

4.3 UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

NAME AND STATUS

- 4.3.1 The Uniting Church Adult Fellowship is a fellowship of members of the Uniting Church established by and with the authority of the Assembly of the Church.

OBJECTS

- 4.3.2 The Uniting Church Adult Fellowship supports the Church's mission of encouraging and enabling all persons to discover, accept and express the Gospel of Jesus Christ by means of the following:
- (a) engaging with fellowship groups throughout the Church;
 - (b) promoting involvement in faith, fellowship and mission activities; and
 - (c) encouraging a vision of the strength and value of adult groups in the life of the Church.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

- 4.3.3 Any fellowship group established in a congregation with the authority of the Church Council will be recognised as part of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship. Such groups will ***be invited to*** contribute an affiliation fee or donation to fund the work of Fellowship in WA.

THE WA COMMITTEE

- 4.3.4 The activities of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship in Western Australia are guided by a Committee which is established by and responsible to the Synod.

FUNCTIONS

- 4.3.5 The functions of the Committee include:
- (a) coordinating the involvement of congregational fellowship groups as and when appropriate;
 - (b) providing resources to congregational fellowship groups;
 - (c) arranging activities to promote communication between the Church and congregational fellowship groups; and
 - (d) promoting a deeper fellowship and involvement of all Church people and the total outreach of the Church.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

- 4.3.6 The Committee is elected by the Synod after nominations have been received from the Committee and fellowship groups and consists of:
- (a) a chairperson;
 - (b) a member of the Church Office staff designated by the General Secretary;
 - (c) one representative of the Uniting Church Mission Fellowship; and
 - (d) up to ten other members.
- 4.3.7 The Committee may co-opt up to two further members to ensure balanced representation or to provide the Committee with knowledge, abilities or experience not otherwise

available to the Committee.

- 4.3.8 The Committee may fill any casual vacancies in the membership of the Committee for the remainder of the term of office of the member being replaced.
- 4.3.9 Members of the Committee (other than the member of the Church Office staff) will hold office for a term of two years and will be eligible for re-election, provided that no person will hold office for a continuous period longer than ten years without standing down for at least one year.

OFFICEBEARERS

- 4.3.10 The Committee will elect:

- (a) a vice-chairperson;
- (b) a secretary; and
- (c) a treasurer

from amongst its members to hold office at the discretion of the Committee.

PROPERTY

- 4.3.11 The property of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship will be vested in the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (WA) and dealt with according to the Regulations.

FINANCE

- 4.3.12 All receipts and expenditure will take place from bank accounts in the name of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship and operated on the signature of any two of the authorised signatories appointed by the Committee from time to time.
- 4.3.13 The Treasurer will keep full and proper accounts of all moneys received and expended by the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship in accordance with Regulations 3.8.7
- 4.3.14 At least once annually the books of account will be audited in accordance with the Regulations.

MEETINGS AND REPORTING

- 4.3.15 (a) The Committee will meet at least quarterly.
- (b) The quorum for meetings of the Committee is the next whole number above half the current membership of the Committee.
- (c) The Committee will report to the annual Synod meeting and to the Synod Standing Committee as requested or when necessary.