

PROPOSAL 3

REMOTE AND REGIONAL PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM

That the Presbytery of Western Australia:

- accept members participating in the meeting via Zoom, to be a part of the discernment process and accepting their right to indicate their responses and to vote.
- Such members must gather in the presence of at least one other member of Presbytery.
- nominate Rev Dr Ian Tozer as the person to receive and pass on the results of any secret ballot of Zoom participants to ballot scrutineers (0408 943 685).

Rationale:

The Manual for Meetings states: “there is no provision for voting by proxy or as an absentee, because of the Church’s understanding that God’s will is discerned as Christians gather to listen, discuss and pray together.”

The use of Zoom technology does allow members who are not in the physical meeting to be seen and to participate fully in the meeting. It does allow for accurate two-way communication among all members, widespread participation and a way of reaching solutions and decisions with the support of as many members as possible.

We can still establish community; it will be in a different style to what we have been doing for the last 40 years but this does not make it less of a community.

Moved: Rev Dr Ian Tozer Seconded: