



Moderator-elect nomination form

September 2024

Information

1. Process (By-law Q2.3.7)

- The General Secretary has called for nominations for the position of Moderator from congregations and presbyteries including nominations for a second term for an incumbent Moderator.
 - The Synod Standing Committee has undertaken a discernment process and has determined to seek the endorsement of at least one Presbytery for the nomination of Rev Bruce Moore for a second term as Moderator.
- Congregations shall forward the names of nominees to their presbyteries.
- Presbyteries shall:
 - i. seek the approval of nominees of congregations or of presbytery, for their name to be included in the process
 - ii. forward the names, together with a personal, theological and leadership profile and photograph of each of their nominees, to the General Secretary of Synod by the appointed date.
- Nominees must be available to meet with the Moderatorial Candidature Task Group in **March 2025**.
- The 38th Synod in May 2025 will elect by ballot the Moderator from the 39th Synod in 2026.

2. Moderator-elect and Moderator term (By-law Q2.3.3)

- A Moderator can serve a three-year term and a Moderator can be nominated for a single contiguous term of three years (to a maximum six years' continuous total service).
- Should the Synod elect the incumbent Moderator, or should no other nominations be received, the incumbent Moderator will remain in office from the 38th Synod in 2025 to the opening of the 41st Synod in 2029, being a maximum of six years' continuous service.
- Should the Synod elect another person, they will be designated Moderator-elect for the period from the 38th to the 39th Synod and will take office as Moderator from the 39th Synod in 2026 until the opening of the 41st Synod in 2029.

3. Eligibility conditions (See Appendix A)

- Nominees must :
 - Hold or obtain and maintain a Director Identification Number (Director ID) prior to appointment.
 - Hold and maintain a current Working With Children Card (Blue Card).
 - Met the eligibility requirements for appointment to a Synod governing body (By-law Q2.7.8)
 - Be able and available to undertake the Duties and Responsibilities of the Moderator (By-law Q2.3.5)
 - Meet Key Selection Criteria (By-law Q2.3.6)

4. Regulations

- For further information regarding the election and duties of the Moderator refer to Queensland Synod By-law Q2.3 and Assembly Regulation 3.6.3.



Nominator details

Those named below nominate _____ as a candidate for election to the office of Moderator-elect.

The Nominators below confirm the Nominee is competent to be appointed as Moderator and meets relevant Eligibility conditions at Appendix A.

<i>Nominating Congregation</i>	
<i>Congregation Office Bearer Name</i>	
<i>Congregation Office Bearer Position</i>	
<i>Nominating Presbytery</i>	
<i>Presbytery Office Bearer Name</i>	
<i>Presbytery Office Bearer Position</i>	
<i>Email</i>	
<i>Telephone</i>	
<i>Presbytery office bearer signature</i>	
<i>Date</i>	

Nominee declaration

I declare that I:

- (a) accept nomination/apply for inclusion in the Queensland Synod ballot for nomination as Moderator-elect.
- (b) meet Eligibility conditions as outlined in Appendix A.
- (c) agree that the information contained in this form will be used by the Synod office to prepare a nominee profile which may be published to all 38th Synod attendees
- (d) agree that, if my nomination is received, my profile may be published during the election process
- (e) agree that, if ultimately elected as the Moderator-elect at the 38th Synod, I will be able and available to take up the duties of the Moderator-elect position immediately and the duties of the Moderator position from the 39th Synod in 2026 to the 41st Synod in 2029.
- (f) agree that my personal details will be held on record by the Synod office and used for purposes connected to my nomination.

<i>Full name of Nominee</i>	
<i>Congregation / Presbytery</i>	
<i>Email</i>	
<i>Telephone</i>	
<i>Nominee signature</i>	
<i>Date</i>	



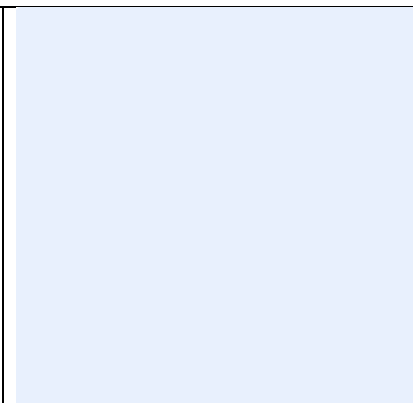
Personal, Theological and Leadership Profile

As part of profile please refer to the Key Selection Criteria outlined in Queensland Synod By-law Q2.3.6.

