacon	Non or Commissioned Pastor / Community Minister
Congregation	27	9
Synod	3	0
Presbytery	3	1
Chaplain (Hospital)	2	1
Chaplain (Patrol)	2	1
Chaplain (Prison)	0	2
Chaplain (School)	6	0
Chaplain (Agency)	0	0
Active Service (not in placement)	4	-
Active Retired (Supply)	4	-
Awaiting Placement	5	-
On Leave of Absence + Not Available	3	-
Candidate for Ministry	-	2
Total	59	16

21. CONCLUSION

We endeavour to keep up the close relationships with the Presbytery of WA 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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