

Nominations Committee

Report to General Assembly 2020

Basic Information

Contact name and email address	The Revd Ray Adams: ray.adams12@btinternet.com Mr George Faris: nominations.secretary@urc.org.uk
Action required	Decision
Draft resolution(s)	Resolution 28 General Assembly appoints committees and representatives of the Church as set out on pages 204 to 223 of the <i>Book of Reports</i>, subject to the additions and corrections contained in the supplementary report to Assembly.

Summary of Content

Subject and aim(s)	To appoint members of various committees
Main points	As above
Previous relevant documents	N/a
Consultation has taken place with...	Wide consultation with synods, local churches and the committees and groups where appointments are needed.

Summary of Impact

Financial	None
External (e.g. ecumenical)	None

Introduction

This committee nominates to Assembly people to serve as convenors, secretaries and members of all Assembly Committees. It also suggests names of United Reformed Church representatives on other bodies. It recommends the people to make up appointment and review groups for moderators of synods and Assembly appointed staff.

Each synod is represented on the Nominations Committee: some by their clerk or moderator; others by individuals with a good knowledge of their own people. One of the former moderators of Assembly and the General Secretary are also committee members.

Convenor: The Revd Ray Adams

Secretary: Mr George Faris

Synod representatives:

1. Mrs Melanie Campbell
2. The Revd Brian Jolly
3. Mrs Rita Griffiths
4. Mr Tim Crossley
5. Mrs Helen Lidgett
6. Mr Richard Lockley
7. The Revd Paul Whittle
8. The Revd Douglas Burnett
9. Mrs Sue Brown
10. Mr Simon Fairnington
11. The Revd Derrick Dzandu-Hedidor
12. The Revd Adrian Bulley
13. Miss Morag Donaldson

In attendance:

The Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries

A representative of the Equalities Committee

Current Work

- 1.1 The main task of this committee is to maintain the work of all Assembly committees and working groups by bringing names for General Assembly (or Mission Council/Assembly Executive acting in its name) to appoint to serve on them. To achieve this, we depend on the gifts and the goodwill of members of the Church. Nominations Committee seeks to ensure that invitations are issued which result in committees being appointed where every member contributes to the work of the whole.
- 1.2 Synod representative members, through consulting their own synod networks, bring names which are then discussed as vacancies occur in Assembly committees and groups. A list of forthcoming vacancies is sent annually to synods, so that they can respond with suggested nominees. Other committees are welcome to make suggestions, where appropriate, recognising that often they have the clearest knowledge of their own needs. To maintain a healthy balance that reflects the diversity of the Church can be challenging, not least when people – for a variety of reasons – are unable to complete their term of appointment. However, the committee remains deeply grateful to members of local churches who willingly accept invitations to participate in the life of the Church in this way.

- 1.3 The committee is also responsible for appointing members of General Assembly panels and for ensuring that the URC is represented on outside bodies. The last section of this report indicates the scope of this task. Even where the responsibility for appointing some of these representatives lies in other parts of the United Reformed Church, they are included below to provide as complete a picture as possible.

Monitoring

- 2.1 Those invited to serve on the Church's committees and working groups are asked to complete a monitoring form. The results are shared with the Equalities Committee.
- 2.2 61 acceptances were received between August 2019 and April 2020. The ordained/lay and male/female figures are:

Ordained	33	54%
Lay	28	46%

Male	25	41%
Female	36	59%

- 2.3 An analysis of 29 responses providing monitoring data shows this age spread:

Under 26	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65
1	1	4	4	16	3
3%	3%	14%	14%	55%	10%

- 2.4 28 responses gave ethnic origin:

BAME	Non-BAME
3	25
11%	89%

Thanks to all who serve

- 3.1 The Church continues to be blessed by many willing members who give their time and gifts to serve on its committees, panels and working groups, or who represent it on outside bodies. The formal acceptance of this report, and the long list of names that follows, is offered with a real sense of gratitude for all who serve in this way.
- 3.2 The past two years have seen an exceptionally high number of appointment and review groups for General Assembly posts. The committee thanks the members of the Panel for General Assembly Appointments for their work on these groups.
- 3.3 Special thanks are due to the Revd John Proctor on his retirement as General Secretary. John's wide knowledge of, and care for, the United Reformed Church has been exemplified by his unfailing support and wise advice, which has greatly enabled this committee to do its work. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Those to be appointed or re-appointed

4.1 General Assembly is invited to appoint or re-appoint those listed below.

Key: † = extension of term of service, the default is a new appointment.

