



INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS IN 2022

NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE/AGENCY: Chaplains to Her Majesty’s Forces Committee	
CONVENER/CHAIR:	REV DR MARJORY MACLEAN (RETIRING AT GA 2022)
VICE-CONVENER(S):	REV JOHN DUNCAN
SECRETARY:	MR DARAN GOLBY
REMIT: The committee has responsibility for the recruitment of chaplains and takes an interest in their welfare and that of their families. Working through the convener it keeps abreast of Ministry of Defence policy and makes a contribution to the formulation of this as it concerns the spiritual well-being of the women and men of the Armed Forces of the Crown.	
SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE SOUGHT AT THIS TIME: As the size of the Committee reduces, it becomes vitally important to have knowledge of each of the Services within the membership of the Committee, but also an external perspective representing the wider Church. At the moment the membership covers those requirements, so there is no particular skill-gap this year, though an appointment or re-appointment of someone with particular knowledge of the Royal Navy would compensate for the anticipated retirements of the Convener and one member.	
EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS: There are two meetings per year (January probably on-line in future even post-covid, September probably in person at the Church Offices, 121 George Street, Edinburgh). Committee members are encouraged to attend parts of the chaplains’ two days of CPD work during General Assembly week. There is often a visit to an establishment for members somewhere in Scotland in the course of the year. Otherwise there is very little to do except to give direction and guidance (when it is requested by e-mail) to the Convener, who fulfils most of the functions of the Committee between its meetings.	
MEMBERSHIP AND ANTICIPATED VACANCIES: Include confirmation of the number of vacancies to be filled NB: a completed Nomination Form must be submitted by all proposed nominees including anyone wishing to be put forward for proposed re-appointment Membership of the committee is Convener, Vice-Convener and 16 members appointed by the General Assembly. The Committee is running with 6 vacancies unfilled in 2021-2022. There are also 2 non-voting members: one representative from and appointed by each of the Faith Nurture and Faith Impact Forums. As set out in the Nomination Committee Report to the General Assembly in May 2021 the Chaplains to Her Majesty’s Forces Committee is reviewing its constitution in consultation with the Assembly Trustees and the Nomination Committee. The outcomes of discussions will be reported to the General Assembly in 2022 for approval. The proposal is that there will be a gradual reduction in membership: Convener, Vice-Convener plus 8 members appointed by the General Assembly in 2022-2023; reducing to 6 members in 2023-2024 and 4 members from 2024 onwards.	



This year the Nomination Committee needs to nominate a new Convener. In addition, five of the ten ordinary members complete a first four-year term. Those individuals are aware that the Nomination Committee could re-appoint two or at most three of them (if the retiring Convener is included in the 50% calculation), and have been encouraged to seek nomination for re-appointment if they wish.

FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:

include mention of any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall and whether meetings will be attended online and/or in person

See above

DETAILS OF SUB-COMMITTEES/GROUPS:

include frequency, timings, venue and any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall

None

FURTHER DETAILS:

Include any useful web links