Profile



Photograph (please insert by
clicking on the image)





Instructions

Return this completed form with the following:

- current good quality photograph (head shot) in electronic format
- declaration signed and dated by nominee
- signed and dated by nominator
- any additional information referred to in this nomination form, where there was insufficient space on the form, in labelled referenced attachments

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Appendix A – Eligibility conditions

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- Meet Key Selection Criteria (By-law Q2.3.6)

Q2.3.5 Duties and Responsibilities of the Moderator

In addition to carrying out the duties and responsibilities set out in the Assembly Regulations (see Regulation 3.6.3.2), the Moderator shall:

- (a) preside over meetings of other bodies as may be required from time to time by the Synod or the SSC;
- (b) visit each Presbytery regularly and give such care and counsel as may be required to Ministers and other agents whose work has a substantial pastoral and/or educational and/or liturgical function;
- (c) be the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Ministerial Placement and be the focal point of reference for the entities with a responsibility for the oversight of placements;
- (d) in consultation with Presbytery Officers, encourage congregations in furthering their mission within their respective bounds and in such areas of geographic, sociological and ethnic grouping as may seem appropriate;
- (e) in consultation with the General Secretary of Synod, encourage the provision of resources and material for the promotion of the mission of the Church;
- (f) in consultation with Presbyteries and the General Secretary of Synod, and without limiting the responsibilities of the General Secretary, exercise general oversight of the life of the Church to ensure that in its congregations, presbyteries, Synod Office, units and agencies, expression is being given to the faith, policies, standards and procedures of the Church;
- (g) subject to the provisions of Regulation 3.6.3.2(f) make such rulings as may be necessary to clarify and interpret decisions of the Synod;
- (h) issue media releases in the name of the Synod on matters of public interest;
- (i) liaise as appropriate with the General Secretary of the Assembly and the National Director for Social Responsibility and Justice;
- (j) initiate research and investigate studies into social justice and other issues which impact upon the missional development of the Church;
- (k) initiate both formal and informal forums which will reflect on the missional priorities of the Church and which may draft strategic missional directions;
- (l) except in those cases in which negotiations are necessary with Governments and Government Departments or officers in respect of the work of the Synod, act as the liaison person of the Church with Governments in respect of public issues;

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Appendix A – Eligibility conditions

- (m) have the oversight of the Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee and relationships with other branches of the Church catholic;
- (n) in exercising the functions of counselling and discipline as provided in Regulation 3.6.3.2(i), ensure that, before becoming involved, all other Councils and officers have had the opportunity for exercising their prescribed functions;
- (o) enquire into any grievance, complaint or other circumstance as provided in Regulation 3.6.3.2(j);
- (p) subject to being elected or appointed as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Regulations, by-laws or procedures, represent the Synod at meetings of the Assembly and all other appropriate meetings conducted by the Assembly.

Q2.3.6 Key Selection Criteria

Some of the key characteristics of a person suitable for election as Moderator are as follows:

- (a) The nominee shall be a member of the Uniting Church and will have an appreciation of the reformed and evangelical theological heritage of the Uniting Church and its ongoing significance to the faith of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. In addition, the nominee will be aware of the theological diversity within the Uniting Church and will have the capacity to reflect theologically upon current issues in church and society in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- (b) The nominee will give evidence of a lifestyle commensurate with the responsibilities and demands of a key leadership role. Such evidence will include a nominee's awareness of his/her own gifts, abilities and limitations, his/her capacity to maintain healthy relationships, and an ongoing commitment to his/her own physical and spiritual wellbeing.
- (c) The nominee will have a good understanding of the Uniting Church, including its community service institutions and the need for those community service agencies and the councils of the church to work together. The nominee will also have a good understanding of Australian society, including those emerging issues and trends that need to be addressed in the light of the gospel. Demonstrated team building and networking capabilities will have to be evidenced.
- (d) The nominee will have demonstrated the capacity to exercise pastoral care and discipline, and the ability to moderate, and will be respected generally by the members of the church.
- (e) The nominee will be a good communicator and, as the public "face" of the church, will need to be articulate and competent in working with the media.
- (f) The nominee will show a commitment to ecumenical engagement and a capacity to work with ethnic groups in both church and community.



Q2.7.8 Eligibility for office

- (1) The eligibility requirements for appointment to a Synod governing body are that a person appointed must:
 - (a) be at least 18 years of age;
 - (b) not be of unsound mind or is not a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under any law relating to mental health;
 - (c) not be a person who has been convicted of an offence which would offend against Synod policy;
 - (d) not be a person who is disqualified from managing a corporation within the meaning of part 2D.6 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth);
 - (e) not be a person who is, or at any time within the preceding 12 months has been, suspended, removed or disqualified by the Commissioner of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission from being the responsible person of a registered entity within the meaning of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (Cth);
 - (f)
 - (i) where the person is appointed as the Chairperson, the person must be an active member of the Uniting Church with an endorsement by the person's congregation or minister;
 - (ii) for positions other than the Chairperson, the person is either a member of the Uniting Church, or a non-Uniting Church member who demonstrates commitment to the mission of the church and an ability to reflect the faith and values of the church; and
 - (g) meets any other requirements prescribed from time to time in a Synod governing body nomination policy.
- (2) For the purposes of By-law Q2.7.8(1), an "active member" is a person who, throughout their time as a member of the Church, joins regularly in the life, worship and ministry of the Church as expressed in their local congregation or faith community.
- (3) Prior to their appointment or re-appointment, a chairperson nominee must provide a written endorsement from their congregation minister or Chair of the Church Council attesting that the nominee is an active member of the Church.
- (4) Q2.7.8 (1)(f)(i) applies to all Synod Governing Bodies including those:
 - (a) bodies specifically excluded from Q2.7 under Q2.7.1(1), and
 - (b) bodies specified in Q2.7.1(2).
- (5) By-law Q2.7.8(1)(f)(i) does not apply to any entity of the Church where the Property Trust is not owner or the sole member.