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UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE ALAN WALKER LECTURESHIP IN MISSION, EVANGELISM AND LEADERSHIP

THE POSITION

The appointee to this lectureship will be known as the Alan Walker Lecturer.

The Alan Walker Lecturer will be responsible for contributing to, and exercising oversight of, the teaching of subjects and the administration of academic programs in the area of Practical Theology, particularly in the areas of mission, evangelism and leadership at United Theological College.

This position is a joint project of Uniting Mission & Education and The Alan Walker College of Evangelism, and is located at the Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta.

In this the position has a responsibility for developing an understanding of and effective engagement in mission, evangelism and leadership within the sub-discipline of Practical Theology in the life of the Uniting Church, Synod of NSW and the ACT, particularly through the Uniting Learning Network and networks through the Pacific region.

As a member of the Theological Learning Faculty of United Theological College, the Alan Walker Lecturer will participate in the formation of Candidates for Specified Ministry, offer leadership and participate in the worship life of the College; and model appropriate spiritual discipline and pastoral care within the College community.

The Alan Walker Lecturer is a member of the Uniting Learning Network and will facilitate the development of learning communities for the areas of mission,

evangelism and leadership within Practical Theology, in partnership with other UME staff.

The Alan Walker Lecturer will build on the relationships the Alan Walker College of Evangelism has developed with churches in the Pacific region. S/he will do so in close consultation with UnitingWorld.

The College is part of the School of Theology, Charles Sturt University, and as a member of the School, the Alan Walker Lecturer will be expected to meet the Qualifications, Expectations and Standards for Academic Staff of CSU.

It is expected that the appointee will be an experienced teacher, practitioner and researcher in the area of Practical Theology; or that s/he is in the process of completing a PhD or research DMin in the area.

S/he is expected to engage collegially with the way in which practical theology intersects with other theological disciplines.

Applicants may be male or female; ordained or lay. They may come from any cultural background but must be fluent both in terms of spoken and written English.

Applicants must adhere to the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Preference may be given to an applicant who meets the selection criteria and is a member of the UCA.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The appointee will:

- Be responsible for developing and teaching subjects, face to face and online, in the sub-discipline of Practical Theology, particularly around mission, evangelism and leadership;
- Facilitate Synod-wide learning communities in Practical Theology, particularly in mission, evangelism and leadership, in partnership with other UME staff.
- Mentor and support cohorts of educators with expertise and/or interest in the areas of mission, evangelism and leadership, including in the Pacific region;
- Be responsible, with the Lecturer in Practice of Ministry, for the Master of Ministry and the Doctor of Ministry programs as taught through the College;
- Be responsible for contributing to the academic administration that is necessary to the work of the College and its place within Charles Sturt University;

- Be responsible for the oversight of subjects taught by sessional lecturers in the sub-discipline;
- Be responsible for the supervision of postgraduate students;
- Be engaged in peer-reviewed research relevant to the promotion of scholarship in mission, evangelism and leadership within the sub-discipline of Practical Theology.

It is expected that the appointee will:

- Work in a collaborative manner with others teaching in this field;
- Demonstrate respect for the ways in which culture, gender and theological persuasion inform the discipline;
- Be responsive to the traditions and needs of the Uniting Church in the areas of mission, evangelism and leadership;
- Equip students with the core resources of Uniting Church traditions;
- Nurture students in the relevant discipline and encourage them to be critically established in their particular theological perspective and able to handle theological difference;
- Participate within the life and work of the College community, including its committees, and as appropriate with its various tertiary education and ecumenical partners;
- Participate in the life of the Synod as an educator, across a range of educational offerings;
- Participate within the Uniting Learning Network, fostering relationships, developing networks, and creating learning cohorts amongst educators throughout the Synod.
- Communicate regularly with the Alan Walker College Board and supporters of the work of the Alan Walker College.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

Responsible to United Theological College Academic Dean
Reports to Alan Walker College Board

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

Salary

The current salary for ordained faculty is the ministerial stipend (as set by the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of NSW and ACT and adjusted annually on the basis of the cost of living index) with an additional loading of 10% and further allowances for books, telephone, conferences, supervision, beneficiary and support funds. Additional benefits include the provision of a car, and either housing or a housing allowance of \$12,652 (as per schedule 1 July 2014). For Lay faculty a salary equivalent to the ministerial stipend with additional loading and the above allowances will be paid.

Commencement

The successful applicant will be expected to take up the appointment on January 1st 2016 or as soon as possible after that date.

Rules

All members of Faculty are required to assent to the Statement of Expectations of United Theological College Faculty.

The appointee will be subject to a review within 6 months of commencing the appointment and thereafter to an annual appraisal.

Pastoral care and discipline

The Lecturer, if ordained or lay, will be placed under the pastoral care and discipline of an appropriate Presbytery.

Ethical and Administrative requirements

In conformity with the Code of Ethics of the Uniting Church in Australia, every minister is required to have supervision. The Lecturer must satisfy the requirements of the Working with Children Check and the Ethical Ministry Policy. Attendance at the UCA Polity course is required. The Lecturer must undergo a cross-cultural orientation within the first calendar year of employment.

Lay faculty are required to conform to the above requirements. A lay faculty person will be accountable under the Code of Ethics of the Uniting Church in Australia and Regulation 5 Church Discipline of the UCA Regulations (2012 edition).