

2026 Southern Presbytery Elections: **Presbytery Property and Finance Committee (PPFC) 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)

The PPFC requires a mix of mission-oriented, property, financial and administrative skills to ensure transparent, legally compliant, and mission-aligned stewardship. It will work with the Presbytery Treasurer and a number of Presbytery staff.

The Committee will also carry out the responsibilities of a Property Committee of the Presbytery under the regulations relating to property within the bounds of the Presbytery including but not limited to:

- advising Church Councils and other bodies on property matters;
- receiving and considering applications from Church Councils and other bodies on property matters having regard to: the mission of the Church; the policies of the Synod and Presbytery; financial feasibility; design and location;
- submit proposals from any Church Council or other body to the Synod Property Services with recommendations for final decision;
- initiate Presbytery proposals with respect to property matters; and
- regularly inspect or arrange for the regular inspection of properties for which the Presbytery, Church Councils and other bodies within the bounds of the Presbytery are responsible, and propose and report to Presbytery such action as may seem desirable to ensure that the properties are maintained in good and safe condition.

The PPFC requires a blend of missional awareness and thinking, financial acumen, strategic planning, property, administration, governance and pastoral understanding to ensure the church’s property and financial resources are fit for purpose, well maintained and sustainably support its ministry and mission. Members must be willing to undertake training and skill improvement as needed. Nominations for membership on the PPFC 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. Not every PPFC member will have all these gifts and skills but together the PPFC requires these gifts to fulfill its responsibilities. All PPFC members must exhibit strict confidentiality and fiduciary responsibility.

The Convenor of PPFC must be able and willing to convene meetings of PPFC, to understand the operation, role and nature of PPFC, and be very aware of the confidentiality and discernment required around matters of finance, property and their impact on congregations, ministers and the wider church as well as commercial sensitivity.

We are seeking members of the existing Presbyteries to discern through prayer and thought those who have the gifts and graces to be on the Presbytery Property and Finance Committee. Where possible we encourage nomination of younger persons and the PPFC should reflect the diversity of our Presbytery. If you discern that you would like to nominate a person to be Presbytery Property and Finance Committee then you need to put their name below, along with the gifts you believe they bring, and place 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 as a member of the Presbytery Property and Finance Committee. 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

Nominator Name.....

Congregation/Faith Community:.....

I would like to nominate..... to be Convenor of the Southern Presbytery Property and Finance 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 convenor of the Presbytery Property and Finance Committee are:

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(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: