

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) a Chairperson who will be elected annually by the Presbytery;
- (b) the Principal of the Perth Theological Hall;
- (c) the Chairperson of the Committee for Education for Discipleship and Leadership or their nominees; and
- (d) up to three members elected annually by the Presbytery.

P3.3.3 All members of the Committee will be members of the Church and, as far as possible, the Committee membership shall include:

- at least one-third women and one-third men,
- a balance of lay and ordained,
- people experienced in rural ministry, multicultural ministry and intergenerational ministry.

P3.3.4 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. The appointment of co-opted members shall be subject to endorsement by Presbytery or Presbytery Standing Committee.

P3.3.5 A majority of the membership of the Committee shall be members of the Presbytery.

P3.3.6 Church Centre staff, other than those covered in Rule P3.3.2(b), may be invited and speak to assist the Committee in the fulfilling of its purpose and responsibilities but are not eligible to vote.

P3.3.7 The Chairperson of the Presbytery may, at their own discretion, attend any meeting of the Committee.

PURPOSE

P3.3.8 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; and
- (b) to assist the Synod in dealing with applications for admission of ministers from other denominations; and
- (c) to assist the Presbytery and the Synod Panel in dealing with applications for the readmission of former ministers of the Church.

RESPONSIBILITIES

P3.3.9 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 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 Chairperson of Presbytery; and
- (k) undertaking the responsibilities of the Presbytery under the Regulations for the readmission of a former minister or certificated candidate of the Church.

P3.3.10 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.

MEETINGS AND REPORTING

P3.3.11 The Committee will:

- (a) meet at least four times each year; and
- (b) report to the Presbytery at least annually and forward the minutes of each Committee meeting to Presbytery Standing Committee.

TECHNOLOGY

P3.3.12 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

- P3.3.13 (a) The 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 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

P3.3.14 The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be a simple majority, in person including those attending through teleconference, or equivalent, link.