



INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS IN 2022

NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE/AGENCY: Faith Nurture Forum	
CONVENER/CHAIR:	Rev Rosie Frew
VICE-CONVENER(S):	Rev Dr Karen Campbell
SECRETARY:	Rev Dr Scott Shackleton, Head of Faith Action Programme
REMIT: From Report of Assembly Trustees, October 2020	
<p>Equipping Inspirational Leaders and Disciples Create a single, integrated, training programme supporting all levels and aspects of Church life. Review the work of the ‘Rethinking Initial Training’ project.</p> <p>Supporting the ministries of the Church Review recruitment processes for the recognised ministries of the Church. Review Selection processes. Provide Pastoral Support for the recognised ministries of the Church</p> <p>Working with Presbyteries on Planning and Deployment Together with the General Trustees assist in ensuring appropriate and robust Presbytery Planning and necessary readjustments. Assist in the provision of Specialist Ministries Ensure appropriate MDS recruitment, deployment and management processes. Engage with Presbyteries on work devolution.</p> <p>Resourcing Congregations for Education, Worship, Mission and Discipleship in the Digital Age Create appropriate resources with particular emphasis on digital resources. Facilitate easy access to all resources and arrange relevant training. Assist presbyteries to create accessible platforms for the sharing of good practice across the Church.</p> <p>Exploring New Ways of Being Church Enhance engagement with children, young people and young adults both within and beyond the worshipping life of the Church. Identify needs for planting and growing of new contextually relevant worshipping communities. Work with other Agencies to develop fresh expressions of Church. Consider the learnings Path of Renewal Consider what changes can enhance the effectiveness of the Priority Areas project. Review the Pilot Pioneer Project.</p> <p>Communication Engage with other agencies in a single, overall, communication strategy. Review the place and effectiveness of Life and Work Review the place and format of Heart and Soul</p>	
SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE SOUGHT AT THIS TIME: Our most pressing piece of work is implementing the Presbytery Mission Plan Act and the need for Presbytery Plans that reflect 660 ministries posts by 2025. To enable this we need a range of skilled and experienced people who can think strategically and imaginatively about the shape of the church, the training needs, how we support, resource and enable congregations.	



EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS:

A commitment to the Forum
Attendance at meetings of the Forum
Involvement in at least one of the Implementation Groups
A willingness to get involved

MEMBERSHIP AND ANTICIPATED VACANCIES:

Convener, Vice-Convener and 13 members nominated by the Nomination Committee and appointed by the General Assembly.

Vacancies arising in 2022 will be the Vice-Convener plus 4 members.

FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:

The Forum meets 7 times per year, usually online. The hope is to have an annual in-person meeting in Edinburgh but this would allow for remote access. (During 2021-2022 we will meet on 3 June, 19 August, 7 October 25 November, 27 January, 3 March and 5 May.) We have occasional short meetings to deal with urgent business. We have occasional meetings with the Assembly Trustees, Faith Impact Forum and Chief Officer.

DETAILS OF SUB-COMMITTEES/GROUPS:

Presbytery Planning
Priority Areas
New Ways of Being Church
Education and Training
Resourcing Worship

FURTHER DETAILS:

Include any useful web links

For details of forum remits and priorities, see the Assembly Trustees Report to the General Assembly October 2020 (pages 55-77 of [General Assembly Reports](#)).