

ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2019

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Nominations are sought for the Executive Committee of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches ("GA"). There are five vacancies.

Candidates must be Full, Honorary or Associate Members of the GA or a member of a constituent congregation for whom a quota has been paid by their congregation. They should not be a student in training for the Unitarian ministry, a close family member of anyone employed by the GA, or connected professionally with Popularis Ltd

Requirements for the position are set out below.

Members wishing to obtain nomination information should contact Anne Hock, Popularis Ltd, Nutsey Lane, Totton, Southampton, SO40 3RL. Tel: 02380 867335. Email: annehock@popularis.org from Monday 7 January 2019 or it can be downloaded from the GA website www.unitarian.org.uk.

Nomination sheets must be countersigned by an official of a Unitarian congregation(s) or organisation supporting the nomination. The congregation(s) must comprise ten or more quota members. Forms should be returned to Popularis by the close of nominations at 5.00pm on 4 February 2019.

Further information is available on the General Assembly website. www.unitarian.org.uk or from Derek McAuley, Chief Officer at Essex Hall. Details of the election process will also be sent to secretaries of all congregations and districts.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Candidates should:

- Demonstrate 3 years' active commitment to the Unitarian community
- Be in sympathy with the Objects of the General Assembly
- Be eligible to stand in accordance with legal requirements

Essential Requirements

(1) Experience in one or other of the following:

- An officer or member of a congregational/district governing body
- An officer or member of a committee of an affiliated body
- An officer or member of a charity trustee body or similar e.g. voluntary organisations such as a sports club or parent teacher association
- As a Minister, Lay Pastor or Lay Person in Charge of a Unitarian congregation

(2) Good understanding of the Unitarian community

(3) Confidentiality

Desirable attributes include any or all of the following:

- Leadership
- Strategy development
- Communication skills
- Decision making
- Representation
- Financial awareness

- Team working

ELECTION SUPERVISION

Popularis Ltd, Independent Election Supervisor (Nutsey Lane, Totton, Southampton, SO40 3RL Tel: 02380 867335, Email: annehock@popularis.org) have again been chosen to run the election.

TIME TABLE

7 January 2019	Nominations open (4 weeks for nominations)
4 February 2019	Nominations close
18 February 2019	Candidate Information Booklet and ballot papers sent out
25 February 2019	Election starts (5 week voting period)
31 March 2019	Election closes
1 April 2019	Full Result to be announced by Popularis
18 April 2019	New EC takes up office at GA Annual Meetings

ELECTION

If there are five or fewer members nominated they will be deemed to be elected unopposed. The full result, including details of votes cast, will be announced.

The names, backgrounds, personal statements and a recent photograph of those nominated will be published in the Candidate Information Booklet to be sent to all voters and in Uni-news, on the GA website and in the Unitarian press.

The Candidate Information Booklet and ballot papers will be sent out to Full and Honorary Members and to secretaries of all congregations during the week commencing 18 February 2019. Associate Members will receive a letter inviting them to request an individual voting paper from Popularis if they are not voting as a member of a congregation.

The voting system will be that agreed for 2014. The total number of votes to be cast by each voting member will equal the number of vacancies – five (5).

Results will be published in Uni-news, on the GA website and in the Unitarian press as soon as possible after the election closes.

Electoral Panel

1 January 2019