**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 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 of Assembly. A term of service maybe completed at the discretion of the Convenor 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 names in the following list have been approved by General Assembly and have been updated after the close of Assembly. The list is available at: <http://bit.ly/URCNom>. Committee Secretaries are advised to refer to this list for the membership of their Committee.

**Officers of Assembly**

Assembly Moderator: The Revd Timothy Meadows

Assembly Moderator-elect Ms Catriona Wheeler

Clerk of General Assembly: The Revd Sarah Moore [2030]

Assistant Clerk of Assembly: Vacancy

Honorary Treasurer: Mr Alan Yates [2029]

**1 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 General Secretary and Treasurer and their Deputies, 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.

**1.2 Law and Policy Advisory group**

Convenor: Ms Morag McLintock [2028]†

Secretary: Mr Neil Mackenzie [2026]†

General Secretary

Clerk to General Assembly Assistant Clerk to 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) Vacancy (4)

Mrs Judith Booth (5) Mr Matthew McDade (6)

Mr Peter West (7) Mr Roger James (8)

Vacancy (9) Vacancy (10)

Mr Colin McCracken (11)

**1.4 Resource sharing task group**

Convenor: The Revd Steve Faber [2026] (Synod Moderator)

Secretary: Mr Chris Atherton

Treasurer: Vacancy

Miss Margaret Atkinson Mr Mike Gould URC Treasurer

**1.5 Net Zero task group**

Convenor: The Revd Chris Baillie

Representative members:

Deputy General Secretary (Mission)

The Revd George Watt [2025] Synod Moderator

Mr Bill Potter Finance Committee

Mr Clifford Patten URC Trust

Ms Victoria James Chief Operating Officer

Ms Maya Withall URC Youth

Ms Judy Harris URC Children

Mr Matthew McDade Synod Property Officer

Ms Eileen Newington Synod Green Apostle

**2. General Secretariat**

**2.1 Worship, Faith and Order Committee**

The Convenor and Members normally serve for 4 years

Convenor: The Revd Dr Robert Pope [2026]

Secretaries:

The Minister for Digital Worship: The Revd Andy Braunston

Mission Support Officer: Ms Lindsey Brown

Nominated members:

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**

Convenor: Ms Victoria Paulding [2028]\*\*

A member of the General Secretariat

Ms Deborah Brooks [2028]\*\*

Ms Laura Everard {2028]\*\*

The Revd Andrew Mudharara [2028]\*\*

Human Resources Vacancy

**2.2.1 Panel for General Assembly appointments**

Members usually serve for five years as training is required.

**Retiring 2024**

Dr Paul Ashitey (10) Mr Matthew Barkley (9)

The Revd Sal Bateman (10) The Revd Lucy Brierley (9)

Mr David Gartside (3) The Revd Peter Henderson(7)

The Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson (9) Mrs Pippa Hodgson (5)

The Revd George Mwaura (5) Ms Victoria Paulding (5)

The Revd Paul Robinson (12) Mr Patrick Sheard (1)

Mr Alex Walker (4) Mr Reuben Watt (11)

**Retiring 2026**

The Revd Janet Adamson (13) Mrs Helen Lidgett (5)

The Revd Reginald Mudenda (11) Mrs Pat Poinen (1)

The Revd Mark Robinson (9) Mrs Darnette Whitby-Reid (10)

**Retiring 2027**

Mrs Sue Brown\*\* (9) Ms Lorraine Downer\*\* (10)

Mrs Wendy Dunnett\*\* (9) The Revd Elaine Hutchinson\*\*(6)

Mr Trevor Orr\*\* (4)

**Retiring 2028**

Ms Linda Austin\*\* Mrs Sheila Davies † (3)

Mrs Barbara Ellis† (3)Mrs Rita Griffiths\*\*(3)

The Revd Alison Hall †(3)The Revd Stephens Manders\*\*

Ms Megan Price \*\*(12) Mr Bill Robson †† (13)

Mr Donald Swift (3)\*\*

**2.3 Complaints and Discipline Advisory Group (formerly MIND)**

Convenor: The Revd Steven Manders [2026]\*\*

Secretary: Deputy General Secretary for Discipleship

General Secretary

Secretary for Ministries

Consultant to Investigation Team: The Revd Ian Kirby [2027]

Consultant for Ministers: Mrs Fiona Smith [2026]

Training Officer: Vacancy

Synod Moderator: The Revd Bridget Banks [2025]

Convenor for Assembly Commission for Discipline: The Revd Nigel Adkinson [2028]

Senior Member Investigation Team: The Revd Martin Spain [2029]

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

Secretary Disciplinary Appeal Commission: The Revd Andy Braunston

Clerk of General Assembly: The Revd Sarah Moore [2030]

Assistant Clerk of General Assembly: Vacancy

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ms Sharon Barr

**2.4 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

**2.5 Disciplinary Investigation Panel**

Senior Member: The Revd Martin Spain [2029]

Deputy Senior Member: Vacancy

Members (not time-limited):

Mr John Collings The Revd Martin Ferris Mrs Chris Harris Mr Keir Hounsome Mr Andrew Howes Ms Alison Jiggins

The Revd Lesley Moseley The Revd Craig Muir The Revd Zadie Orr Mr Mark Rigby

Mr Giles Robinson Ms Cathy Simpson

Mrs Margaret Smith The Revd Martin Spain

Mrs Liz Swanwick The Revd Dr Janet Tollington Dr Gordon Woods The Revd Geoff Wright

**2.6 Assembly Commission for Discipline Panel**

Convenor: The Revd Nigel Adkinson [2028]

Deputy Convenor: Dr David Jones [2028]

Members (not time-limited):

The Revd Nigel Adkinson Ms Nneoma Chima Ms Mary Coole Mr Ian Corless Ms Janine Cowie Mrs Barbara Ellis Mr Remi Ferguson The Revd Peter Flint Mrs Cathy Glazier Ms Barbara Goom The Revd Dominic Grant The Revd John Grundy Prof Graham Handscomb The Revd Marcus Hargis The Revd Jonathan Hill The Revd Terry Jin Dr David Jones Mrs Mary Kelly Ms Maria Lee The Revd Sue McCoan The Revd Alan McGougan The Revd Martha McInnes Ms Morag McLintock Dr James Mawdesley The Revd Sarah Moore The Revd Wilbert Sayimani Mr Dean Taylor The Revd Dr Kirsty Thorpe Ms Marie Trubic Mrs Janet Virr Mr Gordon Wanless Ms Darnette Whitby-Reid

**2.7 Disciplinary Appeals Commission**

**Appointed by the Officers of General Assembly**

Secretary:The Revd Andy Braunston

The Revd Fiona Bennett The Revd Bill Bowman The Revd Clare Downing Mr John Ellis Mr Alastair Forsyth The Revd Walt Johnson JP Ms Elizabeth Lawson KC Ms Muna Levan-Harris Mrs Val Morrison Mr Richard Pooler The Revd Nigel Uden

**2.8 Pastoral reference and welfare committee**

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

Secretary: Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)

General Secretary Deputy Treasurer

Synod Moderator: The Revd Bridget Banks [2026]

Nominated Members:

The Revd Ruth Dillon [2028] Mrs Bridget Akinyombo [2028]

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 Sally Bateman (1) [2028]\*\* 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 Programme Officer for URC Global Justice and Partnerships

Ecumenical & Interfaith Officer for the National Synod of Scotland

Ecumenical & 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)

Synod Moderator: The Revd Steve Faber [2024]

**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 & Learning Committee Children & Youth Work Committee

URC Pioneer Network

**3.1.6 Legacies of Slavery Task Group**

Convenor: Professor David Reynolds

Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries

Programme Officer (Global, Justice & 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: Mrs Maggie Kirkbride [2027]\*\*

Synod Moderator: The Revd Jamie Kissack [2026]

Convenors of the Accreditations (CRCW and SCM), Maintenance of Ministry and Retired Ministers’ Housing subcommittees

Convenor of the Assessment Board

Nominated members:

Mrs Gill Bates [2028]†

Miss Chris Kellett [2025]

The Revd Lesley Moseley [2025] The Revd Terry Jin [2027]\*\*

**4.1.1 Accreditations (CRCW and SCM) Subcommittee**

Convenor: The Revd Dr Paul Dean [2025]

Joint Secretaries: Secretary for Ministries and Head of Community Engagement

Convenor of the Assessment Board

Representatives:

Synod Moderator: The Revd Jamie Kissack [2026]

SCMs: Vacancy

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 subcommittee**

Under review.

**4.1.3 Retired Ministers’ Housing Society subcommittee**

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

Synod Moderator: The Revd George Felton [2025]

Nominated Members:

The Revd Don Nichols {2026] \*\* The Revd David Lawrence [2027] \*\*

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 2025**

Ms Mercy Nimako (11)Ms Liz Sharples (5)

The Revd Samuel Silungwe (5)

**Retiring 2026**

The Revd Lis Mullen (2) The Revd Sue McCoan (10)

The Revd Gerald England (8)†

**Retiring 2027**

The Revd Jamie Kissack (4) The Revd Tim Lowe (4)

Mrs Kate Yates (10) The Revd Jacob Bali (11)

Mr Simon Loveitt (4)

**Retiring 2028**

Mr Keith Reading (3)

**4.2 Education and Learning committee**

Convenor: Mrs Pippa Hodgson [2027]

Secretary: Secretary for Education and Learning

Nominated Members: (nominated by the Nominations Committee)

           Mrs Margaret Marshall [2028] †

           The Revd Andrew Mudharara [2026]

Ms Maggie Eldridge-Mrotzek [2028]\*\*

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 & Development Officers: The Revd Dr Rob Hoch [2026]\*\*

           CYDOs & 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 [2025]

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 Stepwise development group**

Convenor: The Revd Alison Davis

Administrator: Stepwise Programme Assistant

Secretary for Education and Learning Stepwise Programme Manager

Education & Learning Instructional Designer

Education & 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 Samantha Sheehan [2028]

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 [2028] † 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:

Mrs Kate Yates [2026]\*\* Mrs Margaret Thompson [2028]\*\*

Synod Safeguarding Practice Group representative:

Ms Julie Rafferty [2026]\*\*

Synod Moderator: The Revd George Watt [2025]

National Synod of Scotland representative: Vacancy

URC Advocated Survivors Group representatives (up to 2): 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]\*\*

**5.2 Resources Committee**

Convenor: The Revd Dr Michael Hopkins [2028]

Nominated Members:

Ms Jane Humphrey [2026] Mr Tim Llewelyn [2028]

The Revd Nick Mark [2028] Ms Joanna Morfoh [2028] Mr Steve Tringham [2028] Vacancy (Human Resources)

Ex-officio Members:

Chief Operating Officer – Secretary The Chief Finance Officer

Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

**5.3 Equalities committee**

Convenor: The Revd Naison Hove [2026]

Secretary: The Revd David Salsbury [2027]†

URC Youth Equalities and Diversity Representative: Vacancy

Nominated members:

The Revd Jayne Taylor [2027]

The Revd Jo Clare-Young [2028]†

Ms Judy Rogers [2028] †

Mrs Janet Raven {2026]

Ms Kirsty Mabbott [2027]

Ms Megan Westgarth [2028]\*\*

**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 The Revd George Mwaura Mrs Pat Poinen

**5.4. Pensions committee**

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

Secretary: Pensions Manager

Nominated Members:

Ms Joana Marfoh [2028]† The Revd John Piper [2025]†

Co-opted members, maximum of 3:

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: 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) [2028] †

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

Mr Clifford Patten (7) [2028] † Mr David Greatorex (5) [2028] † The Revd James Breslin (5) [2028] † 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 1 vacancy for a Group member

URC Youth appointee: vacancy

Moderator of General Assembly Clerk of General Assembly

General Secretary Treasurer

In attendance:

Convenor of the investment committee Minute secretary

Chief Finance Officer

**5.5.1 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 [2028] † 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 Subcommittee: 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]

2 Vacancies

**5.7 Investment committee**

Convenor: Mr Richard Nunn [2026]

Secretary: Ms Sandi Hallam-Jones

Members:

Dame Katharine Barker [2027]

