

Nominations

Assembly committees and other appointments:

Notes:

1. The General Assembly Moderator, the Assembly Moderator-elect, the Immediate-past Assembly Moderator 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; †† denotes those returning after a break.
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 five 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. New committee members normally take up their roles at the conclusion of General Assembly.
9. Nominations to Assembly committees and their subcommittees, and to advisory and task groups serving Assembly and Assembly Executive, should be of members of the United Reformed Church, or youth representatives who meet the criteria for membership 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.

11. The latest list approved by General Assembly is available at: <http://bit.ly/URCNom>.

Officers of General Assembly

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| Clerk to General Assembly: | The Revd Dr Michael Hopkins [2024] |
| Assistant Clerk to Assembly: | The Revd Sarah Moore [2024] |
| Clerk-elect to General Assembly: | The Revd Sarah Moore [2030] |
| Honorary Treasurer: | Mr Alan Yates [2029] |
| Assembly Moderator: | The Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson |
| Assembly Moderator-elect: | The Revd Timothy Meadows |
| Immediate past-Assembly Moderator: | The Revd Fiona Bennett |

Assembly Executive

Assembly Executive acts on behalf of General Assembly. It consists of the officers of Assembly, the immediate past and elect Assembly Moderators, the deputies to the General Secretary and treasurer, four representatives from each Synod, normally, but not necessarily, including the Moderator and the Synod Clerk, together with the convenors of Assembly committees, the chair of the United Reformed Church Trust and three members for URC Youth, including the URC Youth Moderator. In attendance are staff secretaries, Assembly Moderator's chaplain and others as appropriate.

1.1 Human resources advisory group

Convenor: Mrs Bridget Fosten [2027]
General Secretary
Deputy General Secretary (Administration and Resources)
Nominated members:
Mrs Barbara Ellis [2024]
Mr Edward Hoddinott-Leighton [2026]**
One vacancy

1.2 Law and polity advisory group

Convenor: Ms Morag McLintock [2028]†
Secretary: Mr Neil Mackenzie [2026]†
General Secretary
Clerk of General Assembly
Assistant Clerk of General Assembly
Synod Clerk representative: Mr Tim Hopley {2027}**
Property, legal and trust officers' representative: Ms Muna Levan-Harris
Nominated members:
The Revd Steven Manders [2025]
Mr Dean Taylor [2026]**
In attendance: Legal Adviser

1.3 Listed buildings advisory group

Convenor: The Revd Dr James Mather [2025]† (nominated by the group)
Secretary: Mr Geoff Milnes [2025]† (nominated by the group)
General Secretary
Synod Representatives:
Vacancy (1) Mr Michael Williams (2)

Ms Alison Lee (3)
Mrs Judith Booth (5)
Mr Peter West (7)
Vacancy (9)
Mr Colin McCracken (11)

Mr David Figures (4)
Mr Matthew McDade (6)
Mr Roger James (8)
Mr Christopher Buckwell (10)

1.4 Resource sharing task group

Convenor: The Revd Steve Faber [2024] (Synod Moderator)
Secretary: Mr Chris Atherton
Treasurer: Vacancy
Miss Margaret Atkinson
URC Treasurer

Mr Mike Gould

1.5 Net Zero task group

Convenor: The Revd Chris Baillie
Representative members:
Deputy General Secretary (Mission)
The Revd George Watt
Mr Bill Potter
Mr Clifford Patten
Mr Simeon Mitchell
Ms Victoria James
Ms Maya Withall
Ms Judy Harris
Mr Matthew McDade
Ms Eileen Newington

Synod Moderator
Finance Committee
URC Trust
Secretary for Church and Society
Chief Operating Officer
URC Youth
URC Children
Synod Property Officer
Synod Green Apostle

2. General Secretariat

2.1 Worship, Faith and Order committee

The convenor and nominated members normally serve for six years.

Convenor: The Revd Dr Robert Pope [2026]

Secretary: Secretary for Ecumenical Relations: The Revd Philip Brooks

The Minister for Digital Worship: The Revd Andy Braunston

Nominated members:

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| The Revd Dr Andrew Prasad [2029] | The Revd Sue McCoan [2026] |
| Ms Diana Paulding [2026] | The Revd Kristin Ofstad [2026] |
| The Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson [2027] | |

2.2 Nominations Committee

Synods appoint and decide terms for their representation.

Convenor: Mrs Helen Lidgett [2025]

Secretary: Mrs Margaret Marshall [2026]**

A past Moderator of General Assembly

General Secretary

Synod Representatives:

The Revd Ron Forster (1)

Mrs Rita Griffiths (3)

Mr David Greateorex (5)

The Revd David Coaker (7)

Mr Tim Hopley (2)

Mr Tim Crossley (4)

Mrs Rachel Wakeman (6)

Ms Rachel Leach (8)

Ms Karen Bell (9) Ms Nneoma Chima (10)
The Revd Russell Furley-Smith (11) Ms Megan Price (12)
Mr John Collings (13)

In attendance:

Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries
Equalities Committee representative

Notes: General Assembly Resolution 54 mandates the replacement of this Committee with a new Nominations Committee of six members.

2.2.1 Panel for General Assembly appointments

Members usually serve for five years as training is required.

Retiring 2024

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| The Revd Jan Adamson (13) | The Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson (9) |
| Dr Paul Ashitey (10) | Ms Victoria Paulding (5) |
| Mr Matthew Barkley (9) | Mr Reuben Watt (11) |
| The Revd Lucy Brierley (9) | The Revd Sal Bateman (10) |
| Mr David Gartside (3) | The Revd Peter Henderson (8) |
| Ms Pippa Hodgson (5) | The Revd George Mwaura (5) |
| The Revd Paul Robinson (12) | Mr Patrick Sheard (1) |
| Mr Alex Walker (4) | |

Retiring 2026

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| The Revd Reginald Mudenda (11) | The Revd Mark Robinson (9) |
| Mrs Darnette Whitby-Reid (10) | Mrs Pat Poinen (1) |

Retiring 2027

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| Mrs Sue Brown** (9) | Ms Lorraine Downer** (10) |
| Mrs Wendy Dunnett** (9) | The Revd Elaine Hutchinson** (6) |
| Mr Trevor Orr** (4) | |

Retiring 2028

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| Ms Megan Price (12)** | Mr Donald Swift (3)** |
| Mrs Barbara Ellis (3)† | The Revd Alison Hall (3)† |
| Mrs Helen Lidgett (5)† | Ms Linda Austin** |
| Mrs Sheila Davies (3)† | Mrs Rita Griffiths** (3) |
| Mr Bill Robson (13)†† | The Revd Stephen Manders** |

2.3 Ministerial incapacity and discipline (MIND) advisory group

Convenor: The Revd Steven Manders [2026]**

Secretary: Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)

Synod Moderator: The Revd Bridget Banks [2027]

Convenor of the Assembly Commission

Secretary to the Assembly Commission for Discipline: Mr Philip Laws [2026]

Consultant for ministers and CRCWs: Mrs Fiona Smith [2026]

Senior Member of the Disciplinary Investigation Panel: The Revd Dr Janet Tollington

Consultant for mandated groups: The Revd Ian Kirby [2027]

Training coordinator: The Revd Andy Braunston [2024]

General Secretary; Clerk of General Assembly; Assistant Clerk of General Assembly;
The Designated Safeguarding Lead; Secretary for Ministries; legal adviser

2.3.1 Secretary to the Assembly Appeals Commission

The Revd Andy Braunston

2.4 Assembly Commission for Discipline Panel

Convenor: The Revd Nigel Adkinson [2028]

Deputy Convenor: Dr David Jones [2028]

Members (not time-limited):

