## **Nominations**

# **Assembly committees and other appointments**

#### Notes:

- 1. General Assembly Moderators, Assembly Moderator-elect, the Immediate-past Assembly Moderators and the General Secretary are members ex officio of every standing committee. Deputy General Secretaries are members ex officio of every standing committee within their department. Any ex officio member may arrange for an appropriate deputy, such as any Deputy General Secretary or an officer of Assembly, to attend on their behalf. Any committee may invite other Assembly officers (or their deputies) or staff members to attend in a non-voting capacity where the business so requires.
- 2. Symbols have been used as follows: \*\* denotes those whom General Assembly is invited to appoint for the first time; † denotes those who have been invited to extend their periods of service; †† denotes those returning after a break.
- 3. Numbers in round brackets following names indicate the member's synod: (1) Northern, (2) North Western, (3) Mersey, (4) Yorkshire, (5) East Midlands, (6) West Midlands, (7) Eastern, (8) South Western, (9) Wessex, (10) Thames North, (11) Southern, (12) Wales, (13) Scotland. This numbering is not shown where it is not relevant.
- 4. When a member of a committee is there as a representative of another body or a particular category this is indicated in round brackets following the name.
- 5. Committee membership is normally for a period of four years, though this may sometimes exceptionally be renewable. Committee convenors serve an additional preliminary year as convenor-elect. In sections one to five of the report, appointments with a different term are noted.
- 6. Dates in square brackets following names indicate the date of retirement, assuming a full term.
- 7. In accordance with the decision of General Assembly 2000, some nominations are made directly by the National Synods of Wales and Scotland.
- 8. New committee members normally take up their roles at the conclusion of General Assembly.
- 9. Nominations to Assembly committees and their subcommittees, and to advisory and task groups serving Assembly and Assembly Executive, should be of members of the United Reformed Church, or youth representatives who meet the criteria for membership of Assembly. A term of service may normally be completed if someone ceases to be a member of the URC during their term.
- 10. Nominations of URC representatives to external bodies should either be URC members, or youth representatives who meet the criteria for membership of Assembly, or URC staff who have relevant expertise. The nomination of a staff

member would automatically lapse if the person concerned ceased to hold a URC post.

## 1. Assembly Executive

Assembly Executive acts on behalf of General Assembly. It consists of the officers of Assembly, the immediate past and elect Assembly Moderators, the deputies to the General Secretary and treasurer, the assistant clerk, four representatives from each synod, normally, but not necessarily, including the moderator and the synod clerk, together with the convenors of Assembly committees, the chair of the United Reformed Church Trust and three members for URC Youth, including the URC Youth Moderator. In attendance are staff secretaries, Assembly Moderators' chaplain and others as appropriate.

## 1.1 Human resources advisory group

Convenor: Mr Geoff Shaw [2023]

**General Secretary** 

Deputy General Secretary (Administration and Resources)

Nominated members:

Mrs Bridget Fosten [2022] Mrs Barbara Ellis [2024]

vacancy

## 1.2 Law and polity advisory group

Convenor: Ms Morag McLintock [2024] Secretary: Mr Neil Mackenzie [2022]

**General Secretary** 

Clerk of General Assembly

Assistant Clerk of General Assembly

Synod Clerk representative: Mrs Melanie Campbell [2025]\*\*

Property, legal and trust officers' representative: Ms Muna Levan-Harris\*\*

Nominated members:

Ms Denise FitzPatrick [2022] The Revd Steven Manders [2025]

In attendance: Legal Adviser

#### 1.3 Listed buildings advisory group

Convenor: The Revd Dr James Mather [2022] (nominated by the group)

Secretary: Mr Geoff Milnes [2022] (nominated by the group)

General Secretary

Vacancy (1) Mr Michael Williams (2)
Ms Alison Lee (3) Mr David Figures (4)
Mrs Judith Booth (5) Mrs Rachel Wakeman (6)
Mr Peter West (7) Mr Roger James (8)

Mr Gerry Prosser (9) Mr Christopher Buckwell (10)

Mr Guy Morfett (11)

#### 1.4 Resource sharing task group

Convenor: The Revd Steve Faber [2024] (Synod Moderator)

Secretary: Mr Chris Atherton Treasurer: The Revd Dick Gray

Miss Margaret Atkinson Mr Mike Gould

**URC** Treasurer

# 1.5 Environmental task group

Convenor: The Revd Rob Weston

The Revd David Coleman Ms Alison Greaves
The Revd Trevor Jamison Mr Tom Veitch

The Revd Dr Rosalind Selby

1.6 Review of Church Life Group

The Revd Dr John Bradbury

Mrs Melanie Campbell

The Revd Lindsey Sanderson

Ms Victoria Turner

The Revd Dr Phil Wall

The Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson Dr Gordon Woods

Mrs Muna Levan-Harris

#### 2. General Secretariat

#### 2.1 Faith and order committee

The convenor and nominated members normally serve for 6 years.