Mr Lyndon Thomas [31.12.2026] †

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**

The following are appointed for the 2024 CWM Assembly

Ms Karen Campbell Ms Lindsey Brown

The Revd Tim Meadows Mr Zeerak-Shahbaz

**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 environmental issues network**

The Revd Mike Shrubsole

**7.6.3 CTBI consultative group on ministry amongst children (CGMC)**

Head of Children’s and Youth Work and one other

**7.6.4 CTBI Inter-religious network**

Programme Officer (Global, Justice and Partnerships)

**7.6.5 CTBI China forum**

The Revd John Scott

**7.6.6 CTBI Churches’ refugee network**

The Revd Fleur Houston

**7..7 Churches Together in England (CTE)**

**7.7.1 CTE enabling group**

Mission Support Officer

**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**

Ms Sarah Lane Cawte

1 Vacancy

**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) (5-year term) [2026]

Co-secretary: Mission Support Officer

Ecumenical & Interfaith Officer for the National Synod of Scotland

Ecumenical & Interfaith Officer for the National Synod of Wales

Nominated Members – serving 1 or 2 4-year terms:

The Revd Memona Shahbaz [2027\*\*] Mr Tim Hopley [2025]

**8.1.1 Methodist/ United Reformed Church strategic oversight group**

The General Secretariat

**8.2 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

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

The Revd Dr Julian Templeton

**8.4 Roman Catholic/United Reformed Church Dialogue Group**

Co-chair: The Revd Philip Brooks

Co-secretary: Ms Lindsey Brown

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 [2028]

The Revd John Grundy [2025] The Revd Mark Bates [2026]†

Dr Lesley Coote [2026]\*\*

Synod Moderator: The Revd James Kissack [2024]

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 [2025]

Convenor-elect: Vacancy:

Clerk to the governors: The Revd Naomi Young-Rodas [2028]

Honorary Treasurer (Westminster College): Mr Gilbert Heathcote [2029]

Principal: The Revd Dr Peter McEnhill

Mr John Ellis [2029] Mrs Darnette Whitby-Reid [2025]

The Revd Stuart Scott [2025] † The Revd David Miller [2028]

The Revd Ryan Sirmons [2029]

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 [2027] † Mr Ray Dunnett [2028] †

The Revd Kevin Swaine [2028] † The Revd Derek Lindfield [2026]

Mrs Ann Bulley [2028]

5 URC governors serve 4-year terms, which may be renewed.

**10.5 Silcoates School**

The Revd Jason McCullagh [2027] †

The Revd Dr Rosalind Selby [2027]\*\*

Governors serve 3-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 [2027] † General Secretary

**11.3 Congregational Fund Board**

The Revd Janine Atkinson [2027]†

Mrs Mary Steele [2027]†

The Revd Howard Sharp [2027]\*\*

The Revd Dr Bachelard Kaze Yemtsa [2028]\*\*

One Vacancy

**11.4 Congregational Memorial Hall Trust**

Mr John Ellis [2027]† Mrs Margaret Thompson [2024]

Mr Philip Bonnier [2025] The Revd Derek Wales [2025]

The Revd Julian Macro [2026]\*\* Mrs Margaret Thompson [2028] †

Representatives serve 4-year terms which may be renewed.

**11.5 Historic England Places of Worship Forum**

Convenor of the listed buildings advisory group

**11.6 Lord Wharton’s Charity**

Mr Neil McKenzie [2027]\*\*

**11.7 Retired ministers’ and widows’ fund**

The Revd Julian Macro 1 Vacancy

Ms Liz Sharples

**11.8 Roots for Churches Ltd**

The Revd Jenny Mills\*\*

Nominated by the Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)

**11.9 Samuel Robinson’s Charities**

Mr Tony Alderman

**11.10 Scout Association – URC General Assembly Chaplain**

The Revd Keith Morrison

This appointment is made by the Children’s and Youth Work Committee.

**11.11 United Reformed Church History Society**

The Revd Dr Michael Jagessar [2029] † Mrs Jean Wyber [2027]

Dr Simone Maghenzani [2028]  
Council Members serve five-year terms which may be renewed.

**11.12 World Day of Prayer**

England, Wales and Ireland: The Revd Jane Weedon [2027]

Scotland: Synod appointment.

**11.13 Westhill Endowment Trust**

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