

## **P 2.3 PRESBYTERY REGIONS**

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- P 2.3.1 The Presbytery will be divided into regions to enable members of the Congregations, agencies and other activities of the Church to meet together in smaller groups than the whole Presbytery and with those who share a community of interest.
- P 2.3.2 The Presbytery will determine the number of regions and their boundaries from time to time.

### **REGIONAL GATHERINGS**

- P 2.3.3 There will be at least one Regional Gathering in each region in the period between each normal Presbytery meeting.
- P 2.3.4 Regional Gatherings will provide for educational programs, mission support and networking, major celebrations, inspirational speakers, pastoral support and interaction with the Uniting Church Centre and the wider Church.

### **PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL GATHERINGS**

- P 2.3.5 Members of Presbytery are expected to participate in Regional Gatherings. However, the Gatherings are open to all members of the Church to participate.

### **REGIONAL PASTORS**

- P 2.3.6 The Presbytery will appoint a Regional Pastor for each region.
- P 2.3.7 The Regional Pastor will be an ex-officio member of the Presbytery's Pastoral Relations Committee.
- P 2.3.8 The Regional Pastor will provide a first contact for pastoral issues for the Ministers and Congregations within the region. Further pastoral action will be taken in the context of the work of the Pastoral Relations Committee.

### **REGIONAL CO-ORDINATORS**

- P 2.3.9 Each region will appoint a Regional Co-ordinator to undertake some organisational responsibilities related to arranging Regional Gatherings.

### **LINK PERSONS**

- P 2.3.10 The General Secretary will appoint a member of the Church Office staff or another officer of the Presbytery to be a Link Person for each region.

### **PRESBYTERY BUSINESS**

- P 2.3.11 Regional Gatherings will not normally do formal business. However, if a matter arises in the context of a Regional Gathering that has the support of those present, a proposal may be sent to the Presbytery or to the Presbytery Standing Committee for consideration and resolution at that body's next meeting. The Presbytery may ask the Regional Gatherings for comment on matters before the Presbytery in order to assist it with its responsibilities.