**ASSEMBLY EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY WORKING GROUP**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

At the Assembly meeting in July 2012, the Assembly "determined that the Ministerial Education Commission be replaced by an Education for Ministry Working Group."

At the Assembly in 2012 the Vision Statement for Education For Ministry in the Uniting Church was stated as:

*“All education for ministry in the Uniting Church will foster:*

* *participation of the whole people of God in the mission of God revealed in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit;*
* *the centrality of the Scriptures in the life of the Church and the work of ministry; as described in the Basis of Union*
* *the importance of lifelong learning and formation in the Christian life for all people;*
* *the shared ministry of the people of God.*

At the 12th Assembly it was agreed that the new Education for Ministry Working Group would have these 4 key responsibilities

1. *Advise the Assembly on:*

* *policies relating to standards of formation, education and training for the specified ministries in the Uniting Church, including continuing education, professional development and supervision;*
* *requirements for the recognition of an approved centre for training for ministry.*

1. *Facilitate regular national consultations of the faculties of approved centres for training for ministry and synod lay education and leadership development agencies, including maintaining awareness of federal government requirements for the higher and vocational education sector and how Synods manage the relationship for the sake of ministry*
2. *Facilitate cooperation and the sharing of expertise and resources for education for ministry between the synods.*
3. *Encourage regular national networking of key leaders in formation, theological education, continuing education for ministry, lay education and leadership development, including MEBs.*

**AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP**

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| Brief biographical information |
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| What do you understand as the purpose of the Education for Ministry Working Group? |
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| Why would you like to serve on this Working Group? |
| What is your involvement in the Uniting Church? (membership, committees, commissions etc.) |

The Assembly determined that the following expertise is required by the Education for Ministry Working Group. Please indicate which expertise you would bring to this group and provide brief information of experience in this area.

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| Strategic, innovative thinking about the future of the church |  |
| Theology |  |
| Missiology |  |
| Ministry Practice |  |
| Formation for Discipleship and Ministry |  |
| Higher Education |  |
| Vocational Education and Training |  |
| Distance Education |  |
| Culturally Contextual Education |  |
| Practice of theological education |  |
| Biblical Studies |  |
| Relevant work experience | |
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| Relevant Church experience | |
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| Relevant other experience | |
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| Relevant Qualifications | |
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| What other skills would you bring to the working group? | |

Referees: (please list three)