Convenor: The Revd Dr Robert Pope [2026]

Secretary: Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

General Secretary
Nominated members:

The Revd Samuel Silungwe [2023] The Revd Sue McCoan [2026] Ms Diana Paulding [2026] The Revd Kristin Ofstad [2026]

The Revd Tessa Henry-Robinson [2027]

#### 2.2 Nominations committee

Synods appoint and decide terms for their representation.

Convenor: Mrs Helen Lidgett [2025] Secretary: Mr George Faris [2022]

Mrs Melanie Campbell (1)

Mrs Rita Griffiths (3)

The Revd Brian Jolly (2)

Mr Tim Crossley (4)

Mr Richard Lockley (6)

Mr Keir Hounsome (7)

Ms Karen Bell (9)

The Revd Dougie Burnett (8)

Mr Simon Fairnington (10)

The Revd Russell Furley-Smith (11)

The Revd Adrian Bulley (12)

Mr John Collings (13)\*\*

A past Moderator of General Assembly

General Secretary In attendance:

Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries

Equalities Committee representative

## 2.2.1 Panel for General Assembly appointments

Members usually serve for five years as training is required.

Retiring 2022

Mr John Ellis (11) The Revd Mary Irish (7)

Retiring 2023

Mrs Barbara Ellis (3) The Revd Alison Hall (3) Mrs Helen Lidgett (5) Dr Jim Merrilees (13)

Ms Helen Stenson (12) The Revd Ruth Whitehead (8)

Mrs Sheila Davies (3)

Retiring 2024

The Revd Jan Adamson (13) The Revd Tessa Henry-Robinson (9)

Dr Paul Ashitey (10)
Mr Matthew Barkley (9)
Mr Reuben Watt (11)
The Paul Cal Paternal

The Revd Lucy Brierley (9)

Mr David Gartside (3)

Ms Pippa Hodgson (5)

The Revd Sal Bateman (10)

The Revd Peter Henderson (8)

The Revd George Mwaura (5)

The Revd Paul Robinson (12)

Mr Patrick Sheard (1)

Mr Alex Walker (4)

Retiring 2026

The Revd Reginald Mudenda (11)\*\*

The Revd Mark Robinson (9)\*\*

Mrs Darnette Whitby-Reid (10)\*\* Mrs Pat Poinen (1)\*\*

2.3 Ministerial incapacity and discipline (Mind) advisory group

Convenor: Ms Michelle Howard [2024] Secretary: The Revd Chris Copley [2022]

Synod Moderator: The Revd Clare Downing [2023]†

Convenor of the Assembly commission Secretary of the Assembly commission

Convenor of the review commission of the incapacity procedure Secretary of the review commission of the incapacity procedure

Consultant for ministers and CRCWs: The Revd Dominic Grant [2024]

Consultant for mandated groups: The Revd Ian Kirby [2023] Training coordinator: The Revd Andy Braunston [2024]

General Secretary; Clerk of General Assembly; Secretary for Ministries; legal adviser

2.4 Disciplinary process – commission panel

Members serve for five years as regular training is required. They may be invited to continue serving beyond this as experience is especially valuable on this panel.

Convenor: The Revd Dr Janet Tollington (7) [2025]

Deputy convenor: Dr David N Jones [2026]<sup>†</sup>

Secretary: Mr Philip Laws [2022]

Members:

Retiring 2022

Mr Alan Kirby (11) The Revd Ian Kirby (12) Mrs Cathy Glazier (11) Mrs Mary Kelly (1)

The Revd Craig Muir (6) The Revd Jane Campbell (13)

Mr Alastair Forsyth (4)

Retiring 2023

Mrs Wendy Dunnett (9)

Ms Mary Slater (11)

The Revd Alan McGougan (13)

The Revd Bill Bowman (11)

Retiring 2024

The Revd Debbie Brown (3)

Mrs Barbara Goom (8)

The Revd Peter Flint (11)

The Revd Naison Hove (11)

The Revd Deborah McVey (7)

The Revd Sarah Moore (2)

Mrs Pat Poinen (1)

The Revd Wendy Swan (11)

Retiring 2025

The Revd Martha McInnes (12) The Revd Rachel Poolman (1) The Revd Wilbert Sayimani (9) The Revd Dr Peter Stevenson (5)

The Revd Dr Janet Tollington (7)

Mrs Vivien Andrew (10)

The Revd Andy Braunston (13)

Retiring 2026

The Revd Nigel Adkinson (5)<sup>†</sup> Mr Ian Corless (9)<sup>†</sup>

Dr David N Jones (5)<sup>†</sup> The Revd David M Miller (6)<sup>†</sup>

The Revd Dr Kirsty Thorpe (2)<sup>†</sup> Mrs Janet Virr (4)<sup>†</sup>

2.5 Standing panel for the incapacity procedure

This panel is normally convened by the member with legal experience.

Members serve one or two five-year terms.

Secretary: Dr Augur Pearce [2022]

Synod Moderator: The Revd Simon Walkling [2023]

Past Moderator of General Assembly: The Revd Dr Kirsty Thorpe [2022]

Commission officer for the incapacity procedure: The Revd Roy Lowes [2023] Mr David Nash (legal experience) [2023] Dr Ewen Harley (GP) [2023]

2.6 Pastoral reference and welfare committee

Convenor: The Revd David Grosch-Miller [2023] Secretary: Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship) Synod Moderator: The Revd Brian Jolly [2024]

The Revd Dr Irene John [2024] Professor Malcolm Johnson [2022]

The Revd Bridget Powell [2023]

URC Deputy Treasurer General Secretary

2.7 Safeguarding advisory group

Convenor: Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)

Secretary: URC Safeguarding Adviser

Head of Children's and Youth Work

Nominated Members – maximum of 3, serving 1 or 2 3-year terms:

Vacancy

Mr Paul Smillie [2022]

Mrs Jane Dowdell [2023]

Mr Alex Walker [2024]\*\*

Co-opted members – maximum of 2, co-opted for appropriate terms of service:

Education & Learning Programme Officer

3. Mission department

3.1 Mission committee

Convenor: Sarah Lane Cawte [2024]

Secretary: Deputy General Secretary (Mission)

Vacancy (1) Mrs Angela Bogg (2) [2022]

The Revd Murray George (3) [2024] The Revd Clare Davison (4) [2024]

The Revd Robert Bushby (5) [2023] Mr John Davey (6) [2022]

Ms Lindsey Brown (7) [2022]
The Revd Ray Stanyon (9) [2025]<sup>†</sup>
Vacancy (11)
The Revd Robert Jordan (8) [2022]
Mr Simon Fairnington (10) [2023]
The Revd Branwen Rees (12) [2022]

Mr John Collings (13) [2023]<sup>†</sup>

3.1.1 International exchange reference group

Convenor: The Revd Dr Ana Gobledale [2024]

Synod Moderator: The Revd Paul Whittle [2022] Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries

Nominated member:

The Revd Ros Lyle [2023]

## 3.1.2 Commitment for Life (CfL) reference group

Convenor: Mr Richard Lewney [2024]

At least two CfL advocates Representative of mission team Representative of mission committee Representative from Christian Aid

Representative of Global Justice Now

Programme Officer for Global Justice and Partnerships

#### 3.1.3 Interfaith enabling group

Convenor: The Revd Tracey Lewis [2023]

Secretary: The Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Ecumenical & Interfaith Officer for the National Synod of Scotland Ecumenical & Interfaith Officer for the National Synod of Wales

Nominated members:

Ms Victoria Turner [2025] Mr Andy Lie [2023]

Co-opted members:

The Revd Dr Graham Adams [2024] The Revd Dr Mark Godin [2024]

The Revd Dr John Parry

### 3.1.4 Joint Public Issues Team strategy and policy group

Deputy General Secretary (Mission)

The Revd Steve Faber

### 3.1.5 Rural strategy group (United Reformed Church/Methodist)

Co-chair: The Revd Steve Faber (Synod Moderator) [2022]

2 vacancies

# 4. Discipleship department

#### 4.1 Ministries committee

Acting Convenor: The Revd Paul Whittle<sup>†</sup>

Secretary: Secretary for Ministries

Leadership in worship advocate: Vacancy

Synod Moderator: The Revd Jamie Kissack [2024]

