Please complete all sections and submit your nomination to [nominating.committee@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:nominating.committee@wa.uca.org.au)

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| **Nomination form for NEW election to School Council / agency Board** | |
| **NAME:** |  |
| **ENTITY:** | (School/College/Agency) |
| **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY/ NOTES:** | (Chair, Deputy Chair, Ordinary Member) |

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| **IS A WWC / POLICE CLEARANCE APPLICABLE** | Y/N | **IF APPLICABLE, HAS THIS BEEN OBTAINED BY COUNCIL / BOARD?** | Y/N |

Election of Chair must involve consultation with Moderator and General Secretary before seeking appointment.

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| **PROPOSED START:** | month-year | **LENGTH OF TERM:** | years |

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| **DATE FIRST APPOINTED CHAIR IF APPLICABLE:** | month-year | **DATE FIRST APPOINTED MEMBER:** | Month-year |

Recommended by Council / Board  Date of meeting

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| **REQUIRED INFORMATION** | **DETAIL** |
| UCA membership status |  |
| Other denomination status |  |

**Declaration of Commitment to polity and ethos of the Uniting Church document to be signed and returned (for both new and renominations to the Board).**

**CV attached (for new nominations to the Board unless there are significant changes to existing CV provided).**

*Renominations require a letter from the Board requesting a further term of office for the current board member, and the completion of the Declaration of Commitment to the polity and ethos of the Uniting Church document (see below). A new nomination form or CV is only required if there are significant changes to the original paperwork provided.*

**COMMITMENT TO THE POLITY AND ETHOS OF THE UNITING CHURCH**

All those seeking to be elected as members of the Boards of Uniting Church schools and agencies in the Synod of WA are required to indicate their commitment to the polity and ethos of the Uniting Church.

In order for members of Boards to better understand the polity and ethos of the Uniting Church they are requested to read the following documents and indicate their commitment to working within the polity and ethos set out in these documents.

1. **Introduction to the Uniting Church** - this document outlines the purpose of the Uniting Church and how it is governed.
2. **Statement to the Nation 1977** - when the Uniting Church was formed in 1977 it issued a Statement to the Nation. This sets out the core values which the Uniting Church pursues within the Australian nation. [Statement to the nation (First Assembly) | UCA Assembly](https://ucaassembly.recollect.net.au/nodes/view/150?keywords=statement+to+the+nation&highlights=eyIwIjoic3RhdGVtZW50IiwiMSI6Im5hdGlvbiIsIjYiOiJuYXRpb24sIiwiOCI6Im5hdGlvbmFsIiwiMTAiOiJuYXRpb25zIn0%3D&lsk=abb8809b1d8a4f28b8be38448543bbb3)
3. **Statement to the Nation 1988** - in the Bicentennial Year the Uniting Church issued a second Statement to the Nation. This again sets out the core values which the Uniting Church pursues with a greater emphasis on justice for Aboriginal and Islander peoples. [Statement to the nation (Bicentennial year) | UCA Assembly](https://ucaassembly.recollect.net.au/nodes/view/151?keywords=statement+to+the+nation&highlights=eyIwIjoic3RhdGVtZW50IiwiMSI6Im5hdGlvbiIsIjUiOiJuYXRpb24uIiwiNyI6ImFjdGlvbiIsIjkiOiJuYXRpb24sIiwiMTgiOiJuYXRpb25hbCJ9&lsk=abb8809b1d8a4f28b8be38448543bbb3)
4. **Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Congress** - this document outlines the relationship between the Uniting Church and the First Peoples of this land. You are encouraged to read this document and also the two links to the **Covenant Statement** and the **Preamble to the Uniting Church Constitution**.
5. **Our Vision for a Just Australia** - in 2021 the Uniting Church issued a further statement which sets out Our Vision for a Just Australia. [Vision Statement Poster | UCA Assembly](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Funiting.church%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2025%2F04%2FOur-Vision-For-a-Just-Australia-2025_FINAL.pdf&data=05%7C02%7CAmanda.Rigby%40wa.uca.org.au%7Ca612c00de854497bd70808ddb9ed57cb%7C2af0b98c72e64c7f8d0b7624cf6cdff7%7C0%7C0%7C638871151223002431%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=030D%2F53oAv2yjNzY%2Fmh%2BHico9Zatq3H0kSLppETXYB0%3D&reserved=0)
6. **Strategic Planning Framework for the Uniting Church in WA** - this is the Strategic Plan for the UCA in WA for 2022- 2027. It outlines five focus areas, seven core values and seven focus actions. [Our Strategic Plan - Uniting Church Western Australia](https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/about-us/strategic-plan/) The Summary Page is useful to download as it sets out these principles in a one page document.

In addition to these documents, Board members of Uniting Church agencies are asked to read the **Statement of Intent and Commitment** which was agreed to by Synod in 2021.

In addition to these documents, Board members of Uniting Church schools are asked to read **Schools of the Uniting Church in Australia, Why we are here; Who we are; and Principles for Action.** This was agreed to by the National Schools Consultative Group in 2019 and also includes the UCA National Education Charter of 2002. [Schools of the Uniting Church in Australia: Why we are here; Who we are; Principles for action | UCA Assembly](https://ucaassembly.recollect.net.au/nodes/view/1105?keywords=Uniting+Church+Schools&highlights=eyIwIjoic2Nob29scyIsIjEiOiJ1bml0aW5nIiwiMiI6ImNodXJjaCIsIjE3IjoiY2h1cmNoZXMiLCIyOSI6ImNodXJjaC4ifQ%3D%3D&lsk=f7d8c1ac8a049e31ff1512ad52f8c7ca)

**Declaration of Commitment to the Polity and Ethos of the Uniting Church**

I have read the above documents and indicate my commitment to work within the polity and ethos of the Uniting Church in Australia

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| Signature | Date |
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