

**All nominations listed on pages D3 –1 to D3 - 8 have been submitted
by the respective reference committees.**

Nominee – Adult Fellowship National Committee President

Rev Alistair Christie

Rev Alistair Christie, retired minister of the word living in active retirement with wide experience and participation in the Uniting Church, Ecumenical and Community bodies. Thirty years parish ministry in rural and urban congregations; served as Presbytery Chair (Canberra Region); Presbytery Minister (Sydney North 1993 - 2001); President NSW Ecumenical Council 2000-2002; Moderator, Synod of NSW 2002-2004 (Ex Moderator 2004-2007). Currently I serve as contact person for the President's table within this Synod and am a member of Greenhills Centre board.
My involvement with UCAF? Since the movement into Union.

I grew up in Canberra, was active in St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, member and leader in youth groups and elder. I trained as a Primary School teacher and taught for three years before candidating for ministry. Ordained 1969 in Bourke. Connie, my wife died in 1999. Our family of three - two sons and a daughter each contribute to the nation's life using their individual gifts. Two of them live in Canberra. Two teenage grandchildren are in Warnbro, WA with their parents. I live in Canberra worshipping in the Canberra Central Parish of which I'm a member.

Nominee – Ministerial Education Commission Chairperson

Dr Ron Skilton

Married to Reverend Lorna Skilton, Retired Hospital Chaplain
2 grown children, 1 granddaughter
Retired

Qualifications:

PhD (UQ), MEd (UNE), BEd (UQ), Teach Cert (KGTC)

Position Prior to Retirement:

Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Southern Queensland

Relevant current contribution to UCA:

Chair, Church Council, Middle Ridge Uniting Church, Toowoomba
Chair, Presbytery of the Downs

Council member, Scots-PGC College Warwick
UCA appointed Director, Brisbane College of
Theology

Previous contribution to UCA:

Synod Leadership Team 2005-2007
Council of Synod 2005-2007
School's Commission 1999-2005
School's Commission Review Chair 2005
Implementation Team for Network of Christian
Formation 007-2008

Relevant Experience in secular employment:

Teaching and Research; Literacy Education, Human
Development

Various management roles including;

- o Dean and Deputy Dean, Faculty of Education
USQ
- o Head, Department of Education USQ
- o Member, Vice Chancellor's Advisory Board USQ
3 years
- o Member, Academic Board USQ 5 years
- o Member, advisory panels for Christian Heritage
University, Griffith University and Australian
Catholic University Education Faculties.

Nominee – Historical Reference Committee Chairperson

Rev Dr William Emilsen

William has been a member of the committee since
1998 and chairperson since 2003. He is lecturer in
Church History and World Religions at United
Theological College, Sydney, and a Senior Lecturer
in the School of Theology at Charles Sturt University.
William edits "Uniting Church Studies", co-edited
"Marking Twenty Years" and "The Uniting Church in
Australia: The First 25 Years" and has authored
several works on Uniting Church history, including
chapters in "Pride of Place: A History of Pitt Street
Congregational Church".

Nominee – Frontier Services Chairperson

Mrs Jan Trengove

Jan Trengove has been a member of the Frontier
Services Board since inception and is the current
Chair. She is a Past Moderator of the South
Australian Synod (2001 - 2003); chaired the 2000
Assembly Business Committee; has sat for two
terms on Assembly Standing Committee; is Past
Chair of Uniting Care Port Pirie; has held seats on a
number of boards within South Australia, including
UCA schools and the St. Andrews Hospital.

Jan lives in the mid north of South Australia and is a
farmer with her husband, looking towards retirement
from the farm in the coming year. She is a member
of the local Spalding UCA Lay Ministry Team and an
active participant in a number of local community
organisations.

Jan is very enthusiastic about the work of Frontier
Service; continues to be inspired by the dedication of

staff; and deeply committed to the continuation of a ministry that is vital to rural and remote Australia.