Convenors of the Accreditations (CRCW and SCM), Maintenance of Ministry and

Retired Ministers' Housing subcommittees

Convenor of the Assessment Board

Nominated members:

The Revd Stuart Scott [2023] The Revd Sally Willett [2023]

Mrs Gill Bates [2024] Chris Kellett [2025]\*\*

The Revd Lesley Moseley [2025]\*\*

#### 4.1.1 Accreditations (CRCW and SCM) Subcommittee

Convenor: The Revd Dr Paul Dean [2025]

Joint Secretaries:

Secretary for Ministries [2022]

Development Worker (CRCW & SCM) [2022]

Convenor of the Assessment Board

Representatives:

Synod moderators: The Revd David Herbert [2024]

SCMs: The Revd Tim Clarke [2024]

CRCWs: Ms Ann Honey [2022]

Nominated Members:

Mr Rob Moverley [2022] 2 vacancies

Co-opted CRCW: Ms Marie Trubic [2022] (not to be replaced)

## 4.1.2 Ministries – maintenance of ministry subcommittee

Convenor: The Revd David Coote [2022]

Mr David Gartside [2022] Mrs Jean Wyber [2022]

The Revd Dr George Kalu [2025]\*\* Vacancy

Pensions committee convenor

### 4.1.3 Ministries – retired ministers' housing subcommittee – under review

Members normally serve four years, but appointments may be extended for two

more years.

Convenor: The Revd Anne Bedford

Secretary: Secretary of Retired Ministers' Housing Society Ltd Mr Peter West Mr Malcolm Lindo

The Revd Ken Summers

The Revd Simon Walkling (Synod Moderator)

ex-officio: URC Treasurer

Properties are managed by a company, Retired Ministers' Housing Society Ltd.

Details of the members of its board etc may be obtained from the Company Secretary

at Church House.

#### 4.1.4 Assessment board

Members usually serve for five years as training is required.

Convenor: Professor Bill Gould [2024]

Retiring 2022

Mrs Bridget Akinyombo (10) The Revd Jamie Kissack (4)

The Revd Lis Mullen (2) Mr Keith Reading (3)

Retiring 2023

The Revd John Danso (10) Mr Dan Morrell (4)

Retiring 2024

The Revd Jan Adamson (13) The Revd Gerald England (8)

Mr Mark Tubby (7)

Retiring 2025

Ms Mercy Nimako Ms Liz Sharples

The Revd Samuel Silungwe

#### **Education and learning committee** 4.2

Convenor: Mr Alan Yates [2023]

Secretary: Secretary for Education and Learning

Nominated Members: (nominated by the Nominations Committee)

Mrs Margaret Marshall [2024]
The Revd Martin Truscott [2022]
The Revd Tim Meachin 1999 (1)
The Revd Tim Meachin 1999 (1)

Ex-officio members:

a General Assembly moderator (current, past or elect)

General Secretary

Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)

Representative Members: (nominated by the appropriate group)

**RCL** Principals: The Revd Dr Rosalind Selby [2022] Synod Training & Development Officers: The Revd Mary Thomas

CYDOs & other Children and Youth Work officers

EM1 students

Non-voting members: (nominated by the appropriate group)

Synod Moderator: The Revd David Herbert [2022] RCL Principals: The Revd Samantha White

The Revd Dr John McNeil Scott

Secretary for Ministries Methodist Church Representative

## 4.2.1 Education and learning finance subcommittee

Chair: Mr Alan Yates

Minutes Secretary: Secretary for Education and Learning

Co-opted Member: The Revd Edward Sanniez

Ex-officio: URC Treasurer, Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship),

Convenor of the education and learning committee

Staff in attendance: Chief Finance Officer

The chair and member are appointed by the education and learning committee.

## 4.2.2 Stepwise development group

Convenor: The Revd Alison Davis\*\*

Administrator: Stepwise Programme Assistant

Secretary for Education and Learning Stepwise Programme Manager

Education & Learning Instructional Designer Project Manager for Walking the Way

Education & Learning Programme Officer (by invitation) Convenor of the Stepwise Learning Standards Board\*\* Representatives – serving appropriate terms of service:

Children's and youth work committee: Mr Leo Roberts

Synod mission enablers network: The Revd Stuart Radcliffe

Synod training and development officers: Vacancy Resource Centres for Learning: a tutor

Together Ethnic and Minority URC: The Revd Zaidie Orr

Co-opted Members:

The Revd Simon Goddard (Fresh Expressions)\*\*

The Revd Peter Henderson\*\*

Mr Iain Johnston (Faith in Community Scotland)

The convenor and the co-opted members are appointed by the education and learning committee.

