

## **P4.2 RURAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE**

### **NAME**

P4.2.1 The name of the committee is the "Rural Ministry Committee" (herein after called the Committee), a committee appointed by and responsible to the Presbytery of Western Australia.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

P4.2.2 The Committee is appointed at each annual meeting of the Presbytery and consists of:

- (a) the Chairperson, elected annually by the Presbytery;
- (b) the Secretary of Presbytery or nominee ; and
- (c) six members elected with the intention that these represent rural areas as widely as possible;

P4.2.3 The Committee may co-opt up to two further members, for terms not exceeding twelve months at a time, to ensure balanced representation or to provide the Committee with knowledge, abilities or experience not otherwise available to the Committee.

### **PURPOSE**

P4.2.4 The purpose of the Committee is to act for the Presbytery:

- (a) to support, encourage and challenge ministry in rural areas; and
- (b) to foster open communication within the Presbytery.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

P4.2.5 The responsibilities of the Committee include:

- (a) developing policy and strategies in conjunction and issues of the rural Church;
- (b) assisting with the monitoring and evaluation of current and new initiatives in rural ministry;
- (c) working collaboratively with those serving in ministry roles in rural areas supporting and encouraging them in their ministries;
- (d) advocating on rural Church issues in the committees, councils and commissions of the Church;
- (e) working collaboratively with the other committees, commissions and staff of the Presbytery to ensure good stewardship of the gifts, resources and skills of the Church;
- (f) encouraging the whole Church to celebrate the achievements of the rural Church;
- (g) when requested by the Presbytery, Presbytery Standing Committee or the General Secretary assisting with the review of Rural Ministry staff and the appointment of new staff; and
- (h) any other matters relating to rural ministry that may arise from time to time.

**MEETINGS AND REPORTING**

P4.2.6 The Committee will:

- (a) meet face-to-face at least once each year and consult using other means at least quarterly;
- (b) report to the Presbytery at each Presbytery meeting and forward the minutes of each meeting to the Secretary of Presbytery.

**QUORUM**

P4.2.7 The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be a simple majority, in person including those attending through teleconference, or equivalent, link.