



URC representative on World Day of Prayer National Committee

Volunteer Opportunity: Join the World Day of Prayer National Committee

At the heart of the United Reformed Church (URC) lies a strong commitment to active ecumenical partnership and global Christian unity.

We are looking for someone with a passion for prayer and ecumenical unity to serve as a URC representative on the World Day of Prayer National Committee for England, Wales & Northern Ireland.

The World Day of Prayer service is held annually on the first Friday in March. There are approximately 1,500 local branches which hold about 3,000 services each year. It is part of the international World Day of Prayer movement with over 100 countries and islands involved.

The national committee is made up of representatives from around eighteen different Christian denominations. Its role is to produce and distribute supportive materials for the day of prayer services, promoting and encouraging the movement's growth. It is a self-supporting registered charity – not a fund raising charity but a prayer movement. However, once essential costs have been met, most of the income (solely provided by the Day of Prayer services) is dispersed through grants to Christian charities worldwide.

Representatives are expected to be able to commit to an initial 3-year term, followed by a further 2 terms if willing (max. 9 years). Committee members are expected to take a full and active role within the movement.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday in September, January, March, May and a July Link Day, with a 3-4 day residential in November when the draft material received from the writing country (17 months in advance) is prepared for publication. This provides opportunity for comment and input through the working groups finalising the order of service, Bible reflection and background notes and the children's materials. Committee members also serve on sub-committees for finance, publications and fieldwork. Involvement in proof-reading of all published materials is expected. From September to February Preparation Days are held throughout the country and committee members share the support of these days through attendance to participate in power-point presentations, leading Bible study, explaining and planning services, etc. Members need to be flexible and willing and able to travel. Travel expenses are provided.

Why volunteer with us?

- **Make a Global Impact:** Connect with a worldwide movement active in over 120 countries, while helping allocate vital charitable grants funded by service offerings globally.
- **Enrich Your Spiritual Journey:** Immerse yourself in worship materials, theology, and lived experiences shared by Christians from countries around the globe (such as Nigeria, Costa Rica, and Italy).
- **Build Ecumenical Bridges:** Form deep friendships and collaborate creatively with committee members representing different Christian traditions across the UK.
- **Grow Your Skills:** Gain valuable hands-on experience in publishing, proofreading, workshop facilitation, Bible study leadership, and charity governance. *(Mentoring and training are provided to help build your confidence!)*

How to get Involved

If you're interested in volunteering for this role or would like more information, please contact Victoria Blunt, Convenor of Nominations Committee at **nominations@urc.org.uk**. We welcome individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and experience levels to join us in serving God and our Church community.

Please be aware that all volunteers applying for roles within the United Reformed Church (URC) are required to undergo safer recruitment procedures. This ensures the safety and protection of all members within our community. Further details on this process will be provided during the application and selection process. Further guidance can also be found on our website www.urc.org.uk