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| The Revd Nigel Adkinson | The Revd Bill Bowman |
| The Revd Andy Braunston | Ms Mary Coole |
| Mr Ian Corless | Ms Janine Cowie |
| Mrs Barbara Ellis | The Revd Peter Flint |
| Mr Alastair Forsyth | Mr Remi Ferguson |
| Mrs Cathy Glazier | The Revd Dominic Grant |
| Ms Barbara Groom | The Revd John Grundy |
| The Revd Marcus Hargis | Prof Graham Handscomb |
| Dr David Jones | Mrs Mary Kelly |
| The Revd Sue McCoan | The Revd Alan McGougan |
| The Revd Martha McInnes | Ms Morag McLintock |
| The Revd Sarah Moore | Dr James Mawdesley |
| The Revd Wilbert Sayimani | The Revd Dr Kirsty Thorpe |
| Mr Dean Taylor | Mrs Janet Virr |
| Mr Gordon Wanless | Ms Darnette Whitby-Reid |

2.5 Disciplinary Investigation Panel

Senior Member: The Revd Dr Janet Tollington [2028]

Deputy Senior Member: The Revd Martin Spain [2029]

Members (not time-limited):

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| The Revd Dr James Coleman | Mr John Collings |
| Mr Stuart Dew | The Revd Martin Ferris |
| The Revd Elizabeth Gray-King | Mrs Chris Harris |
| Mr Keir Hounsome | Mr Andrew Howes |
| Prof Jean McClellan | Ms Alison Jiggins |
| The Revd Craig Muir | The Revd Lesley Moseley |
| The Revd Zadie Orr | Mr Andy Russell |
| Mr Mark Rigby | Mrs Margaret Smith |
| Ms Cathy Simpson | The Revd Martin Spain |
| Mrs Liz Swanwick | The Revd Dr Janet Tollington |
| Dr Gordon Woods | The Revd Geoff Wright |

2.6 Assembly Standing Panel for Discipline

Minister members:

The Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson

The Revd Nick Mark

The Revd Raymond Singh

Elder members:

Mr Tim Crossley

Mr Dodie Khurshid

Ms Sandra Wood

2.7 Pastoral Reference and Welfare Committee

Convenor: The Revd Dr Elizabeth Welch [2027]**

Deputy Convenor: Vacancy

Secretary: Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)

General Secretary
Synod Moderator: The Revd Bridget Banks
Nominated Members:
The Revd Dr Irene John [2024] Deputy Treasurer
Mrs Hilary Miles [2026]** One vacancy

3. Mission department

3.1 Mission Committee

Convenor: Sarah Lane Cawte [2028]
Deputy Convenor-elect: The Revd Wilbert Sayimani [2024 -2028]**
Secretary: Deputy General Secretary (Mission)
The Revd Katrina Hackett (1) [2027]** Mr Aftab Mughal (2) [2025]
The Revd Stuart Nixon (3) [2026] The Revd Barry Welch (4) [2027]**
The Revd Jane Wade (5) [2027]** The Revd Debbie Brown (6) [2027]**
The Revd Alex Clare-Young (7) [2027]** The Revd Henriette Wentink (8) [2027]†
The Revd Ray Stanyon (9) [2025] The Revd Eddie Boon (10)** [2027]**
The Revd Martin Knight (11) [2026]** The Revd Branwen Rees (12) [2026]†
The Revd John Bremner (13) [2027]**

3.1.1 Commitment for Life (CfL) reference group

Convenor: Mr Richard Lewney [2028]†
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

3.1.2 Interfaith enabling group

The convenor is nominated by the Mission Committee.
Convenor: The Revd Tracey Lewis [2028]†
Secretary: The Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations
Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer for the National Synod of Scotland
Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer for the National Synod of Wales
Nominated members:
Ms Victoria Turner [2025] Mr Andy Lie [2027]†
Co-opted Members:
The Revd Dr Graham Adams [2024] The Revd Dr Mark Godin [2024]
The Revd Dr John Parry

3.1.3 Joint Public Issues Team strategy and policy group

Deputy General Secretary (Mission) The Revd Steve Faber

3.1.4 Rural strategy group (United Reformed Church/Methodist)

Future being reviewed by the Mission Committee.