Nominee – UnitingWorld Reference Committee Chairperson

Rev Stuart Cameron

Stu Cameron was an accountant, became involved in youth ministry and organized National Christian Youth Conventions in Adelaide in 1995 and Tasmania in 1997. Whilst studying to become a Minister of the Word, he became Synod Secretary in South Australia in 1999. He continued in this role until 2005 when he moved to Queensland to become the minister at Robina-Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast, now Newlife Uniting Church. Stuart has a keen interest in International Mission, has had exposure to the Partnership Churches of the South Australian Synod and has visited Thailand and the Land of Papua, as well as the Solomon Islands. Newlife Uniting Church has a strong commitment to partnering with the United Church Solomon Islands which Stuart has led. Stu has been chairperson of Uniting International Mission, now Uniting World, since 2006.

Nominee – Christian Education Reference Committee Chairperson

Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan

Rev. Dr Elizabeth Helen Nolan. 58yrs. MOW, Warrnambool, Victoria. In the 1970's in Queensland, I worked as a secondary school teacher, then Order of St Stephen volunteer with the Methodist Department of Christian Education before secondment to the Religious Education Curriculum Project team. My doctoral study researched education for clergy and Christian Educators at key theological institutions in USA and Canada in the 1980's. I moved in the 1990's to the Victorian Council for Christian Education in Schools then to the JBCE before placements in congregations in Tasmania and Victoria. My experience covers both the church-related and the school-related aspects of this ministry of Christian Education; in teaching at theological colleges and in writing curriculum materials; in administration and regional /Presbytery education programs. I have been a member and speaker for international conferences of the Religious Education Association and served on our UCA national education committees since 1991.

Nominee – Legal Reference Committee Chairperson

Mr Malcolm Gledhill

Lay
Ingleburn Congregation
BA, LLB (Sydney Uni), Accredited Specialist
Property Law
Solicitor
Malcolm is the current chairperson of the Assembly Legal Reference Committee and the chairperson of National Committee of UnitingWorld / Relief and

Development. He was a member of the Assembly Standing Committee for four terms. In his legal practice, he advises the NSW Synod, Uniting Church councils and organisations and the National Council of Churches in Australia. He also advises other Churches organisations, particularly in the not-for-profit retirement village and aged care sector. He has been chairperson of the Retirement Villages Ministerial Advisory Council and a member of the Fair Trading Ministerial Advisory Council, both reporting to the NSW Minister of Fair Trading for a number of years.

Nominee – Defence Force Chaplaincy Convenor

Rev A. Gale Hall

Minister of the Word and Sacrament, ordained in 1969. Formal qualifications are Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Divinity, Master of Education. Supply Minister The Gap Parish (July- December 2008), Director of Mission/Coordinating Chaplain Blue Care, UCA (2002- July 2007); Secretary of UCA Northern Synod (1993-2000); CEO, Division of Child and Family Welfare, UCA (1985-1993); Minister of Word and Sacrament, Aitkenvale and Kingston Parish 1976-85. Chaplain, Gaulim Teachers College, PNG, also lecturer in Agriculture, Mathematics and Christian Education, Associate Minister, Methodist Church, Mackay, QLD 1970-1975. Military experience: Convenor of National Assembly Defence Committee (2004- present), Senior Instructor, Chaplain Training Team, Australian Defence Force (2001); Staff Chaplain N.R., Army Personnel Agency, Darwin 1998, as an Army Chaplain filled a Navy Reserve Billet as Chaplain at HMAS Coonawarra and provided chaplaincy to Darwin Logistics Battalion when called upon 1993. Appointed to a commission in the RAAF, then in the Army first with the rank of Flight Lieutenant in the Chaplaincy Branch then as Chaplain Class 4, later as Chaplain Class 3 1976-1985. Posted to 1 Training Group, Wacol 1988, promoted to Chaplain Division 2, Senior Chaplain 1 Training Group 1991.

Nominee – Theology and Discipleship Chairperson

Rev Carolyn Thornley

Carolyn is a Minister of the Word, ordained in 1996. Before ministry she was a teacher in New Zealand, Fiji and Australia. Carolyn has served on the Australian Council of Churches Overseas Programs Committee, NSW Ecumenical Council, Uniting International Mission Reference Group and the UCOA Board. Her ministry experience in Fiji and Australia has been in congregations, Presbytery Ministry, Intentional Interim Ministry and now as Dean of Candidates. Carolyn is an ASSCANZ Accredited Supervisor of ministry practice. Carolyn is the current Chairperson, Theology and Discipleship (appointed 2007). She believes that the activities of these working groups and networks need to be a central focus of the life of the church.

