

PROPOSAL 2

Sitting in private

That the Presbytery of Western Australia:

resolve to sit in private for consideration of the matters related to “arrangements for theological education for ministry and leadership”.

Rationale

This is a procedural motion that is passed by simple majority without discussion.

It is proposed that the Special Presbytery meeting meet in private. This means that only members of Presbytery may be present in the meeting.

The Presbytery will be making critical decisions on the future of theological education in the context of the challenges and requirements of today’s world. The core purpose of this meeting is to discern the will of God for this specific matter in the context of our church today. The members of the Presbytery are people who are involved, not only in their own community, but also in the work of the wider church. The membership of Presbytery includes retired ministers who are actively involved in work of the church in our Presbytery and Synod and have a good understanding of the many challenges which the church faces today. In our discernment process, the members of the Presbytery include people of corporate memory, knowledge of the challenges facing the church today and people with a vision of how we can grow the Kingdom of God into the future.

In the appointment of its members, the congregations have discerned those who have been called and gifted by God for the purpose of leading the wider church through its life. It is expected that members will come with their energy, their hopes and their fears to discern the will of God. This like-mindedness allows for hopes and fears to be safely voiced within a loving community.

The meeting papers – including the proposals – have been placed on the website, sent to all Presbytery members, and details have been put in *News and Notes* so that all members of the Church who are interested can have access to them.

The important matters under consideration should be determined by decision of Presbytery members, after prayerful consideration of all material presented.

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