3.1.5 Pioneer and Fresh Expressions enabling group

Representatives:
Mission Committee Ministries Committee
Education and Learning Committee Children and Youth Work Committee
URC Pioneer Network

3.1.6 Legacies of Slavery Task Group

Convenor: Professor David Reynolds

Secretary: Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries

Programme Officer (Global Justice and Partnerships)

The Revd Stephen Ansa-Addo

The Revd John Campbell

The Revd Zaidie Orr

Ms Victoria Turner

4. Discipleship department

4.1 Ministries Committee

Convenor: The Revd Mary Thomas [2026]**

Secretary: Secretary for Ministries

Leadership in worship advocate: Vacancy

Synod Moderator: The Revd Jamie Kissack [2024]

Convenors of the Accreditations (CRCW and SCM), Maintenance of Ministry and Retired Ministers' Housing sub-committees

Convenor of the Assessment Board

Nominated members:

Mrs Gill Bates [2024]

Mr Chris Kellett [2025]

The Revd Lesley Moseley [2025]

The Revd Terry Jin [2027]**

4.1.1 Accreditations (CRCW and SCM) sub-committee

Convenor: The Revd Dr Paul Dean [2025]

Secretary: to be confirmed

Convenor of the Assessment Board

Representatives:

Synod Moderator: The Revd Jamie Kissack [2024]

SCMs: The Revd Tim Clarke [2024]

CRCWs: Ms Jo Patterson [2026]**

Nominated Members:

The Revd Alison Micklem [2025]

The Revd Carole Marsden [2026]**

The Revd Jacob Bali [2026]**

4.1.2 Maintenance of ministry sub-committee

Under review.

4.1.3 Retired Ministers' Housing Society sub-committee

Terms of service shall be for four years with the possibility of a further term of four years.

The convenor shall be a member of the Ministries Committee nominated by that committee.

Convenor: The Revd Paul Whittle [2027]†

Secretary: Secretary for Ministries

Nominated Members:

The Revd Don Nichols [2026]**

One vacancy

Representative Members:

Tenants:

The Revd Dr Martin Camroux

Retired Ministers' Housing Society:

The Revd Simon Walkling

Co-opted member:

The Revd David Coote

4.1.4 Assessment board

Members usually serve for five years as training is required.

Convenor: Professor Bill Gould [2026]†

Retiring 2024

The Revd Jan Adamson (13)
Mr Mark Tubby (7)

The Revd Gerald England (8)

Retiring 2025

Ms Mercy Nimako (11)
The Revd Samuel Silungwe (5)

Ms Liz Sharples (5)

Retiring 2026

The Revd Lis Mullen (2)

The Revd Sue McCoan (10)

Retiring 2027

The Revd Jamie Kissack (4)
Mrs Kate Yates (10)
Mr Simon Loveitt (4)

The Revd Tim Lowe (4)
The Revd Jacob Bali (11)

Retiring 2028

Mr Keith Reading

4.2 Education and Learning Committee

Convenor: Mrs Pippa Hodgson [2027]**

Convenor-Elect: Vacancy

Secretary: Secretary for Education and Learning

Nominated Members: (nominated by the Nominations Committee)

Mrs Margaret Marshall [2024]

The Revd Tim Meachin [2024]

The Revd Andrew Mudharara [2026]**

Ex-officio members:

- a General Assembly moderator (current, past or elect)

- General Secretary

- Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)

Representative Members: (nominated by the appropriate group)

- RCL Principals: The Revd Dr John McNeil Scott [2026]**

- Synod Training and Development Officers: The Revd Dr Rob Hoch [2026]**

- CYDOs and other Children and Youth Work officers: Mr Richard Knott [2026]**

- EM1 students

Non-voting members: (nominated by the appropriate group)

