

**POSITION DESCRIPTION****NATIONAL DIRECTOR  
FORMATION, EDUCATION AND DISCIPLESHIP**

- LOCATION:** Negotiable
- APPOINTED BY:** Assembly Standing Committee.
- RESPONSIBLE TO:** Associate General Secretary.
- HAS REPORTING TO HIM/HER:** The National Faith Development Consultant (Youth and Young Adults)
- MEMBERSHIP:** Uniting Faith and Discipleship.  
Formation, Education and Discipleship Working Group.
- BASIC PURPOSE:** As a member of Uniting Faith and Discipleship provide leadership and vision to the Church in the area of Christian education and faith formation.

**MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. To offer leadership in providing a cohesive vision of Christian education and faith formation for the Assembly and for the church nationally.
2. To provide leadership in actively fostering national collaboration to support the development of effective Christian education and faith formation in congregations as lifelong learning communities mindful of the cultural and linguistic diversity of the Church.
3. Promoting Christian education in the church as a distinctive ministry yet also integral to worship, teaching, doctrine, formation, community life and mission.
4. To provide leadership in identifying and encouraging the development of resources including leadership development that will encourage congregations to be life-long learning communities.
5. To give management oversight to the work of the National Faith Development Consultant, (Youth and Young Adults) including but not limited to the auspicing of the National Christian Youth Convention (NCYC) and the About FACE (Faith and Cultural Exchange) program.
6. To provide specialist knowledge for a Christian education approach within Uniting Faith and Discipleship in regards to the Mandate and the Terms of Reference of the Formation, Education and Discipleship Unit and Working Group.
7. To be mutually accountable within the Uniting Faith and Discipleship team in fulfilling the mission and mandate of Uniting Faith and Discipleship.
8. To provide leadership with the Formation, Education and Discipleship Working Group for a Christian education approach in which Assembly programs, projects and resources assist congregations to be life-long learning Communities.
9. To provide leadership with the Formation, Education and Discipleship Working Group in researching the theory and practice of Christian education in Australia and overseas and communicating the findings appropriately.
10. With the Formation, Education and Discipleship Working Group provide a national reference point for religious education in schools, Uniting Church schools policy, state school chaplaincy and tertiary Chaplaincy

11. To provide Christian education and faith formation perspectives in the areas of lay specified ministries and lay ministries to the Education for Ministry Working Group.
12. To share in representing the overall life and mission of the church to all sectors of the church.
13. To advise the President and General Secretary on educational issues of national significance.

**MEETINGS**

**KEY RELATIONSHIPS:**

Formation, Education and Discipleship Working Group.  
Uniting Faith and Discipleship Staff Team.  
National Directors meetings.  
Education for Ministry Working Group.  
National Mission and Evangelism Network.  
National Lay leaders Network.  
Working Group on Doctrine as necessary.  
Working Group on Worship as necessary.  
National Schools Consultative Group as necessary.  
Assembly Office monthly staff meetings.

**TERM OF APPOINTMENT:**

Initial term of five years, after which the appointee may after review, be reappointed for terms of up to five years at a time.

*Approved by the Assembly Standing Committee, July 2013.*