

NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO THE 16th ASSEMBLY 2021 FROM THE SYNOD WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MINISTERIAL

EX-OFFICIO

1. **Rev David de Kock** **NOT PART OF BALLOT**
Ex-Officio (General Secretary of WA Synod)



Profile

- General Secretary: WA Synod 2016 – current
- Minister of Word – Lighthouse Church Geraldton 2013 – 2016
- Minister of the Word – Eastern Wheatbelt 2009 -2013
- Senior Minister – Upper Umgeni Presbyterian South Africa 1995 – 2009
- Founder Minister – Crystal Park Presbyterian 1987 – 1995
- CEO Currency Risk Management 1983 – 1987
- International Economist – Standard Bank of South Africa
- Staff Assistant / Co Secretary – General Motors

2. **Rev David Jackson**
Chairperson – Disaster Relief and Community Recovery WA



Profile

- Ordained in 1978. Parish placements in Georgetown Tas,
- West Coast Patrol in Tas, Karratha WA,
- Maylands Mt Lawley, Army Chaplain (retired).
- Member of the Assembly National Disaster Fund,
- UCA Defence Force Chaplains Committee,
- Chair Synod of WA Disaster Relief and Community Recovery Working and Senior Chaplain Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network WA.
- Married to Diane. Three children and six grandchildren.
- Member Margaret River Uniting Church.

3. **Rev Dr Anne Wright**
Director - CEDAL



Profile

- Director of Education and Formation for CEDAL WA (3 yrs in CEDAL, 2 yrs CMC)
- Principal PTH
- Current Member of Standards for Ministry Commission (Assembly, previously MEC, 2 years)
- Member of Assembly Lay Leaders' Group (3 years)
- Reasonably good at negotiation, teamwork and achieving goals
- Doctorate in Chaplaincy, worship and practical theology.
- Lectured for 3 years in Introductory Theology at Murdoch (MDiv course)
- 25 years ministry experience in congregational (multicultural), UCA school chaplaincy and education.

4. **Rev Andrew Syme**
Executive Officer Schools & Colleges



Profile

- Ordained as a Minister of the Word in the Uniting church in 1990
- Served all ministry in Schools including:
- Chaplain – Newington College, NSW
- Deputy Headmaster – Wesley College, WA
- Headmaster – Scotch College WA
- Principal – Caulfield Grammar School VIC
- Interim Principal – Tranby College WA
- Serving on the UC currently as part-time Executive Officer for Schools and Residential college for the Synod of WA and a member of the WA Synod Standing Committee
- Have a large organization experience, organization design, budgeting, policy, HR and other chief executive experience

5. **Rev Hannes Halgryn**
In Placement @ Ross Memorial Uniting Church



Profile

Academic Studies

- Counselling
- B.Th
- B.A.Hons (Psych)
- B.A. (Theology)

Placements:

- Ordained 1995
- DRC South Africa 1996-2014
- UCIC Perth (Ross Memorial) 2014 – Current

UCA Involvement since 2014:

- Chair of Placements 2017-Current
- Secretary of Presbytery 2018-2019
- Membr of PR & PC 2015-2017

Affiliations and Accreditations

- Accredited Mediator (2020)
- Registered Counsellor (2020)
- MBTI and EQ-I Facilitator (2019)

6. Rev Dr Herman Nienaber
In Placement @ Trinity Perth



Profile

I have had experience as a minister in a range of fields.

- I have served in an academic capacity as a full time minister at the South African Council of Churches with wide ecumenical and multi-cultural exposure, a young adults minister and a leading minister in large congregations.
- I have been deeply involved with the Alpha course and related courses on marriage and parenting courses.
- I have a deep concern about the future of the UCA but see a lot of opportunities through Fresh Expression Movement.
- I have a lot to contribute in the wider church.

7. Rev Dr David Ferguson
WA Presbytery Officer



Profile

- Presbytery Officer 2020 - Current
- Presbytery Standing Committee
- Rural Ministry and Resources Committee
- Previous extensive Presbytery and Synod experience in Queensland, both in lay roles and ordained.
- Holds a D.Min. from the Adelaide College of Divinity, with an emphasis on Missional Leadership, touching on areas of discernment and the Eco theological and social aspects of mixed mining and agricultural communities.

8. Rev Steve Francis
Ex-Officio (Ex-Moderator)



Profile

- Wide experience of the church
- Moderator 2014-2020
- Minister at Nedlands 1991-2014
- Former Synod Youth Consultant
- Over the past 6 years I have travelled widely in rural WA, visited the Church in West Papua, West Timor, Fiji and New Zealand.
- Worked with UC Schools and Agencies.
- I am currently a member of the Assembly Standing Committee and a member of the World Methodist Council.

LAY MEMBERS

EX-OFFICIO

9. **Susy Thomas**
Ex-Officio (Moderator-Elect)

NOT PART OF BALLOT



Profile

- Current status – Moderator-Elect from September 2019
- Long standing Member at South Perth Uniting Church
- Degree in Economics
- Counsellor
- Past CEO of Drug Arm

10. **Robert (Bob) Hunt**
Chairperson of Presbytery



Profile

- Worked for Main Roads WA for 43 years as an engineer retiring in 2010 as a Project Director.
- Engineering Consultant between 2010 to 2016
- Financial Counsellor from 2014 to 2019
- Member at Trinity North Congregation
- Member of Trinity North’s Church Council 2014-2109 and Chairperson from 2015-2019
- Chairperson of Presbytery of WA 2019 – Current
- Synod Standing Committee Member 2019 – Current
- Property Trust Member 2019 – Current
- Synod Business Committee Member 2019 – Current

11. **Dr Elaine Ledgerwood**
Presbytery Minister (Formation & Discipleship)



Profile

- Current member of Assembly Standing Committee (2018-2021)
- Presbytery Minister (Education & Training)
- Current Deacon candidate
- Former member of Presbytery Standing Committee, General Council/Standing Committee
- Former Chair of Uniting World WA & member of national UW Committee

Education

- PhD (Theology), BTh(Hons)
- GradDip Language, Literacy & Numeracy Practice,
- Cert IV in Adult Education and Training

Other relevant experiences

- Led the development of risk management and strategy for Uniting World
- Providing education tailored for the needs of multicultural congregations
- Previously recognized as a congregational Pastor and an agency Chaplain.

ELECTED

12. Yuko Tonai-Moore

Lay Preacher Bridgetown



Profile

- A Current Assembly member serving also as an Assembly Standing Committee member.
- Member of Thrive and involved in delivery of MSM course.
- Previously served as Chair and member of Rural Ministry Committee
- Chairperson and Secretary and a member of worship leaders for Bridgetown UCA
- Treasurer for Warren-Blackwood Congregations
- Lived in Bridgetown for the past 26 years
- Primary teacher teaching Japanese to Pre-Primary to Year 6 students
- Chaplain at Bridgetown High School for 2 days per week
- Completed the certificate IV Christian Ministry Course
- Interested in how to be the church in different settings in this era
- Good at looking at the big picture, thinking outside the box and active listening
- Team player and leader.

13. David Preece

Nedlands Congregation



Profile

Uniting Church:

- Elder and Church Council member at Nedlands UC.-Involved in youth, young adults, and inter-generational ministry at Nedlands UC (e.g. Youth Group leader).
- Member of UCWA Presbytery and Synod.

Other:

- Registered psychologist, 2014-present.
- Expertise in psychological assessment and the understanding/treatment of mental health issues. Experience interpreting/applying ethical, organizational and legal codes for decision making within a psychology context.
- Research Fellow (clinical psychology) at Curtin University, 2019-present.
- Sessional academic/lecturer at Edith Cowan University, 2012-2018.
- WA committee member for Australian Rotary Health, 2020-present
- WA Committee member for the Australian Psychological Society College of Clinical Psychologists, 2018-present.

14. Steve Higgins

Eastern Wheatbelt Congregation



Profile

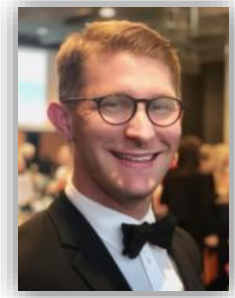
Having served in various formal roles over many years:

- Church Council Chair for 15 years ongoing
- PR&PC
- Moderatorial Nominating committee
- Synod Standing Committee

As well as many roles outside the UCA, it has been a blessing in many ways to be part of God's team working across the state in rural and urban communities.

Attending the Assembly will be a time of learning and giving at a National level and a chance to bring home a wider and deeper perspective into the various roles and communities I am active in.

15. Nathaniel Taylor
Candidate Minister of the Word



Profile

- English is not my first language.
- I have an ongoing and lived experience of disability
- I am a candidate for ordination
- I have never been to an Assembly before and am relatively new to the Uniting Church
- I wrote my Masters capstone thesis on the place of the church in modern Australia. I see Assembly as a perfect synergy between my interests and my calling.

16. Erin Lloyd
Youth & Young Adult Ministry @ Nedlands UC



Profile

Uniting Church

- Involved, in a leadership capacity, in Youth and Young Adults ministry at Nedlands UC and the wider UC for 8 years:
- Youth Group leader.
- Coordinator of the UC sports teams for Emerging and State Youth Games.
- Employed as Youth and Young Adults worker at Nedlands UC from 2013-2016.
- Served on the Uniting Generations committee (UCWA) and First Third review committee.
- Member of UCWA Presbytery and Synod.

Other

- PhD candidate (medical research) and sessional academic at University of Western Australia
- Experience applying ethical codes within a research framework.
- Treasurer for Australian Society for Medical Research State (WA) committee

17. Clare Ligtermoet
Star Street Congregation



Profile

- Current member of Assembly Standing Committee
- Member of Last Assembly
- Current member of Star Street Uniting Church
- Current Church Council member with the portfolio of Property 2018-2020
- KCO Organising Team 2013-Current
- I have worked for two different Synods and am aware of how the wider church operates.
- An ongoing interest in the wider works of the church and the impact we have on society.

18. Maggie Johns
UCAWA Media & Communications Manager



Profile

- I appreciate the opportunity to fully participate and contribute to the Uniting Church in Australia nationally during the 16th Assembly, and to bring and share that experience back to Western Australia within the Synod, Presbytery and Trinity North uniting Church where I'm a member, as well as my employment as Media and Communications Manager WA.
- An active member of Trinity North Uniting Church since 1999, Presbytery of WA member since 2011, Synod WA member since 2011 and member of the 15th Assembly.
- Member of the Trinity North Uniting Church Council from August 2016 to August 2019.
- A member of the leadership team of "Let's Jump & Jive" movement to music for under fives' program from July 2009 to December 2013
- I served on the St Stephen's School Council from June 2005 to February 2013

YOUTHFUL MEMBERS

19. Mark Brisbane
Chairperson – WA Synod Social Justice Commission



Profile

- Born on 9 February 1997
- Chair of the WA Synod Social Justice Commission
- Founding member of Social Justice Church in Perth City – a lay-lead service for people disenfranchised by Church, but still looking for a Christian Theology and activist community
- Day job at Amnesty International, facilitating data science projects to help organisers better understand and mobilize social movements for change
- Co-founded "co_nspire", a nonprofit working on open-source social resilience projects for what lies ahead.
- Perth City young person of the year – 2019