#### 4.3 Children's and youth work committee

Convenor: The Revd Paul Robinson [2024] Secretary: Head of Children's and Youth Work

URC Youth Moderator URC Youth Moderator-elect

Convenor of the pilots subcommittee Pilots representative

Nominated members:

Mr Matthew Barkley [2023] Mr Reuben Watt [2023]

The Revd Janine Atkinson [2024] The Revd Samantha Sheehan [2024]

The Reverend Julian Sanders [2025]\*\* Ms Caroline Akinyele [2025]\*\*

#### 4.3.1 Pilots subcommittee

Convenor: Mr Derek Goodyear

Members:

Resources: Ms Liz Harrison\*\*

Synod Pilot officers: Mr Alan Kendall\*\*

vacancy

Representatives:

Children & Youth Development Officer & team: Ms Lorraine Downer [2023]\*\*

URC Youth Pilots: Vacancy

Pilots company/Friends On Faith Adventures group: 2 to 4 vacancies

Co-opted:

Resources: Ms Sandra Ackroyd

Members are nominated by the children's and youth work committee and serve 1 or 2 2-year terms.

4.4 Walking the Way steering group

Co-Chairs: Deputy General Secretary (Mission) & Deputy General Secretary (Disc)

Secretary: Project Manager for Walking the Way

Stepwise Programme Manager Head of Communications

Communications Officer

Representatives:

Children's and Youth Work: Ms Ruth White

Global and Intercultural Ministries: Revd Bachelard Kaze Yemtsa [2023]

Education and Learning Committee: Mr Alan Yates
Resource Centres for Learning: The Revd Peter Ball

Training and Development Officers: The Revd Dr Jim Coleman

Mission Committee: Mr John Collings
Mission Enablers: Mr Martin Hayward

General Members:

The Revd Colin Bones [2023] The Revd Caroline Andrews [2024]

4.5 Worship Reference Group

Convenor: The Revd Sam Silungwe [2024]

Secretary: The Revd Elizabeth Gray-King [2024]

Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)

Nominated Members:

The Revd Dr Anna Gobledale [2024] The Revd Dr Matthew Prevett [2024]

#### 5. Administration and resources department

5.1 Business Committee

Convenor: The Revd Mark Robinson [2025]\*\*

Secretary: General Secretary Moderators of General Assembly

Moderator-elect and Immediate-past Moderators of General Assembly

Clerk of General Assembly

Assistant Clerk of General Assembly

**URC** Treasurer

Nominated members:

Ms Ella Lemon [2022] Mrs Darnette Whitby-Reid [2025]

5.2 Communications

Convenor: The Revd Dr Peter Stevenson [2023]

Secretary: Head of Communications

Mr Stan Hazell [2022] The Revd Ian Fosten [2022]

The Revd Tim Lowe [2023] Mr Dan Morell [2023] The Revd Heather Whyte [2023] Ms Joy Aldred [2024]

#### 5.3 Equalities committee

Convenor: The Revd Anne Lewitt [2022]

Convenor-Elect: The Revd Naison Hove [2022] [to serve as convenor 2022-26]\*\*

Secretary: The Revd David Salsbury [2023]†

URC Youth representative: URC Youth Equalities and Diversity Representative

Nominated members:

The Revd Naison Hove [2023] The Revd Jayne Taylor [2023]
The Revd Jo Clare-Young [2024] Mrs Rosie Martin [2024]
The Revd Mhari McLintock [2024] Ms Judy Rogers [2024]

Dr Ruth Shepherd [2024]

#### 5.4 Finance committee

Convenor: URC Treasurer

Deputy Treasurer: Mr Vaughan Griffiths [2025]\*\*

Chief Finance Officer Chair of the URC Trust Nominated members:

Mr Frank Liddell [2022] Mrs Jane Humphreys [2023]
Ms Joana Marfoh [2023] The Revd Wilbert Sayimani [2023]
Ms Denise Harman [2024] The Revd Simon Copley [2025]\*\*

