



Role Description for Member of Faith in Action Committee

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Role Title	Member of the Faith in Action Committee
Focus Area*	Mission or Children and Youth/Intergenerational or Lay learning/Education and Learning
Main Points of Contact	Faith in Action Team
Connected Roles	Faith in Action link person (to sub-committee)
Sources of Support	Convenor of Faith in Action Deputy General Secretary (Faith in Action)
Location	The majority of meetings will be online. Where meetings are in person, these are likely to take place at venues around England, Scotland or Wales. Times to be worked out once the Committee is formed, to meet the needs of the Committee members.
Time Commitment	2 online meetings and 1 in person meeting per annum (dates and times suitable for the membership of committee) plus additional follow-up work between meetings.
Remuneration	Volunteers are not remunerated. The URC will ensure financial expenses incurred by volunteers while supporting the work of the Faith in Action Committee will be reimbursed, in accordance with the URC expenses policy.
<p>Background: Following the decision of General Assembly 2025, Faith in Action Committee has been formed combining the work of the Mission Committee, Children and Youth Work Committee and the Education and Learning Committee.</p> <p>The new Faith in Action Committee is a Core or Programme Committee with specialist sub-committees related to the work of the Faith in Action staff team.</p>	
<p>Committee Summary: The Faith in Action Committee supports the United Reformed Church's outreach in terms of evangelism and witness; public issues; community engagement; pioneering; ecumenical & interfaith relations; intergenerational worship; global & intercultural ministries; racial justice and legacies of slavery; as well as ministry among children, young people and young adults, intentionally listening to their voices; net zero advocacy; lay learning; and world justice through the URC's Commitment for Life programme. The role of the Committee is to support and guide the Faith in Action staff team in implementing the work agreed by Assembly through the Mission Strategy created to reflect the focus areas vital to the life of the URC.</p>	

*each Committee member has an area of focus, alongside being a 'general' member of the Committee.

Principal responsibilities and duties

Attending and participation in meetings

1. Attend as many of the Committee's meetings as practicably possible and ensure apologies are sent if not able to attend.
2. Read all papers carefully in advance of each meeting in order to participate fully in discussions and ask appropriate questions.
3. Familiarise yourself with the Committee's Terms of Reference (and delegated authority from General Assembly).
4. Be willing to support particular pieces of committee work outside of the meetings.
5. Advocate for your focus area (Children and Youth/Intergenerational or Education and Learning/Lay learning or Mission) as well as actively participate in the full business of the Committee.
6. Connect with the relevant staff member/ Convenor of sub-committee, ensuring regular liaison between them and the Faith in Action Committee.

Training

Undertake training in key areas as highlighted within the induction and through ongoing conversation with the Convenor and Secretary.

Expected Standards

This section refers to the way in which the role should be done as opposed to the duties/responsibilities themselves.

1. Promote a culture of open and effective communication.
2. Actively foster an environment which nurtures equality and cherishes diversity.
3. Take responsibility for own personal development and develop skills and knowledge applicable to this role.
4. Ensure compliance with safeguarding practice.

This role description reflects the overall scope and responsibilities of the role. However, it may change and evolve over time in order to meet organisational needs and this role description will therefore be subject to periodic review and change if required.

