

## 5.5 CHURCH LAW COMMITTEE

### NAME

- 5.5.1 The name of the Committee is the "Church Law Committee", a committee serving the Synod of Western Australia.

### MEMBERSHIP

- 5.5.2 The Church Law Committee will be appointed by the Synod at each ordinary meeting and will consist of:
- (a) a Convener;
  - (b) the General Secretary; and
  - (c) up to five other persons.
- 5.5.3 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.

### PURPOSE

- 5.5.4 The purpose of the Committee is to develop and maintain the Church's law for the Church in Western Australia. The aim of such law is to confess God's will for the life of the Church. The Church keeps its law under constant review so that its life may be increasingly directed to the service of God and humanity, and its worship to a true and faithful setting forth of, and response to, the Gospel of Christ. (*Basis of Union, para 17*)

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.5.5 The responsibilities of the Committee are:
- (a) to maintain and make available for use the By-Laws of the Synod of Western Australia;
  - (b) to prepare and recommend for enactment such new By-Laws or Rules or amendments to By-Laws as required by:
    - (i) resolution of the Synod, or Synod Standing Committee;
    - (ii) request of any Synod body, agency or instrumentality;
    - (iii) resolution of the Assembly or in consequence of any decision of the Assembly to amend the Constitution or Regulations; and
    - (iv) the needs of the Church's life and mission; and
  - (c) to advise officers, Synod bodies and agencies, and congregations on the operation and interpretation of the Church's law and on preparing proposals for new By-Laws or the amendment of By-Laws.

### MEETINGS AND REPORTING

- 5.5.6 The Committee will:
- (a) meet at least four times each year; and
  - (b) report to the Synod at each ordinary meeting and Synod Standing Committee as requested or when necessary.