Mr Gordon Wanless [2025]<sup>††</sup>

#### 5.4.1 Pensions committee

Convenor: Mr Richard Nunn [2022] Secretary: Pensions Manager

**Nominated Members:** 

Ms Joana Marfoh [2024] The Revd John Piper [2023]\*\*

Co-opted members, maximum of 3:

Mr David Martin

Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Convenor of the Investment Committee

Convenor of the Maintenance of Ministry Subcommittee Deputy General Secretary (Administration and Resources)

In attendance:

Chief Finance Officer

Secretary for Ministries (for Ministers' Pension Fund matters)

#### 5.5 United Reformed Church Trust

Members normally serve for four years and may only serve a maximum of two terms (eight years). The directors of the Trust appoint new directors from those appointed as members. The members of the Trust elect the chair from among their own number and appoint a secretary and deputy secretary.

Chair: Mrs Val Morrison

Secretary: Ms Sandi Hallam-Jones Deputy Secretary: Mr John Samson

Members:

Group one (synods 1, 2, 3, 4, 13):

The Revd Nick Mark (13) [2024] Mrs Val Morrison (4) [2022]

Group two (synods 5, 6, 7, 8, 12):

Ms Catriona Wheeler (5) [2022] Mr David Lathbury (6) [2022] Mrs Margaret Thompson (7) [2022] Mr Clifford Patten (7) [2024]

Mr David Greatorex (5) [2024] The Revd James Breslin (5) [2024]

Group three (synods 9,10,11): None

Vacancy (to be filled from any synod) URC Youth appointee: vacancy

Moderators of General Assembly, Clerk of General Assembly, URC Treasurer

General Secretary In attendance:

Convenor of the investment committee minute secretary

Chief Finance Officer

5.5.1 Church House management group

Convenor: Deputy General Secretary (Administration and Resources)
General Secretary
Chief Finance Officer

Nominated members:

Mr Robert Buss [2022] Dr Ian Harrison [2024]

Mr Adam Lester [2024] vacancy

5.5.2 Remuneration committee

Convenor: Mr William McVey

Secretary: Deputy General Secretary (Administration and Resources)

Ms Sushila Jetha (Methodist HR) URC Treasurer

In attendance: Chief Finance Officer

5.6 The United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Trust Ltd

Terms run until the AGM in September. The directors of the Trust appoint new directors from those appointed as members. The board members elect the chair from among their own number and appoint the company secretary.

Chair: Mrs Bridget Micklem [2023] Deputy chair: Mr Richard Nunn [2022] Secretary: Ms Sandi Hallam-Jones

**URC Deputy Treasurer** 

Convenor of the maintenance of ministry subcommittee

Convenor of the investment committee

Members of the URC:

Mr Lyndon Thomas [2022] Mr Colin MacBean [2024]

Members of fund appointed by members of fund:

The Revd Dr Janet Tollington [2023] The Revd Paul Bedford [2022] The Revd Caroline Vodden [2022] The Revd Daniel Cheyne [2022]

5.7 Investment committee

Convenor: The Revd Dick Gray [2022]

Convenor-Elect: Mr Richard Nunn [2022] [to serve as convenor 2022-26]\*\*

Secretary: Ms Sandi Hallam-Jones

Members:

Mrs Jean Hudson [2023] Mr Lyndon Thomas [2024]
Mr David Martin [2022] Dame Katharine Barker [2023]
URC Treasurer convenor, pensions committee

chair of United Reformed Church Trust or another director

chair of United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Trust or another director

Treasurer, Westminster College In attendance: Chief Finance Officer

6. Representatives to meetings of sister Churches

6.1 General Synod of Church of England The Revd Tim Meadows

6.2	Methodist Conference	The Revd Roy Fowler
6.3	Congregational Federation	Mission Committee
		Nomination
6.4	Church of Scotland	Assembly Moderator and
		synod representative
6.5	United Free Church of Scotland	Synod nomination
6.6	Scottish Assembly of the Congregational Federation	Synod nomination
6.7	Scottish Episcopal Church	Synod nomination
6.8	Methodist Church in Scotland	Synod nomination
6.9	Baptist Union of Scotland	Synod nomination
6.10	Presbyterian Church of Wales	Assembly Moderator
6.11	Union of Welsh Independents	Synod nomination
6.12	Covenanted Baptists	Synod nomination
6.13	Church in Wales Governing Board	Synod nomination
6.14	Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church	Mission Committee
		Nomination

# 7. Representatives on ecumenical Church bodies

The following have been nominated as United Reformed Church representatives at the major gatherings of the ecumenical bodies listed.

