



## Pastor Questionnaire

The Uniting Church in Australia has established through its church law regulations concerning sexual misconduct, a Code of Ethics and Ministry Practice and, generally, policies for all ministry agents to follow.

This request for information is made not because we suspect you have been involved in inappropriate conduct but so that the Synod may know that, throughout your professional life, you have complied with the standards and expectations of the Uniting Church.

You are asked to complete this questionnaire and sign the declaration on page 2 as to the truth of your answers and to authorise the Uniting Church to make any inquiries it may deem necessary with regard to your application to serve as a Pastor. You are also asked to sign the declaration on page 3, authorising the Uniting Church to seek information regarding your professional standing from previous employers.

Please return this questionnaire and refer any queries to:  
Placements Officer

E: [placements@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:placements@ucaqld.com.au)

Name of Applicant

Denominations in which ministry has been undertaken

Name and contact details for sending the questionnaire to previous denomination

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1. Have you ever been the subject of any church disciplinary proceedings or complaints, which if proven would give rise to a breach of church law, such as the Code of Ethics and Ministry Practice?

Yes ☐ No ☐

*If yes, please advise*

2. If so, have disciplinary proceedings taken against you been proven? Yes ☐ No ☐

*If yes, please advise*

3. Have you ever (even prior to ordination) been involved in behaviour and actions which would bring the good name of the Uniting Church into disrepute? (eg criminal offences, inappropriate behaviour for a pastor ) Yes ☐ No ☐

☐ No ☐

*If yes, please advise*

4. Is there any other information that you think the Uniting Church should know with regard to your professional standing as a Pastor ? Yes ☐ No ☐

*If yes, please advise*

## AUTHORISATION AND RELEASE

I acknowledge that the Uniting Church will collect, use and disclose my personal information (including, where reasonably necessary, sensitive information) for the purpose of assessing my suitability to undertake ministry, governance or oversight roles, including consideration of my application to serve as a Pastor

I understand that the Uniting Church may disclose my personal information for these purposes to its authorised representatives, officers, employees and delegates, as well as to relevant third parties including referees, former employers, church bodies, and professional or regulatory organisations. I understand that if I do not provide the requested information, my application may not be able to be properly assessed.

I acknowledge that my personal information will be handled in accordance with the Uniting Church's Privacy Policy, which is available on request.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I release and discharge any person or organisation from any liability arising from the provision of information about me for these purposes, provided that information is given in good faith.

I also release and discharge the Uniting Church and its officers, employees and delegates from any liability arising from or in connection with:

- (a) making inquiries or conducting investigations (including background checks) in relation to this application or any information obtained during the assessment process; and
- (b) any decision or action taken in good faith based on that information.

This release does not apply to any person or organisation who provides information that they know to be false, or who acts fraudulently or with wilful dishonesty.

## DECLARATION

**I acknowledge that the answers contained in this questionnaire are true and correct:**

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| <b>Declared at (Location)</b> |  | <b>Date:</b> |  |
| <b>Signature of Applicant</b> |  |              |  |
| <b>Name of Applicant</b>      |  |              |  |
| <b>Signature of Witness</b>   |  |              |  |
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