



## Admission of Ministers from Other Denominations

The UCA has particular requirements when it comes to ministers of other denominations. These requirements are set out in the UCA Regulations (2.5 ff.) which can be found here: <https://assembly.uca.org.au/resources/regulations>

The Admission application process can commence once you have settled in Australia (if applicable), developed a relationship with a local UCA congregation and become known to the presbytery. The Presbytery will appoint a mentor to work closely with each applicant throughout the process.

There are two essential steps in the Admission process: an Application to Serve in the UCA and an Application for Admission as a Minister of the UCA.

An Application to Serve includes an Affirmation committing you to ‘... accept the doctrine, discipline and polity’ of the UCA and to ‘... adhere to the Basis of Union’. The Basis of Union can also be found on the Assembly resources page above. I’d like to draw your attention to two key principles in the Basis:

*7. ... The Uniting Church will baptize those who profess the Christian faith, and children who are presented for baptism and for whose instruction and nourishment in the faith the church takes responsibility.*

*14. The Uniting Church, from inception, will seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to recognise among its members women and men called of God to preach the Gospel, to lead the people in worship, to care for the flock, to share in government and to serve those in need in the world.*

It is important to reflect deeply about making such an Affirmation in relation to your particular denominational tradition and ministry formation before making any commitments or applications.

Once a placement in the UCA has been made, the Admission process must be completed within three years and will include additional academic study and an English language assessment.

Being admitted to the UCA requires either permanent residency or Australian citizenship. The Synod will not act as an employer sponsor for the purposes of immigration.

Please note that all costs associated with the application process are the responsibility of the applicant.