Synod Moderator: The Revd Clare Downing

Methodist Church representative (in attendance as required):

Mr Richard Armiger [2026]

RCL Principals:

The Revd Dr Robert Pope (Interim)

The Revd Dr Adam Scott

Secretary for Ministries

4.2.1 Education and Learning finance sub-committee

Convenor: Convenor of the Education and Learning Committee

Current Education and Learning Committee member with finance experience

Secretary for Education and Learning

United Reformed Church Treasurer

Chief Finance Officer

Deputy General Secretary Discipleship

In attendance: Finance staff, as appropriate

Education and Learning Administrator as note taker

The current Education and Learning Committee member is appointed by the Education and Learning Committee.

4.2.2 Stepwise development group

Convenor: The Revd Alison Davis

Administrator: Stepwise Programme Assistant

Secretary for Education and Learning

Stepwise Programme Manager

Education and Learning Instructional Designer

Education and Learning Programme Officer (by invitation)

Convenor of the Stepwise Learning Standards Board

Representatives – serving appropriate terms of service:

Children's and Youth Work Committee: Mr Leo Roberts

Synod mission enablers network: The Revd Stuart Radcliffe

Synod training and development officers: Vacancy

Resource Centres for Learning: a tutor

Together Ethnic and Minority URC: The Revd Zaidie Orr

Co-opted Members:

The Revd Simon Goddard (Fresh Expressions)

The Revd Peter Henderson

Mr Iain Johnston (Faith in Community Scotland)

The convenor and the co-opted members are appointed by the Education and Learning Committee.

4.3 Children's and Youth Work Committee

Convenor: The Revd Paul Robinson [2024]

Convenor Elect: The Revd Samantha Sheehan [Convenor from General Assembly 2024]

Secretary: Head of Children's and Youth Work

URC Youth Moderator

URC Youth Moderator-elect

Pilots representative

Nominated members:

Mr Matthew Barkley [2027]†

Mr Reuben Watt [2027]†

The Revd Janine Atkinson [2024]

The Revd Julian Sanders [2025]

Ms Caroline Akinyele [2025]

4.4 Safeguarding Committee

Convenor: The Revd Roger Jones [2026]

Secretary: Designated Safeguarding Lead

Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)

Secretary for Ministries

Training and Development Coordinator

Policy Development Coordinator

Nominated Members:

Mr Alex Walker [2026]**

Mrs Kate Yates [2026]**

Synod Safeguarding Practice Group representative:

Ms Julie Rafferty [2026]**

Synod Moderator: The Revd George Watt

National Synod of Scotland representative: Ms Ruth Goold [2026]**
URC Advocated Survivors Group representatives (up to two): group not yet operative
Independent members:
Mr Tim Carter (Methodist Church) [2026]**
Ms Fi Cisneros [2026]**
In attendance:
Head of Children's and Youth Work
Secretary for Education and Learning

5. Administration and resources department

5.1 Business Committee

Convenor: The Revd Mark Robinson [2025]
Secretary: General Secretary
Moderator of General Assembly
Moderator-elect and Immediate-past Moderator of General Assembly
Clerk of General Assembly
Assistant Clerk of General Assembly
URC Treasurer
Nominated members:
Ms Darnette Whitby-Reid [2025] Mr Reuben Watt [2026]**

Note: General Assembly Resolution 53 mandates a revised composition of the Business Committee

5.2 Communications

Convenor: The Revd Lucy Brierley [2027]
Convenor-Elect: Vacancy
Secretary: Head of Communications
The Revd Tim Lowe [2024]† Mr Dan Morell [2024]†
The Revd Heather Whyte [2024]† Three vacancies

