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Nominations Committee

Basic information

Contact name and email address	Mrs Helen Lidgett hnlidgett@gmail.com Mrs Margaret Marshall nominations.secretary@urc.org.uk
Action required	
Draft resolution(s)	<p>1. Assembly Executive appoints according to nominations to urgent vacancies on Assembly committees and as URC representatives set out in Section 2 of the report.</p> <p>2. Assembly Executive appoints according to nominations to the Assembly Disciplinary Panel set out in Section 3 of the report.</p> <p>3. Assembly Executive notes the appointments to the Assembly Appeals Commission approved by Assembly Officers set out in Section 4 of the report.</p>

Summary of content

Subject and aim(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To appoint to urgent vacancies.2. To advise Assembly Executive of progress towards using Safer Recruitment for the nominations process and the responsibilities of all Assembly Committee Convenors and Secretaries.
Main points	
Previous relevant documents	Nominations list, as at November 2023: www.bit.ly/URCNom
Consultation has taken place with...	All Synods are represented on the Committee.

Summary of impact

Financial	None.
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External (eg ecumenical)	Some roles involve ecumenical contact and collaboration.
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The Nominations Committee advises that wherever possible nominations are made following Safer Recruitment processes. This requires Assembly Committees, sub-committees, task groups and those responsible for Assembly Panels to provide role descriptions and person specifications and to keep these up to date. Positions will be advertised widely as well as through the Synods. People expressing interest in a position will be asked to fill in an application form, complete a self-declaration of criminal history, have an interview or conversation with the Convenor and/or the secretary of the committee, provide references, and complete a DBS/PVG check where necessary. Some sort of trial or probationary period is also recommended. A full-time Recruitment Development Officer (volunteers) is being appointed to develop this process, including pro forma documentation, a skills audit template and training.

Assembly Executive should note that this process for recruiting volunteers is mandated by the Safer Recruitment process approved by General Assembly and set out in Good Practice 6. A similar process is increasingly practiced in churches and charities when recruiting volunteers.

In common with other Committees, the Nominations Committee has responded to the Net Zero Task Force, but noting that a much smaller Nominations Committee will be in place from General Assembly 2024, possibly contributing to a lower carbon footprint.

A full list of Assembly Appointments is on the URC website at: urc.org.uk/committees (If you type that into an address bar, it will redirect to the right page without the need for the 'https'). **The List will be updated following Assembly Executive.**

1. Amendments to published list of nominations to be noted

Assembly Executive is asked to note the following amendments to the Nominations List updated November 2023.

2.7 Pastoral Reference and Welfare Committee

Delete Deputy Convenor.

4.1.1 Accreditations (CRCW and SCM) sub-committee

Joint Secretaries: Insert Secretary for Ministries and Development Worker (SCM&CRCW).

4.2 Education and Learning Committee

Delete Convenor-Elect.

5.2 Communications

Delete Convenor-Elect.

2. New appointments and Re-appointments

Acting on behalf of General Assembly, Assembly Executive makes the following appointments:

<i>Ref</i>	<i>Committee/Group</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
4.1	Ministries Committee	Mrs Maggie Kirkbride	Advocate for Leadership In Worship**	Oct 23	GA27
8.1	Meth/URC Liaison Group	The Revd Memona Shahbaz	Member**	Oct23	GA27
9.2	Westminster College: Board of Governors	Mr Gilbert Heathcote	Member** and Treasurer**	Nov23	GA29
10.4	Milton Mount Foundation	Mrs Daphne Bembridge	Member†	GA23	GA27
11.6	The Lord Wharton's Charity	Mr Neil McKenzie	Member††	Oct 23	GA27

Key:

** = new appointment,

† = extension of service,

†† = further term of service after a break.

3. Disciplinary Process Appointments

Members of the Assembly Commission for Discipline Panel and the Disciplinary Investigation Panel are appointed for unlimited terms.

Acting on behalf of General Assembly, Assembly Executive makes the following appointments, with the exception of Ms Maria Lee, the members will commence to serve following the Assembly Executive.

<i>Ref</i>	<i>Committee/Group</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>From</i>
2.4	Assembly Commission for Discipline	The Revd Jonathan Hill	Member**	
2.4	Assembly Commission for Discipline	The Revd Terry Jin	Member**	
2.4	Assembly Commission for Discipline	Ms Marie Trubic	Member**	
2.4	Assembly Commission for Discipline	Ms Nneoma Chima	Member**	
2.4	Assembly Commission for Discipline	Ms Maria Lee	Member**	GA2024

4. Disciplinary Process Appointments

Members of the Assembly Appeals Commission are appointed for unlimited terms. The people below have been appointed by Assembly Officers, as set out in The Manual Section O (amended 2023) Appendix V and the names are for information only.

<i>Ref</i>	<i>Committee/Group</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>
	Assembly Appeals Commission	The Revd Dr Kirsty Thorpe	Member**
	Assembly Appeals Commission	The Revd Peter Flint	Member**
	Assembly Appeals Commission	Professor Bill Gould	Member **

5. Appointment Group

The following person has accepted an invitation to be Convenor of the South Western Synod Moderating Group: The Revd Janet Adamson, Convenor.