Nominee – Multicultural and Cross-cultural Ministry Chairperson

Rev Eseta Meneilly

Eseta relishes the freedom that the Uniting Church offers its members, a freedom that enabled her to hear God's call to ordained ministry. She does not take for granted the position of women leadership, particularly in Committees such as the National Reference and National Conferences, and has enjoyed the cooperation and respect accorded to her by the predominantly male members.

Eseta believes that the reason we are still talking about Multicultural and Cross-cultural issues is because the Church tries to get things right. She believes also that we will never get it perfect, mortals that we are, but commitment to our faith in Jesus Christ demands that we right the wrongs that confront us along the way.

Nominee – Church Polity Chairperson

Rev Dr Andrew Dutney

The Rev Dr Andrew Dutney is the Principal of Uniting College for Leadership and Theology, the Uniting Church's theological college in South Australia. He is also Associate Professor in Theology at Flinders University. Andrew is the author of numerous publications on the history and theology of the Uniting Church, including *Manifesto for Renewal* (1986), *Where Did the Joy Come From?* (2001), and *Introducing the Uniting Church in Australia* (2008). He teaches courses on Uniting Church theology and polity and makes regular presentations on the ethos of the Uniting Church to the boards of various UCA agencies. He was first appointed as chairperson of the Church Polity Reference Committee in 2003. Andrew is the Synod of South Australia's nominee for President Elect.

Nominee – UnitingJustice Chairperson

Ms Janeen Barker

Janeen Barker is a member of South Woden Uniting Church, Canberra having been previously actively involved in parishes and congregations in WA, SA, NSW, and the NT. These have been city, suburban and rural settings which represent much of the diversity of the Uniting Church including Indigenous and ethnic congregations.

Over the years Janeen has participated in and often facilitated groups to raise awareness of justice issues and engage in theological reflection. She has been especially active involved on issues of peace, gender equity and sexuality. In recent times she has been most active in providing practical support to refugees in Darwin.

Janeen has been involved and active with issues of social justice in the wider church:

- as a member of the former SA Synod Social Justice Committee;
- providing support and advocacy for refugees and asylum seekers in Darwin and Adelaide;

- active in the former Philippines Solidarity Group based in Adelaide in the early 1990s; and
- as a member of the UnitingJustice Reference Committee and Chairperson for the last three years

Janeen has a background in the theoretical and practical implications of a commitment to social justice and equity. This began with training in Community Development methods in the United States which led to work in an African-American community in Chicago. Later she was part of a team working with an Indigenous Community in Western Australia and then involved in the training of community workers engaged in programs to empower impoverished communities in Western India. Janeen is skilled in group processes and has a particular ability to makes sense of a range of complex data.

Janeen's professional career has been primarily with younger children. She has also had considerable experience as an educational consultant and provider of training courses for early childhood educators.

Nominee – UnitingCare Chairperson

Mr Peter Bicknell

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

BA (Adelaide) 1970 (Politics & History)

M Soc Admin (Flinders) 1973

Thesis "Migration of Aboriginal People to the City"

CURRENT INVOLVEMENT

Chair UnitingCare Australia

Member 1995, Chair 2006-

Peak body for one of Australia's largest, most comprehensive Community Service Agencies

Chair UnitingCare Wesley Port Adelaide Inc Member 1993, Chair 2007-

Aged Care, Youth, Mental Health, Housing, Employment &

Children's Services. 900 staff, \$m150 budget

\$m164Property

Chair Portway Housing Association Inc

Member 1993, Chair 2007-

Community Housing Association 238 houses

Chair Adelaide Brighton Cement Community Liaison Group 2006 -

Convene process to resolve issues between Adelaide Brighton Cement, Residents, Environment Protection Authority, Health & Local Government

Member Energy Industry Ombudsman (SA) Board 2009

Appoint & supervise Energy Industry Ombudsman.

Member Uniting Church: Port Adelaide

INTERESTS Family, Social Inclusion, Housing, Primary Health, Mental Health, Child & Family policy & services, Consumer issues, Education in disadvantaged areas, sport and Christian community and service.

Nominee – Reception of Ministers Committee Chairperson

Rev Dr Douglas Miller

Doctoral studies in Old Testament. Has been minister in Wodonga and Bendigo South, chair of two presbyteries, then Presbytery Minister of Nepean Presbytery for nine years. Author of two books on issues of ministry and the Trinity. Now minister at Wesley Church, Melbourne CBD, with a major interests in Trinitarian theology and cross-cultural ministry.

Nominee – National Working Group on Doctrine Convenor

Rev Dr Wes Campbell

Wes is a minister of the Word, ordained in 1975. He has ministered in parishes/congregations in the northern suburb of Perth (Girrawheen and Yokine), inner city Melbourne (Hotham Parish Mission) and in Essendon. From 1983-89 he directed the Victorian Synod's Division of Social Justice. Since mid 2006 he has been chaplain at the University of Melbourne. He has been a member of various Assembly committees, including the Commission on Social Responsibility, the Doctrine Commission and Theology and Discipleship Reference Committee. He has served as Chair of the National Working Group on Doctrine since early 2005. For a number of years in the 1990s he chaired the Victorian synod Commission on Education for Ministry. His study for ordination was undertaken in Perth (University of Western Australia and Barclay Theological Hall) and Melbourne (United Faculty of Theology). Further study toward a doctorate in theology, supported by an ecumenical scholarship, took place in Tübingen, Germany, with Jürgen Moltmann and Michael Welker, and in Melbourne with Harry Wardlaw. Wes also paints in oils and acrylics and has held a number of joint and solo exhibitions. He has been resident painter at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington DC and Andover Newton Theological School, Boston. Wes is deeply influenced by the person and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and grapples with how the church is to be the visible presence of Christ in the world

Nominee – National Working Group on Worship Convenor

Rev Dr Paul Walton

Paul Walton was ordained a minister of the Word in 1988. He has served in several placements; he is currently placed at Centenary Uniting Church in Brisbane. He has been a member of the Commission on Liturgy/Working Group on Worship since 1992, and has chaired this body since 1995. He is a member of the Australian Consultation on Liturgy ,

Nominee – Relations with Other Faiths Working Group Convenor

Rev Seforosa Carroll

Seforosa (Sef) Carroll is a minister of the Uniting Church in Australia and currently a full time PhD student at the School of Theology, Charles Sturt University.

Sef grew up in Fiji, a multicultural and multi-religious community. Religion and culture were formative factors in Sef's upbringing. Sef brings with her experiences of living with people of other faiths and cultures. Her theological research interests fall into two areas: cross cultural relationships/encounters and Christian theologies of other faiths/interfaith dialogue and encounters. Her PhD research is on a feminist diasporic reading of interfaith dialogue and encounters in Australia. Sef represents the UCA on the National Dialogue of Christians, Muslims and Jews, is part of the Women's Interfaith Network (WIN) and has been involved in different interfaith and cross cultural consultations and projects from time to time. Sef has served both as a congregational minister at Caves Beach and Chaplain to MLC School, Burwood. She is also the Administrator of *Manahine Pasefika* (Association of Oceanian Women Theologians) whose primary objective is to "make Oceanian women's voices heard through print". Sef has been a visiting lecturer at the United Theological College since 2000.

Nominee – Christian Uniting Working Group Chairperson

Ms Maureen Postma

Maureen Postma has been a member of the UCA's Christian Unity Working Group since 2001, At that time she was General Secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches; a position from which she retired in March 2009.

Maureen's previous positions had been Education Officer for the National Council of Churches in Australia's Christian World Service Commission, the Force Ten program and previous to that with Caritas Australia.

Since 2001, Maureen has also been a member of the UCA Victorian Synod's Ecumenical Relations Committee and since 2009 a member of the UCA CUWG's Anglican-UCA Dialogue.

Nominee – Ministerial Education Commission Secretary

Rev Dr Marian Zaunbrecher

Rev Dr Marian Zaunbrecher is currently the Associate General Secretary of the Queensland Synod. Marian has been involved in ministry in a number of settings including: congregations in city and provincial settings, and in Victoria and NSW. Her involvement includes teaching at Theological Hall, Melbourne, Lay Preacher education and tutoring at Deakin and Wollongong universities. She has been a previous MEC secretary 1999-2003.