

6.2 MODERATOR

ROLE OF THE MODERATOR

- 6.2.1 The Moderator is the public head of the Church in Western Australia.
- 6.2.2 The Moderator will provide visionary and faith leadership to the Church in Western Australia.
- 6.2.3 The Moderator will undertake the duties and responsibilities of the Moderator of the Synod as specified by the Constitution, Regulations, the Basis of Union, the Uniting Church in Australia Act 1976 (WA), Bylaws and as determined by the Synod, or the Synod Standing Committee from time to time.

ELECTION

- 6.2.4 (a) The Moderator will be elected and designated as Moderator-elect of the Synod by the ordinary meeting of the Synod prior to the one at which the person will take office.
- (b) No person will be declared elected as Moderator-elect until that person has obtained an absolute majority of the votes cast by each of the Synod.

PLACEMENT OR SERVICE

- 6.2.5 (a) The Moderator will serve for a period of three years.
- (b) The office of Moderator can be a placement for an ordained person and is suitable for Ministry of Pastor for a lay person.
- (c) As soon as practicable after the election of the Moderator, the Synod Standing Committee will undertake the appropriate arrangements for the position.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 6.2.6 Where the Moderator has a conflict of interest in dealing with a matter, declared by the Moderator or perceived by the Synod Standing Committee, including matters related to Part 5 of the Regulations, the Synod Standing Committee shall meet apart from the Moderator and shall appoint an Acting Moderator for the matter concerned.