

P3.3 CANDIDATES FOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

NAME

- P3.3.1 The name of the Committee is the "Candidates for Ministries Committee", a committee appointed by and responsible to the Presbytery of Western Australia.

MEMBERSHIP

- P3.3.2 The Candidates for Ministries Committee will be appointed by the Presbytery and will consist of:
- (a) the Secretary of Presbytery or nominee;
 - (b) a Chairperson who will be elected annually by the Presbytery;
 - (c) the Principal of the Perth Theological Hall;
 - (d) the Chairperson of the Committee for Education for Discipleship and Leadership or their nominees; and
 - (e) up to three members elected annually by the Presbytery.
- P3.3.3 The Committee may co-opt up to two further members to ensure balanced representation or to provide the Committee with knowledge, abilities or experience not otherwise available to the Committee.

PURPOSE

- P3.3.5 The purpose of the Committee is:
- (a) to fulfil the Presbytery's part in the selection, pastoral care and oversight of candidates for the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher;
 - (b) to assist the Synod in dealing with applications for admission of ministers from other denominations; and
 - (c) to assist the Presbytery and Synod Panel in dealing with applications for the re-admission of former ministers of the Church.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- P3.3.6 The Committee is authorised to act on behalf of the Presbytery in:
- (a) establishing appropriate policies and procedures for the fulfilling of its responsibilities and to undertake continual evaluation of those policies and procedures;
 - (b) promoting the call to the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher;
 - (c) sharing in the oversight and support of persons undertaking a period of discernment;
 - (d) receiving and processing applications for the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher;
 - (e) determining whether to commend an applicant to a Selection Panel;
 - (f) appointing Presbytery representatives to any Selection Panel;
 - (g) arranging pastoral care for candidates for the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher;
 - (h) dealing with the termination of candidature;
 - (i) undertaking assessments to determine whether candidates for all the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher are ready for ordination or commissioning;
 - (j) participating in arrangements for Ordination and Commissioning services for candidates for all the specified ministries in consultation with the Liturgy Committee; and
 - (k) undertaking the responsibilities of the Presbytery under the Regulations for the readmission of a former minister or certificated candidate of the Church.

- P3.3.7 The Committee will make recommendations to the Presbytery on:
- (a) the ordination or commissioning of candidates for the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher
 - (b) the readmission of a former minister of the Church.

COMMITTEES

- P3.3.8 The Committee may establish entities such as steering committees, advisory groups, reference groups, task groups, and special purpose sub-committees. Such entities:
- (a) shall be for a specified period not exceeding twelve months, subject to renewal by resolution of the Committee;
 - (b) may include persons other than Committee members;
 - (c) are to be chaired by a member of the Committee;
 - (d) are to have responsibilities, powers and authorities as determined by the Committee;
 - (e) may have their responsibilities, powers and authorities revoked or the entity terminated at any time by the Committee;
 - (f) may have any member removed from office by the Committee;
 - (g) shall include the Chairperson of the Committee, at their own discretion, at any meeting of a committee; and
 - (h) shall report to the Committee periodically or when requested to do so by the Committee.

MEETINGS AND REPORTING

- P3.3.9 The Committee will:
- (a) meet at least four times each year; and
 - (b) report to the Presbytery at each Presbytery meeting and forward the minutes of each Committee meeting to Secretary of Presbytery.

TECHNOLOGY

- P3.3.10 A Committee or Committee sub-committee meeting may be called or held using any technology agreed to, in advance, by all the members of the Committee or sub-committee.

CIRCULATING RESOLUTIONS

- P3.3.11 (a) The Committee or sub-committee may make decisions by a circular or electronic poll of all members entitled to vote, provided that no decision of such a poll is binding unless there are no dissenting votes. The resolution is passed when the last member signifies agreement.
- (b) A Committee or sub-committee member is not entitled to vote on a circulating resolution if she or he has a conflict of interest unless it has been disclosed and dealt with in accordance with these Rules and procedures set down by the Committee.

QUORUM

- P3.3.13 The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be a simple majority, in person including those attending through teleconference, or equivalent, link.