

FFWPU UK National Leader Selection Process

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NATIONAL LEADER SELECTION PROCESS

Dear,

As you may know, under our FFWPU constitution the role of national leader comes up for renewal every four years. It has been over four years since Matthew Huish became National Leader and so we are now starting the process of seeking nominations for the position of national leader for the next four years, based on the details worked out at the recent Council of Communities meeting. The accompanying document (see button below) is the established section of the governance structure that explains the process precisely.

Nominations may be made by any registered adult member of FFWPU- UK by naming a potential candidate for the role of National Leader (provided that person is a UK citizen or resident who is a voting member of the FFWPU in this country or the equivalent abroad). A simple message identifying both the nominee and the proposer, with full names and basic contact details, should be submitted to the head of General Affairs (by email to hq@ffwpu.org.uk or by post to 43 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3NA) by **January 10th at the latest.**

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Within three days, once the nominations are checked and counted, I will, as chair of the Council of Communities, contact all those who have received at least seven nominations. Of those who wish to accept being nominated, the three most suitable candidates will be chosen by a sub-committee of one pastor (or chairperson) representing each community.

These candidates would be invited to a combined meeting of the National Council and Council of Communities in May. They will be interviewed by the combined council and one will be elected to be the next national leader. If there is only one person who accepts the nomination to be national leader, he or she will be invited to a combined meeting of the National Council and Council of Communities on Saturday January 18th when they will be interviewed and appointed.

As you may also know, True Mother recently nominated Michael and Fumiko Balcomb to be the next national **leader of the UK**. While he accepts Mother's nomination, Dr Balcomb also wishes to respect our appointment process. He therefore wants others to be freely nominated and for a genuine election process to take place. Whether he is chosen or not, he intends to support the UK more closely.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, Council of Communities

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The process for the selection and appointment of the national leader of the FFWPU-UK

The UK national leader of the FFWPU is appointed to serve for a term of four years. After that there is a process through which the national leader is either re-appointed or a new national leader is chosen. A person may be the national leader for a maximum of three terms or twelve years.

Before the end of a national leader's term of office a notice will be sent out to all the members of the FFWPU-UK inviting them to nominate a national leader. This may be the existing national leader or someone else. A notice will also be published on the FFWPU website inviting nominations.

Who can be nominated?

Any UK citizen or resident who is a voting member of the FFWPU in this country or the equivalent abroad. (This is in recognition of the fact that there are many UK members of the FFWPU who joined or have gone abroad as missionaries and may be called to return to serve in the UK.) Preference will be given to a person who has received the FFWPU Blessing, and whose spouse is able to support them in that role. The existing national leader can also be nominated if he or she is still eligible to serve.

To whom should nominations be sent?

The nominations will be collected by the Head of General Affairs who will check the validity of the nominations as well as any nominations received by post. Individuals who are nominated by at least seven voting members of FFWPU-UK will be considered as potential candidates. The head of General Affairs will pass on the valid nominations to the Chairperson of the Council of Communities.

What is the selection process?

The chairperson of the Council of Communities will write to each of these potential candidates to find out their response to being nominated. Those who express an interest in the position will be invited to submit a CV and letter of introduction outlining their experience, their vision for the role, the FFWPU UK community as a whole, and what they would hope to do and accomplish.

The qualifying candidates will be carefully considered by an electoral sub-committee of pastors and chair persons based on the submissions of the nominees, an interview about their vision for the FFWPU-UK community and how they would envision fulfilling the role of national leader, and by using as much personal knowledge of each candidate as possible. They will select up to three candidates who will be invited to come to a combined meeting of the Council of Communities and National Council to introduce themselves and be interviewed. After prayerful consideration the combined council will vote to indicate which candidate they prefer. This name will be offered to the international leadership with a letter of recommendation about the individual's qualifications.