

S2.7 UNITINGCARE WA

STATUS

S2.7.1 These By-Laws provide for the coordination of the Synod's activities as part of the Church's mission in community services, known as UnitingCare WA. The Presbytery has the responsibility for congregational community service activities (see Rule 3.14).

UNITINGCARE WA FORUM

S2.7.2 In accordance with Constitution Paragraph 32, the Synod has established the UnitingCare WA Forum hereinafter called "the Forum".

MEMBERSHIP

S2.7.3 The Forum is appointed by each ordinary Synod and consists of:

- (a) the Chairperson; and
- (b) the Chief Executive Officer and a Board representative of Good Samaritan Industries, UnitingCare Crossroads (WA), UnitingCare West and Uniting Church Homes.

S2.7.4 The Forum may invite other persons to assist it with knowledge, abilities or experience not otherwise available to the Forum.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

S2.7.7 The Chairperson of the Forum will act as its executive officer and is entitled to receive an honorarium for the duties of executive officer.

RESPONSIBILITIES

S2.7.8 The responsibilities of the Forum are:

- (a) to facilitate the co-ordination of the activities and future plans of the UnitingCare agencies within the Synod.
- (b) advise the Synod and its officers in regard to:
 - (i) strategic directions, policy frameworks and overall planning for the Church's mission in community services within the Synod that express the theology and ethos of the Uniting Church in its community services;
 - (ii) public statements, submissions and representations concerning matters of social policy and social advocacy in co-operation with the Social Justice Board;
 - (iii) the use of the name UnitingCare; and
 - (iv) any other matters referred to the Forum from time to time by the Synod, the General Council or the General Secretary.
- (c) to represent the Synod in relation to UnitingCare Australia and the broader UnitingCare network throughout Australia.

MEETINGS AND REPORTING

S2.7.9 The Forum will:

- (a) meet at least four times each year; and
- (b) report to the Synod at each ordinary Synod meeting and to the General Council as requested or when necessary. ▪