### 7.1 World Council of Churches 2022 Assembly

Delegate: The Revd Sarah Moore

# 7.2 Council for World Mission Assembly

Representatives will be appointed in 2023 for the 2024 CWM Assembly.

### 7.3 World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) General Council

Representatives are appointed for each meeting of the Council.

### 7.4 Conference of European Churches Assembly

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations and one other

## 7.5 The Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council

The Revd Rowena Francis The Revd Professor David Thompson Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries

### 7.6 Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI)

## 7.6.1 CTBI Church leaders' meeting

General Secretary

## 7.6.2 CTBI senior representatives' forum

**General Secretary** 

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

#### 7.6.3 CTBI environmental issues network

The Revd Mike Shrubsole

#### 7.6.4 CTBI stewardship network

Mrs Faith Paulding

#### 7.6.5 CTBI consultative group on ministry amongst children (CGMC)

Head of Children's and Youth Work and one other

### 7.6.6 CTBI interreligious network

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

#### 7.6.7 CTBI China forum

The Revd John Scott

### 7.6.8 CTBI Korea group

The Revd David Grosch-Miller

### 7.6.9 CTBI Middle East contact group

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

### 7.6.10 CTBI Churches' refugee network

The Revd Fleur Houston

#### 7.7 Churches Together in England (CTE)

#### 7.7.1 CTE enabling group

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

## 7.7.2 CTE group for evangelisation

Deputy General Secretary (Mission)

# 7.8 Action of Churches Together in Scotland (Acts) members meeting

Appointed by the National Synod of Scotland

### 7.9 National Sponsoring Body for Scotland

Appointed by the National Synod of Scotland

### 7.10 Churches Together in Wales (CYTUN)

Appointed by the National Synod of Wales

#### 7.11 Commission of Covenanted Churches in Wales

Appointed by the National Synod of Wales

#### 7.12 Free Church education committee

Professor Graham Handscomb

Mrs Gillian Kingston

### 7.13 European Churches' environmental network

The Revd David Coleman

#### 7.14 Churches' committee on funerals and crematoria

The Revd Sally Thomas

## 7.15 Churches' forum for safeguarding

**URC Safeguarding Adviser** 

#### 7.16 Churches' network for nonviolence

Head of Children's and Youth Work

#### 7.17 Churches Visitor and Tourism Association

Mrs Valerie Jenkins

## 7.18 Joint liturgical group

The Revd Dr Ana Gobledale

# 8. Representatives on formal bilateral and multilateral committees

# 8.1 Methodist/United Reformed Church liaison group

Co-convenor: The Revd Geoffrey Clarke (Synod Moderator) (5-year term) [2026]\*\*

Co-secretary: Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Ecumenical & Interfaith Officer for the National Synod of Scotland Ecumenical & Interfaith Officer for the National Synod of Wales

Nominated Members – serving 1 or 2 4-year terms:

The Revd Tim Richards [2024] Mr Tim Hopley [2025]\*\*

## 8.1.1 Methodist/ United Reformed Church strategic oversight group

General Secretary A General Assembly Moderator

Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

## 8.2 Church of England - United Reformed Church Contact Group

Co-Chair: The Revd Ruth Whitehead [2024]

Co-Secretary: Secretary for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations

The Revd Dr Susan Durber [2024] Mr John Ellis [2024]

The Revd Tim Meadows [2024]

# 8.3 EMU Partnership (Scottish Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church in Scotland and the United Reformed Church National Synod of Scotland) [see note

Appointed by the National Synod of Scotland

# 8.4 Conversations between the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe and the Anglican Communion

The Revd Julian Templeton

#### 8.5 Roman Catholic/United Reformed Church Dialogue Group

Co-chair: The Revd Dr John Bradbury Co-secretary: The Revd Philip Brooks

Members:

Mr John Cornell The Revd Dr Sarah Hall

The Revd Jason McCullagh The Revd Lindsey Sanderson

# 9. Representatives on governing bodies of theological colleges, etc

9.1 Northern College

The Revd Mark Bates [2022] Mrs Rosie Buxton [2022]

The Revd Raymond Singh [2023] Mrs Margaret Marshall [2024]\*\*
Mr Willie Duncan [2025]† The Revd John Grundy [2025]\*\*

In attendance: Secretary for Education and Learning

### 9.2 Westminster College: board of governors

Governors serve six-year terms, which may be renewed.

