



P13 Candidates for Ministries Committee

NAME

- P13.1 The name of the Committee is the “Candidates for Ministries Committee”, (hereinafter called the Committee) a committee appointed by and responsible to the Presbytery of Western Australia.

MEMBERSHIP

- P13.2 The Committee is appointed by the Presbytery and consists of:
- (a) a Chairperson elected by the Presbytery for a two year term;
 - (b) up to five members elected by the Presbytery for a two year term.
- P13.3 The Committee may co-opt up to two further members, for a term of up to two years, 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.
- P13.4 A majority of the membership of the Committee shall be members of the Presbytery.
- P13.5 The Uniting Centre for Education and Formation teaching staff will attend and resource the Committee but not vote.
- P13.6 The Committee may invite any person to attend and participate in a meeting on a non-voting basis to assist the Committee in fulfilling its purpose and responsibilities.
- P13.7 The Chairperson of the Presbytery may, at their own discretion, attend and speak at any meeting of the Committee.

MEETINGS

- P13.8 The Committee will meet at least four times each year.
- P13.9 The meetings of the Committee will be conducted in accordance with the principles and procedures of the *Manual for Meetings*.

QUORUM

- P13.10 The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be the whole number next above one-half of the current members.

REPORTING

- P13.11 The Committee shall report to the Presbytery at least annually, to the Presbytery Standing Committee when requested and forward the minutes of each Committee meeting to Presbytery Standing Committee.

ROLE

- P13.12 The role of the Committee is to:
- (a) 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) promote the call to the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher;
 - (c) provide oversight and support of persons undertaking a period of discernment including appointment of a mentor, and determining when the period of discernment has been completed; and
 - (d) assist the Presbytery and the Synod Panel in dealing with applications for the readmission of former ministers of the Church.

POWERS

- P13.13 The Committee is authorised to act on behalf of the Presbytery to:
- (a) establish appropriate policies and procedures for the fulfilling of its responsibilities and to undertake continual evaluation of those policies and procedures;
 - (b) receive and process applications for the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher;
 - (c) determine whether to commend an applicant to a Selection Panel;
 - (d) appoint Presbytery representatives to any Selection Panel;
 - (e) share in the oversight of candidates for the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher including appointment of a mentor and a representative to formation panels;
 - (f) determine whether a candidature should be terminated in accordance with Regulation 2.3.2.7;
 - (g) undertake assessments to determine whether candidates for the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher are ready for ordination or commissioning and present proposals on these matters to the Presbytery for decision;

- (h) participate in making arrangements for the ordination of Deacons and Ministers of the Word and the commissioning of Lay Preachers in consultation with the Chairperson of Presbytery; and
- (i) undertake the responsibilities of the Presbytery under the Regulations for the readmission of a former minister or certificated candidate of the Church.

P13.14 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; and
- (b) the readmission of a former minister of the Church.