



Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia Ministry Placement Profile Social Responsibility Resource Person (0.25)

The Presbytery

The Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia (PPNA) has the same geographical area as the Northern Synod, which covers the Northern Territory, the Kimberley region of Western Australia and a portion of northern South Australia. The Presbytery has 13 congregations from Darwin in the north, to Alice Springs in the south, and from Nhulunbuy in the east to Broome in the west. Currently the Presbytery also has oversight of 3 RAAF Chaplains, 2 Patrol Ministers, 1 Hospital Chaplain, 1 Prison Chaplain, 2 teachers and 1 Dean of Students at Nungalinga College, and a number of part-time School based Chaplains.

Within this area, the Northern Regional Council of Congress (NRCC) operates as another Presbytery within the Synod. NRCC has oversight of the work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as a regional council of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC). The Pilgrim Presbytery has a close and developing partnership relationship with the NRCC. Pilgrim Presbytery currently has pastoral oversight of 4 non Indigenous Resource Workers and Educators working within NRCC.

The part-time (0.25) Presbytery placement

The Social Responsibility Resource Worker is a part-time placement (.25) which represents approximately 40 hours over a four week period and is to be exercised flexibly in partnership with other responsibilities the ministry agent might have.

Pilgrim Presbytery is committed to engaging with contemporary issues of social responsibility/justice at both a regional level (presbytery and in partnership with NRCC) and within the context of local congregational ministry and discipleship. The Presbytery seeks to re-imagine human progress for a flourishing world (See National Assembly document “An Economy of Life”) and seeks to do so by providing encouragement and resourcing across its congregations and through advocacy in partnership with NRCC, other churches and communities with shared concerns.

The two key roles of this part-time placement are

- to support and resource local congregations in their own justice and advocacy work and to hold social responsibility and justice issues before the Presbytery at its regular meetings.
- to be aware of and the point of contact for, any social responsibility and justice projects the Assembly is undertaking and for the dissemination of this information across the Presbytery.

The role does not include being the public spokesperson on social or justice issues, unless authorised by the Presbytery to speak on a particular issue.

Outline of Responsibilities

The main purposes of the placement are to:

- Encourage an active network of people and congregations around Social Responsibility and Justice issues within the Pilgrim Presbytery or Northern Australia.
- Encourage and support the development of partnership arrangements in areas of social responsibility and justice, particularly with NRCC and the Northern Synod.
- Act as the contact point for sharing Assembly and other Church resources in areas of Social Responsibility, Justice and Advocacy across PPNA.
- Work in team with the PPNA Presbytery Minister/Chairperson, Resource Worker with NRCC, the Moderator and the General Secretary in the implementation of the Vision Statement and Goals of the Synod as they relate to social responsibility and justice.
- Support, encourage and resource congregations and their leaders, as appropriate, as they seek to engage with issues of social responsibility, justice and advocacy in both their local context and as part of the wider Uniting Church.

General

Location:	Darwin
Appointed by:	Presbytery
Responsible to:	Presbytery Executive
Memberships:	Member of PPNA, Member Annual Synod

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Terms of Placement

Appointed by:	Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia
Term of placement:	Continuing in the current 5 year period to be reviewed at the end of 2017.
Stipend:	The specified rate for a minister in the Northern Synod at (0.25)
Annual Leave:	Six (6) weeks (pro rata)
Long service leave:	In accordance with legislative provisions or Synod By-Laws
Sick leave:	Ten (10) days per annum – cumulative (pro rata)
Superannuation:	In accordance with Beneficiary Fund or superannuation scheme of choice
Motor Vehicle:	Motor vehicle allowance (pro rata)
Study Leave:	Two weeks a year (pro rata)
Housing:	Manse will be provided by the Nightcliff Congregation
Other Costs	Provision will be made in the Presbytery Budget to cover travel (as negotiated) phone and other costs associated with the role.