GA20 = from the end of General Assembly 2020

GA21 = from the end of General Assembly 2021

Years = term of service

Ref	Committee/Group	Name	Role	From	Years
1.2	Human Resources Advisory Group	Mrs Barbara Ellis	Member	GA20	4
1.3	Law & Polity Advisory Group	Mr Neil Mackenzie	Secretary	GA20	2†
2.1	Faith and Order Committee	The Revd Sue McCoan	Member	GA20	6
2.1	Faith and Order Committee	Ms Diana Paulding	Member	GA20	6
2.1	Faith and Order Committee	The Revd Kristin Ofstad	Member	GA20	6
2.2	Nominations Committee	Mrs Helen Lidgett	Convenor-Elect	GA20	1
2.2	Nominations Committee	Mrs Helen Lidgett	Convenor	GA21	4
2.3	MIND (Ministerial Incapacity and Discipline) Advisory Group	The Revd Andy Braunston	Training Coordinator	GA20	4
2.4	Disciplinary Process Commission Panel	The Revd Martha McInnes (12)	Member	GA20	5†
2.4	Disciplinary Process Commission Panel	The Revd Rachel Poolman (1)	Member	GA20	5†
2.4	Disciplinary Process Commission Panel	The Revd Dr Peter Stevenson (5)	Member	GA20	5†
2.4	Disciplinary Process Commission Panel	The Revd Wilbert Sayimani (9)	Member	GA20	5
2.6	Pastoral Reference and Welfare Committee	The Revd Dr Irene John	Member	GA20	4
3.1.3	Interfaith Enabling Group	The Revd Dr Mark Godin	Member	GA20	4
3.1.3	Interfaith Enabling Group	The Revd Dr Graham Adams	Member	GA20	4
4.1	Ministries Committee	Mrs Gill Bates	Member	GA20	4
4.1.1	Accreditations (CRCW and SCM) Subcommittee	Mr Simon Loveitt	Co-Convenor	GA20	1†
4.1.1	Accreditations (CRCW and SCM) Subcommittee	The Revd Dr Paul Dean	Convenor-Elect	GA20	1
4.1.1	Accreditations (CRCW and SCM) Subcommittee	The Revd Dr Paul Dean	Convenor	GA21	4
4.1.1	Accreditations (CRCW and SCM) Subcommittee	The Revd Tim Clarke	SCM Postholder	GA20	4

Ref	Committee/Group	Name	Role	From	Years
4.1.1	Accreditations (CRCW and SCM) Subcommittee	The Revd David Herbert	Synod Moderator	GA20	4
4.2	Education and Learning Committee	Mrs Margaret Marshall	Member	GA20	4
4.2	Education and Learning Committee	The Revd Tim Meachin	Member	GA20	4
4.3	Children's and Youth Work Committee	The Revd Paul Robinson	Convenor	GA20	4
4.3	Children's and Youth Work Committee	The Revd Janine Atkinson	Member	GA20	4
4.3	Children's and Youth Work Committee	The Revd Samantha Sheehan	Member	GA20	4
4.4	Walking the Way Steering Group	The Revd Caroline Andrews	General Member	GA20	4
4.5	Worship Reference Group	The Revd Samuel Silungwe	Convenor	GA20	4
5.1	Business Committee	Ms Ella Lemon	Member	GA20	2
5.2	Communications Committee	Ms Joy Aldred	Member	GA20	4
5.3	Equalities Committee	The Revd Jo Clare-Young	Member	GA20	4
5.3	Equalities Committee	Mrs Rosie Martin	Member	GA20	4 [†]
5.3	Equalities Committee	The Revd Mhari McLintock	Member	GA20	4
5.3	Equalities Committee	Ms Judy Rogers	Member	GA20	4
5.3	Equalities Committee	Dr Ruth Shepherd	Member	GA20	4
5.4	Finance Committee	Ms Denise Harman	Member	GA20	4
5.5	URC Trust	Dr Ian Harrison	Member	GA20	1 [†]
5.5	URC Trust	Mrs Val Morrison	Member	GA20	2 [†]
5.5	URC Trust	Mrs Margaret Thompson	Member	GA20	2 [†]
5.5	URC Trust	Mr Clifford Patten	Member	GA20	4
5.5.1	Church House Management Group	Mr Adam Lester	Member	GA20	4
5.6	URC Ministers Pensions Trust	Mr Colin MacBean	Member	GA20	4
11.3	Congregational Fund Board	Mr Mike Hart	Representative	GA20	4
11.8	Roots for Churches Ltd	The Revd Nicola Furley-Smith	Trustee	GA20	4

Assembly committees and other appointments

Notes:

1. General Assembly Moderators, Assembly Moderators-elect, the Immediate-past Assembly Moderators and the General Secretary are members *ex officio* of every standing committee. Deputy General Secretaries are members *ex officio* of every standing committee within their department. Any *ex officio* member may arrange for an appropriate deputy, such as any Deputy General Secretary or an officer of Assembly, to attend on their behalf. Any committee may invite other Assembly officers (or their deputies) or staff members to attend in a non-voting capacity where the business so requires.
2. Symbols have been used as follows: ** denotes those whom General Assembly is invited to appoint for the first time; † denotes those who have been invited to extend their periods of service;
3. Numbers in round brackets following names indicate the member's synod: (1) Northern, (2) North Western, (3) Mersey, (4) Yorkshire, (5) East Midlands, (6) West Midlands, (7) Eastern, (8) South Western, (9) Wessex, (10) Thames North, (11) Southern, (12) Wales, (13) Scotland. This numbering is not shown where it is not relevant.
4. When a member of a committee is there as a representative of another body or a particular category, this is indicated in round brackets following the name.
5. Committee membership is normally for a period of four years, though this may sometimes exceptionally be renewable. Committee convenors serve an additional preliminary year as convenor-elect. In sections one to four of the report, appointments with a different term are noted.
6. Dates in square brackets following names indicate the date of retirement, assuming a full term.
7. In accordance with the decision of General Assembly 2000, some nominations are made directly by the National Synods of Wales and Scotland.
8. In years when General Assembly meets, new committee members normally take up their roles at the conclusion of Assembly.
9. Nominations to Assembly committees and their subcommittees, and to advisory and task groups serving Assembly and Mission Council, should be of members of the United Reformed Church, or youth representatives who meet the criteria for membership of Assembly. A term of service may normally be completed if someone ceases to be a member of the URC during their term.
10. Nominations of URC representatives to external bodies should either be URC members, or youth representatives who meet the criteria for membership of Assembly, or URC staff who have relevant expertise. The nomination of a staff member would automatically lapse if the person concerned ceased to hold a URC post.

1. Assembly Executive

Assembly Executive is the new name for Mission Council, if Assembly so agrees. Its membership is listed in the report of Mission Council to Assembly, para 9.

1.1 Human resources advisory group

Convenor: Mr Geoff Shaw [2023]

General Secretary

Deputy General Secretary (Administration and Resources)

Nominated members:

Mr Alastair Forsyth [2021]

Mrs Bridget Fosten [2022]

Mrs Barbara Ellis [2024]**

1.2 Law and polity advisory group

Convenor: Ms Morag McLintock [2024]

Secretary: Mr Neil Mackenzie [2022][†]

General Secretary

Clerk of General Assembly

Synod Clerk representative:

Mr Keir Hounsome [2022]

Property, legal and trust officers' representative: Mr Raoul Hewitt

Nominated members:

Ms Denise FitzPatrick [2022]

Vacancy

In attendance: Legal Adviser

1.3 Listed buildings advisory group

Convenor: The Revd Dr James Mather [2022] (nominated by the group)

Secretary: Mr Geoff Milnes [2022] (nominated by the group)

General Secretary

The Revd Ray Anglesea (1)

Mr Michael Williams (2)

Ms Alison Lee (3)

Mr David Figures (4)

Mrs Judith Booth (5)

Mrs Rachel Wakeman (6)

Mr Peter West (7)

Mr Roger James (8)

Mr Gerry Prosser (9)

Mr Christopher Buckwell (10)

Mr Guy Morfett (11)

1.4 Resource sharing task group

Convenor: The Revd Jacky Embrey [2022] (Synod Moderator)

Secretary: Mr Chris Atherton

Treasurer: The Revd Dick Gray

Miss Margaret Atkinson

Mr Mike Gould

URC Treasurer

1.5 Environmental task group

Convenor: The Revd Rob Weston

The Revd David Coleman

Ms Alison Greaves

The Revd Trevor Jamison

Ms Charis Ollerenshaw

Mr Tom Veitch

2. General Secretariat

2.1 Faith and order committee

The convenor and nominated members normally serve for six years.

Convenor: The Revd Dr Alan Spence [2023]

Secretary: Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

General Secretary

Nominated members:

The Revd Samuel Silungwe [2023]
The Revd Sue McCoan [2026]**
The Revd Kristin Ofstad [2026]**

The Revd Dr Robert Pope [2024]
Ms Diana Paulding [2026]**

2.2 Nominations committee

Synods appoint and decide terms for their representation.

Convenor: The Revd Ray Adams [2021]

Convenor-Elect: Mrs Helen Lidgett [2021] [to serve as convenor 2021-25]**

Secretary: Mr George Faris [2022]

Mrs Melanie Campbell (1)

Mrs Rita Griffiths (3)

Mrs Helen Lidgett (5)

The Revd Paul Whittle (7)

Mrs Sue Brown (9)

The Revd Derrick Dzandu-Hedidor (11)

Miss Morag Donaldson (13)

A past Moderator of General Assembly

General Secretary

In attendance:

Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries
Equalities Committee representative

The Revd Brian Jolly (2)

Mr Tim Crossley (4)

Mr Richard Lockley (6)

The Revd Dougie Burnett (8)

Mr Simon Fairington (10)

The Revd Adrian Bulley (12)

2.2.1 Panel for General Assembly appointments

Members usually serve for five years, as training is required.

Retiring 2021

The Revd David Sebley (7)

Mrs Kate Yates (10)

The Revd Raymond Singh (11)

Mrs Val Morrison (4)

The Revd Sohail Ejaz (7)

Retiring 2022

Mr John Ellis (11)

The Revd Mary Irish (7)

Retiring 2023

Mrs Barbara Ellis (3)

The Revd Alison Hall (3)

Dr Jim Merrilees (13)

The Revd Ruth Whitehead (8)

The Revd Hugh Graham (10)

Mrs Helen Lidgett (5)

Ms Helen Stenson (12)

Mrs Sheila Davies (3)

Retiring 2024

The Revd Jan Adamson (13)

Dr Paul Ashitey (10)

Mr Matthew Barkley (9)

The Revd Lucy Brierley (9)

Mr David Gartside (3)

Ms Pippa Hodgson (5)

The Revd Paul Robinson (12)

Mr Alex Walker (4)

The Revd Tessa Henry-Robinson (9)

Ms Victoria Paulding (5)

Mr Reuben Watt (11)

Ms Sandra Bailey (10)

The Revd Peter Henderson (8)

The Revd George Mwaura (5)

Mr Patrick Sheard (1)

The Revd Sal Bateman (10)

2.3 Ministerial incapacity and discipline (Mind) advisory group

Convenor: Ms Michelle Howard [2024]

Secretary: The Revd Chris Copley [2022]

Synod Moderator: The Revd Clare Downing [2021]

Convenor of the Assembly commission

Secretary of the Assembly commission

Convenor of the review commission of the incapacity procedure

Secretary of the review commission of the incapacity procedure

Consultant for ministers and CRCWs: The Revd Ken Chippindale

Consultant for mandated groups: The Revd Ian Kirby [2023]

Training coordinator: The Revd Andy Braunston [2024]**

General Secretary; Clerk of General Assembly; Secretary for Ministries; legal adviser

2.4 Disciplinary process – commission panel

Members serve for five years as regular training is required. They may be invited to continue serving beyond this as experience is especially valuable on this panel.

Convenor: The Revd Dr Janet Tollington (7) [2025]

Deputy convenor: Vacancy

Secretary: Mr Philip Laws [2022]

Members:

Retiring 2021

The Revd Dr Kirsty Thorpe (2)

Mrs Diane Moverley (12)

Dr David Jones (5)

The Revd Nigel Adkinson (2)

The Revd David M Miller (6)

Mrs Janet Virr (4)

Mr Ian Corless (9)

Retiring 2022

Mr Alan Kirby (11)

Mrs Cathy Glazier (11)

The Revd Craig Muir (6)

Mr Alastair Forsyth (4)

The Revd Ian Kirby (12)

Mrs Mary Kelly (1)

The Revd Jane Campbell (13)

Retiring 2023

Mrs Wendy Dunnett (9)

The Revd Alan McGougan (13)

Ms Mary Slater (11)

The Revd Bill Bowman (11)

Retiring 2024

The Revd Debbie Brown (3)

Mrs Barbara Goom (8)

The Revd Sue McCoan (6)

The Revd Sarah Moore (2)

The Revd Wendy Swan (11)

The Revd Peter Flint (11)

The Revd Naison Hove (11)

The Revd Deborah McVey (7)

Mrs Pat Poinen (1)

Retiring 2025

The Revd Martha McInnes (12)[†]

The Revd Wilbert Sayimani (9)**

The Revd Rachel Poolman (1)[†]

The Revd Dr Peter Stevenson (5)[†]

2.5 Standing panel for the incapacity procedure

This panel is normally convened by the member with legal experience.

Members serve one or two five-year terms.

Secretary: Dr Augur Pearce [2022]

Synod Moderator: The Revd Simon Walkling [2023]
Past Moderator of General Assembly: The Revd Dr Kirsty Thorpe [2022]
Commission officer for the incapacity procedure: The Revd Roy Lowes [2023]
Mr David Nash (legal experience) [2023] Dr Ewen Harley (GP) [2023]

2.6 Pastoral reference and welfare committee

Convenor: The Revd David Grosch-Miller [2023]
Secretary: Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)
Synod Moderator: The Revd Dr David Pickering [2022]
The Revd Dr Irene John [2024]** Professor Malcolm Johnson [2022]
The Revd Bridget Powell [2023]
URC Deputy Treasurer General Secretary

2.7 Safeguarding advisory group

Convenor: Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)
Secretary: URC Safeguarding Adviser
Head of Children's and Youth Work Secretary for Ministries

Nominated Members – maximum of three, serving one or two three-year terms:
The Revd Zaidie Orr [2021] Mr Paul Smillie [2022]
Co-opted members – maximum of 2, co-opted for appropriate terms of service:
Education & Learning Programme Officer

3. Mission department

3.1 Mission committee

Convenor: Sarah Lane Cawte [2024]
Secretary: Deputy General Secretary (Mission)
The Revd Sue Fender [2023] (1) Mrs Angela Bogg (2) [2022]
Vacancy (3) Vacancy (4)
The Revd Robert Bushby (5) [2023] Mr John Davey (6) [2022]
Ms Lindsey Brown (7) [2022] The Revd Robert Jordan (8) [2022]
The Revd Ray Stanyon (9) [2021] Mr Simon Fairington (10) [2023]
The Revd Alex Mabbs (11) [2023] The Revd Branwen Rees (12) [2022]
Mr John Collings (13) [2021]

3.1.1 International exchange reference group

Convenor: The Revd Dr Ana Gobledale [2024]
Synod Moderator: The Revd Paul Whittle [2022]
Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries
Nominated member:
The Revd Ros Lyle [2023]

3.1.2 Commitment for Life (CfL) reference group

Convenor: Mr Richard Lewney [2024]
At least two CfL advocates Representative of mission team
Representative of mission committee Representative from Christian Aid
Representative of Global Justice Now
Programme Officer for Global Justice and Partnerships

3.1.3 Interfaith enabling group

Convenor: The Revd Tracey Lewis [2023]

Secretary: The Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

Nominated members:

The Revd Ann Jack [2021]

Mr Andy Lie [2023]

Co-opted member:

The Revd Dr Graham Adams [2024]**

The Revd Dr Mark Godin [2024]**

The Revd Dr John Parry

3.1.4 Joint Public Issues Team strategy and policy group

Deputy General Secretary (Mission)

The Revd Steve Faber

3.1.5 Rural strategy group (United Reformed Church/Methodist)

Co-chair: The Revd Steve Faber (Synod Moderator) [2022]

Mr Charles Jolly [2021]

The Revd Elizabeth Kemp [2021]

4. Discipleship department**4.1 Ministries committee**

Convenor: The Revd Paul Whittle [2021]

Convenor-Elect: The Revd Dr Marion Tugwood [2021] [to serve as convenor 2021-2025]

Secretary: Secretary for Ministries

Leadership in worship advocate: Mrs Jenny Sheehan [2021]

Synod Moderator: The Revd Jacky Embrey [2023]

Convenor of the Assessment Board

Nominated members:

Mrs Gill Bates [2024]**

The Revd Dr Martin Camroux [2021]

Mr Sam Elliot [2021]

The Revd Stuart Scott [2023]

The Revd Sally Willett [2023]

4.1.1 Accreditations (CRCW and SCM) Subcommittee

Co-Convenor: The Revd Russell Furley-Smith [2021]

Co-Convenor: Mr Simon Loveitt [2021][†]

Convenor-Elect: The Revd Dr Paul Dean [2021] [to serve as convenor 2021-2025]**

Secretary: Secretary for Ministries

Synod moderator: The Revd David Herbert [2024]**

Convenor of the Assessment Board

SCM postholder: The Revd Tim Clarke [2024]**

CRCW postholder: Ms Ann Honey [2022]

Nominated Members:

The Revd Dr Susan Durber [2021]

Mr Rob Moverley [2022]

The Revd Leonora Jagessar Visser t'Hooft [2021]

Co-opted CRCW: Ms Marie Trubic [2022] (not to be replaced)

4.1.2 Ministries – maintenance of ministry subcommittee

Convenor: The Revd David Coote [2022]

Mr David Black [2021]

Mrs Margaret Brock [2021]

Mr David Gartside [2022]

Mrs Jean Wyber [2022]

Pensions committee convenor

4.1.3 Ministries – retired ministers’ housing subcommittee – under review

Members normally serve four years, but appointments may be extended for two more years.

Convenor: The Revd Anne Bedford

Secretary: Secretary of Retired Ministers’ Housing Society Ltd

Mr Peter West

Mr Malcolm Lindo

The Revd Ken Summers

The Revd Simon Walkling (Synod Moderator)

ex-officio: URC Treasurer

Properties are managed by a company, Retired Ministers’ Housing Society Ltd.

Details of the members of its board etc may be obtained from the Company Secretary at Church House.

4.1.4 Assessment board

Members usually serve for five years as training is required.

Convenor: Professor Bill Gould [2024]

Retiring 2021

Ms Karen Campbell (10)

The Revd Sue McCoan (10)

Retiring 2022

Mrs Bridget Akinyombo (10)

The Revd Jamie Kissack (4)

Mrs Faith Paulding (7)

The Revd Lis Mullen (2)

Mr Keith Reading (3)

Retiring 2023

The Revd John Danso (10)

Mr Dan Morrell (4)

Retiring 2024

The Revd Jan Adamson (13)

The Revd Gerald England (8)

Mr Mark Tubby (7)

4.2 Education and learning committee

Convenor:

Mr Alan Yates [2023]

Secretary:

Secretary for Education and Learning

Resource centre representative:

The Revd Dr Rosalind Selby [2022]

Synod development officer:

The Revd Mary Thomas

Nominated Members:

Mr Rudolph Wontumi [2021]

Ms Adella Pritchard [2022]

The Revd Martin Truscott [2022]

Mrs Margaret Marshall [2024]**

The Revd Tim Meachin [2024]**

Vacancy

4.2.1 Education and learning finance subcommittee

Chair: Mr Alan Yates

Minutes Secretary: Secretary for Education and Learning

Member: The Revd Edward Sanniez

Ex-officio: URC Treasurer, Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship),

Convenor of the education and learning committee

Staff in attendance: Chief Finance Officer

Members of the subcommittee are appointed by the education and learning committee.

4.2.2 Stepwise task and finish group

Convenor: Professor Graham Handscomb

Administrator: Ms Philippa Linton

Members:

Mr Pete Atkins (Fresh Expressions)

Mr Iain Johnston (Faith in Community Scotland)

Mr Leo Roberts (Children's and youth work committee)

The Revd Stuart Nixon (Mission committee)

The Revd Zaidie Orr (Global and intercultural ministries nominee)

The Revd Anne Sardeson (training and development officers' nominee)

Vacancy (resource centres for learning)

Secretary for Education and Learning, Project Manager for *Walking the Way*

Members of the group are appointed by the education and learning committee.

4.3 Children's and youth work committee

Convenor: The Revd Paul Robinson [2024]**

Secretary: Head of Children's and Youth Work

URC Youth Moderator

URC Youth Moderator-elect

Convenor of the pilots subcommittee

Pilots representative

Nominated members:

Ms Camilla Quartey [2021]

Ms Charmaine Mutare [2022]

Mr Matthew Barkley [2023]

Mr Reuben Watt [2023]

The Revd Janine Atkinson [2024]**

The Revd Samantha Sheehan [2024]**

4.3.1 Pilots subcommittee

Convenor: Mrs Margaret Smith [2022]

Members:

Resources: Vacancy

Mr Derek Goodyear [2021] (Pilots rep on Children's and youth work committee)

Regional Pilot officers:

two vacancies

Representatives:

Children & Youth Development Officer and team: Vacancy

URC Youth Pilots: Vacancy

Pilots company/Friends On Faith Adventures group: two to four vacancies

Members are nominated by the children's and youth work committee and serve one or two two-year terms.

4.4 *Walking the Way* steering group

Co-Chairs: Deputy General Secretary (Mission) & Deputy General Secretary (Disc)

Secretary: Project Manager for *Walking the Way*

Stepwise Programme Manager

Communications Officer

Representatives:

Children's and Youth Work:

Ms Ruth White

Global and Intercultural Ministries:

Revd Bachelard Kaze Yemtsa [2023]

Education and Learning Committee:

Mr Alan Yates

Resource Centres for Learning:

The Revd Peter Ball

Training and Development Officers:

The Revd Dr Jim Coleman

Mission Committee:

Mr John Collings

Mission Enablers:

Mr Martin Hayward

General Members:

The Revd Colin Bones [2023]

The Revd Caroline Andrews [2024]**

4.5 Worship Reference Group

Convenor: The Revd Sam Silungwe [2024]**

Secretary: The Revd Elizabeth Gray-King [2024]

Members:

The Revd Dr Anna Gobledale [2024] The Revd Dr Matthew Prevett [2024]

5. Administration and resources department

5.1 Business Committee

Convenor: The Revd Adrian Bulley [2024]

General Secretary

Clerk of General Assembly

Moderators of General Assembly

URC Treasurer

Moderator-elect and Immediate-past Moderators of General Assembly

Nominated members:

Ms Sandra Bailey [2023]

Ms Ella Lemon [2022]**

5.2 Communications

Convenor: The Revd Dr Peter Stevenson [2023]

Secretary: Head of Communications

Mr Stan Hazell [2022]

The Revd Ian Fosten [2022]

The Revd Tim Lowe [2023]

Mr Dan Morell [2023]

The Revd Heather Whyte [2023]

Ms Jo Aldred [2024]**

5.3 Equalities committee

Convenor: The Revd Anne Lewitt [2022]

Secretary: The Revd David Salsbury [2021]

URC Youth representative: URC Youth Equalities and Diversity Representative

Nominated members:

The Revd Naison Hove [2023]

The Revd Jayne Taylor [2023]

The Revd Jo Clare-Young [2024]**

Mrs Rosie Martin [2024]†

The Revd Mhari McLintock [2024]**

Ms Judy Rogers [2024]**

Dr Ruth Shepherd [2024]**

5.4 Finance committee

Convenor: URC Treasurer

Chief Finance Officer

Deputy treasurer

Chair of the URC Trust

Nominated members:

Mr William Potter [2021]

Mr Bob Christie [2021]

Mr David Greatorex [2021]

Mr Frank Liddell [2022]

Mrs Jane Humphreys [2023]

Ms Joana Marfoh [2023]

The Revd Wilbert Sayimani [2023]

Ms Denise Harman [2024]**

5.4.1 Pensions committee

Convenor: Vacancy

Secretary: Pensions Manager

Nominated Members: two vacancies

Co-opted members, maximum of three:

Mr David Martin

Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Convenor of the Investment Committee

Convenor of the Maintenance of Ministry Subcommittee

Deputy General Secretary (Administration and Resources)

In attendance:

Chief Finance Officer

Secretary for Ministries (for Ministers' Pension Fund matters)

5.5 United Reformed Church Trust

Members normally serve for four years and may only serve a maximum of two terms (eight years). The directors of the Trust appoint new directors from those appointed as members. The members of the Trust elect the chair from among their own number and appoint a secretary and deputy secretary.

Chair: Mrs Val Morrison

Secretary: Ms Sandi Hallam-Jones

Deputy Secretary: Mr John Samson

Members:

Group one (synods 1, 2, 3,13):

No members

Group two (synods 6, 8, 9, 12):

Dr Ian Harrison (8) [2021][†]

Mr David Lathbury (6) [2022]

Group three (synods 4, 5, 7, 10, 11):

Mrs Margaret Thompson (7) [2022][†]

Ms Catriona Wheeler (5) [2022]

Mrs Val Morrison (4) [2022][†]

Mr Clifford Patten (7) [2024]**

URC Youth appointee: Mr Andrew Weston [2021]

Moderators of General Assembly, Clerk of General Assembly, URC Treasurer

General Secretary

In attendance:

Convenor of the investment committee minute secretary

Chief Finance Officer

5.5.1 Church House management group

Convenor: Deputy General Secretary (Administration and Resources)

Mr Derek Jones [2021]

Mr Robert Buss [2022]

Mr Adam Lester [2024]**

Vacancy

General Secretary

Chief Finance Officer

5.5.2 Remuneration committee

Convenor: Mr William McVey

Secretary: Deputy General Secretary (Administration and Resources)

Ms Sushila Jetha (Methodist HR)

URC Treasurer

In attendance: Chief Finance Officer

5.6 The United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Trust Ltd

Terms run until the AGM in September. The directors of the Trust appoint new directors from those appointed as members. The board members elect the chair from among their own number and appoint the company secretary.