5.3 Equalities Committee

Convenor: The Revd Naison Hove [2026]
Secretary: The Revd David Salisbury [2027]†
URC Youth Equalities and Diversity Representative: Ms Megan Westgarth [2027]**
Nominated members:
The Revd Jayne Taylor [2027]† The Revd Jo Clare-Young [2024]
Mrs Rosie Martin [2024] Ms Judy Rogers [2024]
Dr Ruth Shepherd [2024] Mrs Janet Raven [2026]**
Ms Kirsty Mabbott [2027]** The Revd Stephen Ansa-Addo [2027]**

5.3.1 Affirmative Action task group

Convenor: Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries
Secretary: Equalities Committee Secretary
Representative Members:
Mission Committee: Ms Lindsey Brown
URC Youth: Ms Philippa Osei
Members:
Ms Muskaan Jonathan The Revd John Macaulay

The Revd Andrew Mudharara
Mrs Pat Poinen

The Revd George Mwaura

5.4 Finance Committee

Convenor: URC Treasurer

Deputy Treasurer: Mr Vaughan Griffiths [2025]

Chief Finance Officer

Chair of the URC Trust

Nominated members:

Mrs Jane Humphreys [2027]†

Ms Denise Harman [2024]

Mr Gordon Wanless [2025]

Mr Chris Atherton [2027]**

Ms Joana Marfoh [2027]†

The Revd Simon Copley [2025]

Mr Bill Potter [2026]††

5.4.1 Pensions Committee

Convenor: The Revd Dr Janet Tollington [2026]**

Secretary: Pensions Manager

Nominated Members:

Ms Joana Marfoh [2024]

The Revd John Piper [2025]†

Co-opted members, maximum of three:

Mr David Martin

Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Convenor of the Investment Committee

Convenor of the Maintenance of Ministry sub-committee

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: Ms Catriona Wheeler [2026]

Secretary: Ms Sandi Hallam-Jones

Deputy Secretary: Mr John Samson

Members:

Group one (synods 1, 2, 3, 4, 13):

The Revd Nick Mark (13) [2024]

Group two (synods 5, 6, 7, 8, 12):

Mr Clifford Patten (7) [2024]

Mr David Greatorex (5) [2024]

The Revd James Breslin (5) [2024]

Mr David Lathbury (6) [2026]†

Dr Stephen Thompson (7) [2026]**

Group three (synods 9, 10, 11):

The Revd Julian Macro (9) [2025]

The Revd John Macaulay (10) [2026]**

There is one vacancy for a Group member

URC Youth appointee: Vacancy
Moderator of General Assembly
General Secretary
In attendance:
Clerk of General Assembly
Treasurer
Convenor of the Investment Committee
Minute secretary
Chief Finance Officer

5.5.1 Church House management group

Convenor: Deputy General Secretary (Administration and Resources)
General Secretary
Chief Finance Officer
Nominated members:
Dr Ian Harrison [2024]
Mr Adam Lester [2024]
Mr Joel Sainsbury [2027]**
One vacancy

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 [December 2027]†
Deputy chair: Mr Lyndon Thomas
Secretary: Ms Sandi Hallam-Jones
Church Nominated Trustees/Directors:
Mr Colin MacBean [2024]
Mrs Faith Paulding [2025]
Convenor of the Pensions Committee: The Revd Dr Janet Tollington
URC Deputy Treasurer: Mr Vaughan Griffiths
Convenor of the Maintenance of Ministry sub-committee: Mr David Coote
(Pending a review of MoM sub-committee)
Convenor of the Investment Committee: Mr Richard Nunn
Member Nominated Trustees/Directors:
The Revd Caroline Vodden [2026]
The Revd Daniel Cheyne [2026]
Two vacancies

5.7 Investment Committee

Convenor: Mr Richard Nunn [2026]
Secretary: Ms Sandi Hallam-Jones
Members:
Dame Katharine Barker [2027]†
Mr Lyndon Thomas [2024]
Mr Mark Kirkbride [2027]**
Mr Timothy Lancaster [2027]**
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
In attendance: Chief Finance Officer

