



Uniting Church in Australia --- South Moreton Presbytery

Form of Assessing a Service of Worship

Of Lay Preacher Candidate

Please return Assessment Form to the Pastoral Relations Committee for your Presbytery on completion.

Worship Service: (Place, date & time) _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Assessor: _____

REMEMBER that the Lay Preacher applicant is not required to lead the whole service – indeed congregational participation should be encouraged.

Your task is to assess the overall flow and effectiveness of worship, and its various components.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP EVALUATION

Congregation in which the Service was conducted: _____ Date: _____

Presentation:

Please mark a box 1 to 5 where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory

Speech

1 2 3 4 5

- Delivery / Voice Production and Projection
- Use of Words-Language / Clarity of Expression

Physical Presence

- Dress
- Posture
- Gesture
- Use of Space
- Use of Visual Imagery

Frame and Flow of Worship:

Order of Service

- Was there a printed order? If so was it useful?
- Was the framework based on Uniting in Worship?
- Were participants clear about when where and how elements of worship were to take place?

- Were the following elements present
 - Gathering of the Community?
 - Engaging with the Word (including Scripture)?
 - Empowering and Sending of the people?

Prayer

- Invocation
- Adoration / Praise
- Confession / Declaration of Forgiveness
- Thanksgiving / Intercession (prayers for others)

Music

- Relevant to congregation & Theme and Season
 - Involvement of Congregation
 - Evocative and Inspirational
- Comments

Scripture

- Were lectionary readings used? _____
If not how was the reading chosen? _____
- Were the readings introduced and/or announced? _____
- Were the readings well presented? _____

Comments _____

Sermon / Proclamation of the Gospel

- Was there Good News? / How was the grace of God expressed? _____

- Was there liberation, joy and hope? _____

- Was there exegetical research / responsible treatment of Scripture? _____

- Was the main idea clear? _____
- Was the congregation encouraged to respond to the text in a fresh way? _____

Congregational Participation

Was participation well introduced / encouraged? _____

Recommendation

(in your opinion and on the basis of your assessment, is the applicant satisfactory?)

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (please print) _____

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- ❖ Please speak with the applicant as soon as practicable after the service. It is important to affirm those things that went well with the service **BEFORE** you outline any areas of improvement you may wish to suggest.
- ❖ Keep a copy of the completed assessment form and send the original to the Pastoral Relations Committee as soon as possible.