

Brunswick Uniting Church

Congregational Meeting, 25th November 2018

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome | Daniel |
| 2. Acknowledgement of country | Daniel |
| 3. Opening prayer | Ian |
| 4. Attendance & Apologies | Daniel |
| 5. Consensus Model | Daniel |
| 6. Voting Rights, <i>see below for further information</i> | Daniel |
| 7. Election of Elders (Scrutineers – <i>volunteers on the day</i>) | Daniel |
| • voting slips will be distributed & collected | |
| • counting will be carried out while the following items are attended to | |
| 8. Council Update if required | Shawn |
| 9. Budget Update if required | Linda |
| 10. Recognition & Thanks | |
| • Concluding Elders (Kate, Steph) | Daniel |
| 11. Announcement of Election results & Thanks | Daniel |
| 12. Closing Prayer | Ian |

Participation

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the meeting. We use the **Consensus model** (orange, yellow, blue cards) which will be explained at the meeting.

However **eligibility for voting** in the election is based on **meeting at least one** of the following criteria:

- you are a Confirmed member of Brunswick Uniting Church
- you are a Member in Association of Brunswick Uniting Church, ie confirmed in another denomination
- you have participated in a Welcoming Ceremony
- you have been worshipping with BUC for at least 6 months

Profiles

We hope that you take some time to read through the statements from the nominees. All nominees are confirmed members of the Uniting Church or Members in Association as required by UCA regulations

If you have any questions about anything to do with the meeting please feel free to call one of us.

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Brunswick UC Elder (Church Council) Elections 2018

Nominees

Each of the nominees have provided responses to these questions, just to help you know who you are voting for ...

- Why do you attend BUC?
- What are your passions? (work, play, study, etc)
- Why did you accept nomination?
- What gifts and skills do you bring to the role of Elder on the Church Council?

Amelia Ware nominating for one year

Why have you chosen to attend Brunswick Uniting Church?

I like the sense of community and inclusiveness at BUC and the many different ways members contribute to the life of the church. As well as appreciating Ian's sermons and the prayers from different voices each week, I value the things that remind me of my church growing up: great music, thought given to including children in worship and many lovely people to chat to over morning tea!

What are your passions?

I enjoy the creativity of collaborating with others and contributing to worship through the role of liturgist. I studied architecture and literature at Uni and am interested in our environment and all the different ways of encountering other people and ideas that are available in Melbourne (and BUC), like art exhibitions, dance performances and public lectures. I also love living in Brunswick, especially the outdoor pool, delicious baked goods for sale on every corner and catching a tram through the middle of the park every day.

Why did you accept the nomination?

I have accepted the nomination in order to support and learn about the work the church is involved in, both within and beyond our community.

What gifts and skills do you bring to the role of Elder on the Church Council?

I bring my experience as a member of the Worship Committee and also of helping out with the organisation of church camp and the creativity exhibition. Through my job I have gained skills in problem solving and coordinating the work of different disciplines and consultants into one design, which may be useful in the role Church Council plays within our 'Community of Communities.'



Kimberly Fraser, nominating for one year

Why have you chosen to attend Brunswick Uniting Church?

I attend BUC because I have found it to be a community where people genuinely care about each other. It is also important to me to be a part of a community that is diverse and inclusive.

What are your passions?

I have a strong interest in human rights, social justice and peacemaking and believe that the wider church/Christians should be at the forefront of this kind of work. I know that BUC already does a lot of this and I would like to explore how we can further reach across boundaries and play a peacemaking role in our broader community.

Why did you accept the nomination?

I feel that often I am on the receiving end of the work of the church and the community so I would like to take the opportunity to give back. I am hoping to learn more about collaboration and leadership.



What gifts and skills do you bring to the role of Elder on the Church Council?

I have been on the Student House Committee for the past two years and I have also spent some time volunteering in Olive Way. I am also on the Human Rights Committee for Moreland Council and can see ways in which BUC might be able to collaborate with other community organisations.

More personally, I am someone who is good at understanding multiple perspectives and differing viewpoints and finding common ground through that. I like to make sure everyone feels heard in decision-making.

Karlien Kok, nominating for one year

Why have you chosen to attend Brunswick Uniting Church?

I learned of BUC through the Dobson family when it came to light that I need a place to live in Melbourne. I started attending the congregation when I joined the student house. It has now been almost two years since I have left the student house, but I continue to attend because BUC is my spiritual home. I can be myself at the church, and so can others. I stayed because the congregation fights for the rights of others and shares the message of God's love with everyone. I also, of course, attend because everyone is lovely, and I have made lots of friends!



What are your passions?

I want to make the world a better place. I want to help people. It is these desires that has led me to Christ and to church. I am very passionate about social justice and BUC and its community's involvement in fighting for the rights of others and standing up for the disadvantaged is something I admire. I am especially passionate and involved in the fight for the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community.

I love learning. Combined with my desire to help people I have had the dream of becoming a doctor for several years now. It is my hope that I will eventually be able to study postgraduate medicine and possibly work as a pediatrician or neonatologist.

In my spare time I enjoy reading a book, writing, or playing a video game. I also like catching up for a cuppa.

Why did you accept the nomination?

As I have said already, I like to learn. This is an opportunity for me to try something new, to learn about working with others in the church and to see how things are done. My experience with the church as a child and through my teens was not very positive, but BUC has shown me what a church should be like. And I would like to be involved as much as I can in a church that has changed my life.

What gifts and skills do you bring to the role of Elder on the Church Council?

I am a member of the Pastoral Care Community Committee, and therefore have some experience with organising things for the church such as the Triple Letter Dinners. I enjoy being part of this committee immensely – it has allowed me to befriend others and enjoy fellowship with them.

I have done some work as a Carer, therefore I am a good listener and am always ready to give a helping hand.

I am also academically inclined, having finished a Bachelor of Health Science, studied a short program at Yale University in Bioethics, and have done some research as part of an Honours degree. I am currently helping an Education PhD student with references and formatting for his thesis. While these may not be very relevant to being an Elder, perhaps some of the skills I have gained can be helpful to the congregation.

I am always open to trying something new.

Daniel Broadstock, re-nominating for one year

Why do you attend BUC?

I have made Brunswick Uniting Church my community and spiritual home over the last few years. It has drawn me with its musical and theological richness, passion for justice, welcoming heart and diversity of ages and backgrounds. It is everything that I love about the Uniting Church.

What are your passions? (work, play, study, etc)

I am a dedicated teacher during the week. On some days, even a passionate one. I'm a lover of literature, podcasts, and all manner of music. I have studied classical singing for most of my adult life. I have a deep love of theology and passion for exploring the mystery of faith. I am excited by new ideas and deep thoughts.



Why did you accept nomination?

I am accepting the nomination because I believe that dedicating yourself to a community means offering yourself in service to each other.

What gifts and skills do you have that could benefit the Church Council?

I bring to the role of Elder several years of experience working with Church Council. I've become a proficient minute-taker and report-writer. I bring a deep love of BUC, and a deep faith in Christ and desire to be part of God's mission in the world.