6. Representatives to meetings of sister churches

6.1 General Synod of the Church of England

Mission Committee nomination

6.2 Methodist Conference

The Revd Geoffrey Clarke

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 2022 Assembly

Delegates: The Revd Sarah Moore and Ms Karen Campbell

7.2 Council for World Mission Assembly

Representatives will be appointed in 2023 for the 2024 CWM Assembly

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 consultative group on ministry amongst children (CGMC)

Head of Children's and Youth Work and one other

7.6.5 CTBI interreligious network

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

7.6.6 CTBI China forum

The Revd John Scott

7.6.7 CTBI Middle East contact group

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

7.6.8 CTBI Churches' refugee network

The Revd Fleur Houston

7.6.9 Churches Together in England (CTE)

7.7 CTE enabling group

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

7.7.1 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

The Revd David Coleman

7.14 Churches' committee on funerals and crematoria

The Revd Sally Thomas

7.15 Churches' forum for safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead

7.16 Churches' network for nonviolence

Head of Children's and Youth Work

7.17 Churches Visitor and Tourism Association

Mrs Valerie Jenkins

7.18 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 Geoffrey Clarke (Synod Moderator) (five-year term) [2026]

Co-secretary: Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer for the National Synod of Scotland

Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer for the National Synod of Wales

Nominated Members – serving one or two four-year terms:

The Revd Tim Richards [2024]

Mr Tim Hopley [2025]

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 and 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 Dr 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 [2025]†

Mrs Margaret Marshall [2024]

Mr Willie Duncan [2025]

The Revd John Grundy [2025]

The Revd Mark Bates [2026]†

Dr Lesley Coote [2026]**

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: The Revd Naomi Young-Rodas [2028]**

Honorary treasurer (Westminster College): Mr Andrew Grimwade [2023]†

Acting Principal: The Revd Dr Robert Pope

Mr John Ellis [2029]†

Mrs Darnette Whitby-Reid [2025]

The Revd Stuart Scott [2024]†

The Revd David Miller [2028]

The Revd Ryan Simons [2028]**

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

The Revd Stephen Ansa-Addo [2026]

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

Vacancy

10.4 Milton Mount Foundation

Mrs Daphne Bembridge [2023]

Mr Ray Dunnett [2024]

The Revd Kevin Swaine [2024]

The Revd Derek Lindfield [2026]†

Mrs Ann Bulley [2028]**

Five URC governors serve four-year terms, which may be renewed.

10.5 Silcoates School

The Revd Jason McCullagh [2024]

Vacancy

Governors serve three-year terms.

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 Muna Levan Harris [2023]

General Secretary

11.3 Congregational Fund Board

The Revd Janine Atkinson [2027]†

Mrs Mary Steele [2027]†

Mr Mike Hart [2024]

The Revd Howard Sharp [2027]**

One vacancy

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| Mr John Ellis [2027]† | Mrs Margaret Thompson [2024] |
| Mr Philip Bonnier [2025] | The Revd Derek Wales [2025] |
| The Revd Julian Macro [2026]** | One vacancy |

Representatives serve four-year terms which may be renewed.

Convenor of the listed buildings advisory group

One vacancy

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| The Revd Julian Macro | One vacancy |
| Ms Liz Sharples | |

The Revd Jenny Mills**
Nominated by the Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)

Mr Tony Alderman

The Revd Keith Morrison
This appointment is made by the Children's and Youth Work Committee

The Revd Dr Michael Jagessar [2024] Mrs Jean Wyber [2027]†
Dr Simone Maghenzani [2028]**
Council Members serve five-year terms which may be renewed

England, Wales and Ireland:
The Revd Jane Weedon [2027]**
Scotland:
Synod appointment

The Revd Clare Callanan [2027]**
The Revd Dr Kathryn Price [2027]**

Details of these appointments were updated by the Nominations Committee Secretary following the General Assembly July 2023.