Chair: Mrs Bridget Micklem [2023]

Deputy chair: Mr Richard Nunn [2022]

Secretary: Ms Sandi Hallam-Jones

URC Deputy Treasurer

Convenor of the maintenance of ministry subcommittee

Convenor of the investment committee

Members of the URC:

Mr Lyndon Thomas [2022]

Mr Colin MacBean [2024]**

Members of fund appointed by members of fund:

The Revd Dr Janet Tollington [2023] The Revd Paul Bedford [2022]
The Revd Caroline Vodden [2022] The Revd Daniel Cheyne [2022]

5.7 Investment committee

Convenor: The Revd Dick Gray [2022]

Secretary: Ms Sandi Hallam-Jones

Members:

Mrs Jean Hudson [2023]

Vacancy

Mr David Martin [2022]

Dame Katharine Barker [2023]

URC Treasurer

convenor, pensions committee

chair of United Reformed Church Trust or another director

chair of United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Trust or another director

Treasurer, Westminster College

Co-opted: Mr Lyndon Thomas [2022]

In attendance: Chief Finance Officer

6. Representatives to meetings of sister Churches

6.1	General Synod of Church of England	The Revd Tim Meadows
6.2	Methodist Conference	The Revd Roy Fowler
6.3	Congregational Federation	Mission Committee Nomination
6.4	Church of Scotland	Assembly Moderator and synod representative
6.5	United Free Church of Scotland	Synod nomination
6.6	Scottish Assembly of the Congregational Federation	Synod nomination
6.7	Scottish Episcopal Church	Synod nomination
6.8	Methodist Church in Scotland	Synod nomination
6.9	Baptist Union of Scotland	Synod nomination
6.10	Presbyterian Church of Wales	Assembly Moderator
6.11	Union of Welsh Independents	Synod nomination
6.12	Covenanted Baptists	Synod nomination
6.13	Church in Wales Governing Board	Synod nomination
6.14	Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church	Mission Committee Nomination

7. Representatives on ecumenical Church bodies

The following have been nominated as United Reformed Church representatives at the major gatherings of the ecumenical bodies listed.

7.1 World Council of Churches 2021 Assembly

Delegate: The Revd Sarah Moore

7.2 Council for World Mission 2021 Assembly

Representatives:

Ms Lindsey Brown

Mr John Ellis

Ms Alison Greaves

Ms Maria Lee

7.3 World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) General Council

Representatives are appointed for each meeting of the Council.

7.4 Conference of European Churches Assembly

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations and one other

7.5 The Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council

The Revd Rowena Francis

The Revd Professor David Thompson

Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries

7.6 Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI)

7.6.1 CTBI Church leaders' meeting

General Secretary

7.6.2 CTBI senior representatives' forum

General Secretary

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

7.6.3 CTBI environmental issues network

The Revd Mike Shrubsole

7.6.4 CTBI stewardship network

Mrs Faith Paulding

7.6.5 CTBI consultative group on ministry amongst children (CGMC)

Head of Children's and Youth Work and one other

7.6.6 CTBI interreligious network

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

7.6.7 CTBI China forum

The Revd John Scott

7.6.8 CTBI Korea group

The Revd David Grosch-Miller

7.6.9 CTBI Middle East contact group

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

7.6.10 CTBI Churches' refugee network

The Revd Fleur Houston

7.7 Churches Together in England (CTE)

7.7.1 CTE enabling group

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

7.7.2 CTE group for evangelisation

Deputy General Secretary (Mission)

7.8 Action of Churches Together in Scotland (Acts) members meeting

Appointed by the National Synod of Scotland

7.9 National Sponsoring Body for Scotland

Appointed by the National Synod of Scotland

7.10 Churches Together in Wales (CYTUN)

Appointed by the National Synod of Wales

7.11 Commission of Covenanted Churches in Wales

Appointed by the National Synod of Wales

7.12 Free Church education committee

Professor Graham Handscomb

Mrs Gillian Kingston

7.13 European Churches' environmental network

Mr Charles Jolly

7.14 Churches' committee on funerals and crematoria

The Revd Sally Thomas

7.15 Churches' forum for safeguarding

URC Safeguarding Adviser

7.16 Churches' network for nonviolence

Head of Children's and Youth Work

7.17 Fresh Expressions Board (under review)

Deputy General Secretary (Mission)

7.18 Churches Visitor and Tourism Association

Mrs Valerie Jenkins

7.19 Joint liturgical group

The Revd Dr Ana Gobledale

8. Representatives on formal bilateral and multilateral committees

8.1 Methodist/United Reformed Church liaison group

Co-convenor: The Revd Paul Whittle (Synod Moderator) [2020]

