

2026 Southern Presbytery Elections: **Presbytery Standing Committee (PSC) 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)

PSC is appointed to act on behalf of the Presbytery between its full meetings ensuring that the work of the Presbytery in providing oversight and support of congregations is done in a timely manner. The first PSC will also have a major role in helping the executive and staff to shape the vision of the new presbytery. There will be a strong need for missional awareness, strategic thinking and adaptability. There will be significant work in identifying gaps and filling key staffing roles.

The Presbytery is responsible for:

- providing oversight as is necessary to the life and mission of the Church in the area committed to it;
- stimulate and encourage the Congregations within the bounds;
- providing them with opportunities for counsel in the strengthening and assistance of one another and in their participation in wider aspects of the work of the Church.

Nominations for membership on PSC 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 PSC will need include: spiritual maturity; wisdom; vision for the future; strategic vision, staffing oversight, administration, finance and governance. Not every PSC member will have all these gifts and skills but together the PSC requires these gifts to fulfill its responsibilities. The PSC should reflect the diversity of our Presbytery.

Initially, there will be up to 9 elected members of the Standing Committee. For the initial period a minimum of two persons will be elected from each of the four founding presbyteries.

We are seeking members of the existing Presbyteries to discern through prayer and thought, those who have the gifts and graces to be on PSC. Where possible we encourage nomination of younger persons. If you discern that you would like to nominate a person for PSC, then you need to put their name below, along with the gifts you believe they bring, and send it to staff at admin.southern@nswact.uca.org.au by Friday by 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 PSC. If they agree, their name will go on the ballot for elections to be held at the inaugural meeting of Southern Presbytery August 28-29 2026. 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 on the Southern Presbytery Standing 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 to our PSC 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: