

2026 Southern Presbytery Elections: **Presbytery Pastoral Relations (PRC) Convenor** **Nomination Form**

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms...” 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

PRC, on behalf of the Presbytery, oversees the pastoral relations between Ministers, Pastors, and Congregations within the Presbytery. PRC’s responsibilities include but are not limited to: giving counsel on matters relating to pastoral relationships and responsibilities; counselling Ministers and Pastors for their encouragement and enrichment in the fulfillment of their ministries including reference to the Code of Ethics; dealing with matters relating to the placement or appointment of Ministers and Pastors; dealing with complaints; and approving lay presiders. For a full list of PRC responsibilities see Reg. 3.7.3.

We are seeking members of the existing Presbyteries to discern through prayer and thought those who have the gifts and graces to be the Convenor of PRC.

Nominations for the Convenor of PRC should be for people who have gifts, skills and experience for this role and who have been active in the life of the Uniting Church in one of the former Presbyteries for at least 12 months. The kind of gifts that the PRC Convenor will need include: spiritual maturity; wisdom; vision for the future; good understanding of the placements process, governance, a ‘pastoral heart,’ an excellent understanding of a range of ministries within the UCA, confidentiality.

The Convenor of PRC must be able and willing to convene meetings of PRC, to understand the operation, role and nature of PRC and be very aware of the confidentiality and discernment required to deal with matters that are often complex, difficult and pastorally sensitive.

We are seeking members of the Presbytery to discern through prayer and thought those who have the gifts and graces to be the Convenor of PRC. Where possible we encourage nomination of younger persons. If you discern that you would like to nominate a person for PRC, then you need to put their name below, along with the gifts you believe they bring, and send it to admin.southern@nswact.uca.org.au by Friday 17 July 2026.

You do not need to ask the person you nominate.
You are not able to nominate yourself.

STEP 1

If two or more Uniting Church members of congregations or faith communities within the bounds of the Southern Presbytery nominate the same person, that person will be approached by the Election Task Group and asked to consider their willingness to exercise leadership on PRC. If they agree, their name will go on the ballot for elections to be held at a Presbytery meeting to be determined.

A person who accepts nomination will be asked to provide a brief biography (max 300 words). Those elected will serve for a period of 1 or 2 years. Please note that nominees may state a preference, but the election process will determine approximately half the committee to serve one year and half for two years to ensure some continuity.

Nominator

Name.....

Congregation/Faith Community:.....

I would like to nominate..... to be Convenor
of the Southern Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee.

Nominee contact details: (mobile and e-mail if possible)

Mobile

E-mail

Congregation/Faith Community

Current Presbytery

I believe the gifts, skills and experience this person would bring as PRC

Convenor are:

- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

(you may add extra)

People who receive at least 2 nominations will be contacted by the Election Task Group to assess their interest in their name going forward to Presbytery elections for the committee. If the person is willing go to Step 2 below: