
Standing Committee

Moderator	Rev Steve Francis
Ex Moderator	vacant
General Secretary	Rev David de Kock (from 1 March 2016)
Member	Robert Watson
Member	Rev Craig Collas
Member	Dr Elaine Ledgerwood
Member	Rev Dr Ian Tozer (until 30 June 2016)
Co-opted Member	Margaret Martin
Co-opted Member	Alison Xamon
Acting General Secretary	Rosemary Hudson Miller (until 31 December 2015)
	Rev John Dunn (until 29 February 2016)

Standing Committee acts on behalf of the Synod and Presbytery between meetings. It has met six times for ordinary meetings and twice conducted an electronic poll relating to requests of the Moderatorial Nominating Committee.

Standing Committee had appointed Rosemary Hudson Miller as Acting General Secretary from 1 January until 31 December 2015. On the expiry of this term, appointed Rev John Dunn as Acting General Secretary until the General Secretary was elected and took office.

It was noted that Rev John Dunn would stand down from his role as chairperson of the Resources Board during this period and Graham Reynolds would hold the role in the interim.

In December 2015, Standing Committee called a Special Meeting of Synod for 6 February 2016 for the election of a General Secretary. At this Special Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia, Rev David de Kock was elected as the new General Secretary. With the leave of the Church Council at Lighthouse Church Geraldton, Rev de Kock took office on 1 March 2016 and was inducted into the position at St Stephen's Applecross on 8 April 2016.

Standing Committee also took up the matter of the Beneficiary Fund and the impact on retired ministers, communicating with Assembly and government on these matters. Little progress was made because of the Federal election, but representations continue through Assembly.

Following the review of the Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress Regional Committee by the National Committee, Standing Committee, acting on their recommendation, postponed the establishment of a WA Congress Presbytery until the requirements of the National Committee had been met.

Standing Committee appointed the Moderatorial Nominating Committee and considered several proposals from the committee.

Standing Committee also participated in the Joint Retreat with General Council and contributed to the discussion regarding the Church Structure Review which will be considered at this Synod meeting.

In November 2015, Standing Committee, acting on the recommendation of the Assembly Reception of Ministers Committee, resolved to receive for admission Rev Hollis Wilson and Rev David de Kock as Ministers of the Word.

The Standing Committee also dealt with a range of confidential matters.

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