Convenor: The Revd Nigel Uden [2026]

Clerk to the governors: Mr Chris Wright [2022]

Honorary treasurer (Westminster College): Mr Andrew Grimwade [2022]

Principal: The Revd Samantha White

Mr Mark Hayes [2022] Mr John Ellis [2023]

The Revd Jan Adamson [2024] Mrs Darnette Whitby-Reid [2025]

The Revd Stuart Scott from 1 Sep 2020 to 31 Aug 2021

Note 1: A further six governors are appointed by the Cambridge Theological Federation, the University of Cambridge, Anglia Ruskin University, the college's teaching staff, its students and the Cheshunt Foundation.

Note 2: The Secretary for Education and Learning and the URC Treasurer are normally in attendance.

#### 9.2.1 The Cheshunt Foundation

Mr Guv Morfett

### 9.2.2 Cambridge Theological Federation

Convenor, Westminster College governors

# 10. Governors of colleges and schools with which the United Reformed Church is associated

**10.1 Caterham School** Southern Synod Moderator

**10.2 Eltham College** Mr Martin Fosten

10.3 Walthamstow Hall Mrs Isabel Heald

#### **10.4 Milton Mount Foundation**

Mr Ray Dunnett [2024] The Revd Kevin Swaine [2024] The Revd June Colley [2022] The Revd Derek Lindfield [2022] Mrs Daphne Bembridge [2023]

Governors serve 4-year terms, which may be renewed.

#### 10.5 Silcoates School

The Revd Jason McCullagh [2024] Vacancy

Governors serve 3-year terms.

**10.6 Taunton School** Baptist governor at present

**10.7 Bishops Stortford College** Mr Richard Harrison

#### 11. Miscellaneous

The United Reformed Church is represented on a variety of other national organisations and committees as follows:

#### 11.1 Arthur Rank Centre

The Revd Elizabeth Caswell

#### 11.2 Churches Legislation Advisory Service

Ms Muna Levan Harris [2023] General Secretary

## 11.3 Congregational Fund Board

Mr Anthony Bayley [2023] The Revd Geoffrey Roper [2023]

The Revd Janine Atkinson [2023] Mrs Mary Steele [2023]

Mr Mike Hart [2024]

## 11.4 Congregational Memorial Hall Trust

Mr John Ellis [2023] Mr Simon Fairnington [2023]
The Revd Melanie Smith [2023] Mrs Margaret Thompson [2024]
Mr Philip Bonnier [2025]<sup>†</sup> The Revd Derek Wales [2025]<sup>†</sup>

Representatives serve 4-year terms which may be renewed.

## 11.5 Historic England Places of Worship Forum

Convenor of the listed buildings advisory group

#### 11.6 Lord Wharton's Charity

The Revd Derek Lindfield

#### 11.7 Retired ministers' and widows' fund

The Revd Julian Macro Mr Anthony Bayley

Ms Liz Sharples

#### 11.8 Roots for Churches Ltd

The Revd Nicola Furley-Smith [2024]

#### 11.9 Samuel Robinson's Charities

Mr Tony Alderman

#### 11.10 Scout Association – URC faith adviser

The Revd David Marshall-Jones

#### 11.11 United Reformed Church History Society

The Revd Dr Michael Jagessar [2024] Mrs Jean Wyber [2022]

The Revd Dr Kirsty Thorpe [2023]

Council Members serve five-year terms which may be renewed.

#### 11.12 World Day of Prayer

England, Wales and Northern Ireland: vacancy

Scotland: Synod appointment.

# 11.13 Westhill Endowment Trust

Mrs Julie Grove MBE [2022] The Revd Leonora Jagessar-Visser 't Hooft [2023]

Updated on **19 July 2021** by the secretary of the nominations committee (nominations.secretary@urc.org.uk) to incorporate:

- changes approved by General Assembly on 9 July 2021 (resolution 37) and the renaming of 1.1 Mission Council as Assembly Executive (resolution 02)
- additional changes:
  - 1.3 Listed Buildings Advisory Group there is a vacancy for a Northern Synod representative following the resignation of the Revd Ray Anglesea.
  - 11.12 World Day of Prayer the Revd Dr Ana Gobledale has resigned from the England, Wales & Northern Ireland National Committee.