

Member of the Worship, Faith and Order Committee



Role	Member of the Worship, Faith and Order Committee
Main point of contact	Convener of the Committee Secretary of the Committee Administrator based at Tavistock Place
Sources of support	As above
Time commitment	The Worship, Faith and Order Committee meets once for an overnight, in-person meeting (usually in February) and additionally online in May, July, and November. Meetings can be arranged to suit employment commitments. Members serve for a four-year term, renewable once.
Remuneration	Committee members are not remunerated. Financial expenses incurred for attending meetings or while undertaking the work of the Committee will be reimbursed, in accordance with the URC's expenses policy.

Responsibilities

The Worship, Faith and Order Committee's remit was established by General Assembly in 2023 as:

- To address issues of worship, faith and order on behalf of the URC.
- To participate in and respond to ecumenical and inter-faith discussions on faith and order issues.
- To advise the Assembly, its officers and Committees on questions of worship, faith, and order.
- To listen to concerns raised by local churches, Synods and individuals and to advise as appropriate.
- To publish and disseminate occasional materials relating to questions of worship, faith, and order.
- To act as a sounding board for the Minister for Digital Worship.
- To receive reports from the United Reformed Church Spirituality Group.

The Committee has delegated authority from the General Assembly in relation to matters of worship and the curation of worship resources, including those previously published. In exercising this authority, the Committee shall:

- Respond, as necessary, to ecumenical papers about worship
- Oversee the curation of worship materials undertaken by the Minister for Digital Worship, and
- Establish, from time to time, working groups to create or revise published liturgies.

Members of the Committee will be asked to comment on matters relating to the URC's worship, faith and order and, from time to time, to draft papers for consideration by the full Committee. When agreed, these papers might form the basis for wider consultation and discussion in the church, specifically at General Assembly and/or Assembly Executive. Papers might also be written in response to ecumenical documents.

Members of the Committee might also be asked, from time to time, to attend other meetings on behalf of the URC.

Person Specification

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Requirements	Essential	Desirable
Experience and Knowledge	• Knowledge of Reformed tradition and theology especially as it relates to the URC and its antecedent traditions • Understanding of worship and liturgy within the Reformed tradition acknowledging the balance of order and freedom • Understanding and ability to articulate issues of good order within the URC, especially our interconnected conciliar structure.	• Knowledge of URC governance structures or a willingness to learn
Skills and Abilities	• Work collaboratively with a diverse range of people • Ability to express complex theological ideas clearly both orally and in writing • Good IT skills including Microsoft Office, Zoom and email	• Record of supplying liturgical, prayer and worship resources with a distinct Reformed flavour

Other	Member of the United Reformed Church	
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