The Revd John Bremner

The Revd Roy Fowler

The Revd Tim Richards

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

8.1.1 Methodist/ United Reformed Church strategic oversight group

General Secretary

A General Assembly Moderator

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

8.2 Church of England - United Reformed Church Contact Group

Co-Chair: The Revd Ruth Whitehead [2024]

Co-Secretary: Secretary for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations

The Revd Dr Susan Durber [2024]

Mr John Ellis [2024]

The Revd Tim Meadows [2024]

8.3 EMU Partnership (Scottish Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church in Scotland and the United Reformed Church National Synod of Scotland)

[see note 7]

Appointed by the National Synod of Scotland

8.4 Conversations between the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe and the Anglican Communion

The Revd Julian Templeton

8.5 Roman Catholic/United Reformed Church Dialogue Group

Co-chair: The Revd Dr John Bradbury

Co-secretary: The Revd Philip Brooks

Members:

Mr John Cornell

The Revd Dr Sarah Hall

The Revd Jason McCullagh

The Revd Lindsey Sanderson

9. Representatives on governing bodies of theological colleges, etc

9.1 Northern College

The Revd Raymond Singh [2023]

Mrs Sheila Davies [2021]

Mr Willie Duncan [2021]

The Revd Mark Bates [2022]

Mrs Rosie Buxton [2022]

Mr Bill Potter [2022]

In attendance: Secretary for Education and Learning

9.2 Westminster College: board of governors

Governors serve six-year terms, which may be renewed.

Convenor: The Revd Nigel Uden [2026]

Clerk to the governors: Mr Chris Wright [2022]

Honorary treasurer (Westminster College): Mr Andrew Grimwade [2022]

Principal: The Revd Neil Thorogood

Mr Mark Hayes [2022]

The Revd Dr Rick Mearkle [2022]

Mr John Ellis [2023]

The Revd Jan Adamson [2024]

Mrs Darnette Whitby-Reid [2025]

Note 1: A further six governors are appointed by the Cambridge Theological Federation, the University of Cambridge, Anglia Ruskin University, the college's teaching staff, its students and the Cheshunt Foundation.

Note 2: The Secretary for Education and Learning and the URC Treasurer are normally in attendance.

9.2.1 The Cheshunt Foundation

Mr Guy Morfett

9.2.2 Cambridge Theological Federation

Convenor, Westminster College governors

10. Governors of colleges and schools with which the United Reformed Church is associated

10.1 Caterham School

Southern Synod Moderator

10.2 Eltham College

Mr Martin Fosten

10.3 Walthamstow Hall

Mrs Isabel Heald

10.4 Milton Mount Foundation

Mr Ray Dunnett [2024]

The Revd June Colley [2022]

The Revd Derek Lindfield [2022]

Note: Governors serve 4-year terms, which may be renewed.

The Revd Kevin Swaine [2024]

The Revd Carole Elphick [2022]

Mrs Daphne Bembridge [2023]

10.5 Silcoates School

Under review.

10.6 Taunton School

Baptist governor at present

10.7 Bishops Stortford College

Mr Richard Harrison

11. Miscellaneous

The United Reformed Church is represented on a variety of other national organisations and committees as follows:

11.1 Arthur Rank Centre

The Revd Elizabeth Caswell

11.2 Churches Legislation Advisory Service

Ms Memuna Levan Harris [2023]

General Secretary

11.3 Congregational Fund Board

Mr Anthony Bayley [2023]

The Revd Janine Atkinson [2023]

Mr Mike Hart [2024]**

The Revd Geoffrey Roper [2023]

Mrs Mary Steele [2023]

11.4 Congregational Memorial Hall Trust

The Revd Derek Wales [2021]

Mr Simon Fairington [2023]

Mr Philip Bonnier [2021]

Representatives serve four-year terms, which may be renewed.

Mrs Margaret Thompson [2024]†

Mr John Ellis [2023]

The Revd Melanie Smith [2023]

11.5 Historic England Places of Worship Forum

Convenor of the listed buildings advisory group

11.6 Lord Wharton's Charity

The Revd Derek Lindfield

11.7 Retired ministers' and widows' fund

The Revd Julian Macro

Mrs Liz Sharples

Mr Anthony Bayley

11.8 Roots for Churches Ltd

The Revd Nicola Furley-Smith [2024]**

11.9 Samuel Robinson's Charities

Mr Tony Alderman

11.10 Scout Association – URC faith adviser

The Revd David Marshall-Jones

11.11 United Reformed Church History Society

The Revd Dr Michael Jagessar [2024] Mrs Jean Wyber [2022]

The Revd Dr Kirsty Thorpe [2023]

Council Members serve five-year terms which may be renewed.

11.12 World Day of Prayer

England, Wales and Northern Ireland: The Revd Dr Ana Gobledale [2022]

Scotland: Synod appointment.

11.13 Westhill Endowment Trust

Mrs Julie Grove MBE [2022]

The Revd Leonora Jagessar-Visser 't Hooft [2023]

Note: this list will be superseded in July 2020. The latest approved list is available at bit.ly/URCNom