



13 June 2017

To: Members of Synod  
Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress –  
WA Regional Committee,  
Synod Commissions and Joint Bodies,  
Schools and Colleges,  
Caring Agencies,

The Uniting Church Centre  
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## ‘Deep and Wide’

Ephesians 3:17,18

Dear Colleagues,

### 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SYNOD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

We are preparing for our Annual Synod Meeting where members of the Uniting Church in Australia, WA will come together to discuss issues of importance in the life of the church and the wider community. The Moderator’s theme for the next Triennium draws us into a space where we can be strengthened, rooted, grounded and empowered by the love of God revealed in Christ. Let it be so!

#### OPENING WORSHIP

Ross Memorial Uniting Church  
Hay St & Colin St, West Perth  
7.00pm, Friday 8 September 2017  
Address by Rev Cordelia Gunawan, Deputy General Secretary of GKI, West Java  
RSVP [Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au)

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Dickinson Centre, Scotch College, 76 Shenton Road, Swanbourne  
9.00am – 9.00pm, Saturday 9 September 2017 and  
1:00pm – 4.00pm, Sunday 10 September 2017 (Lunch 11.30am - 12.30pm)

### Membership

Membership of Synod is noted on the **Membership of Synod Bylaw S2.1**. Agencies, schools and colleges established by the Synod should appoint and advise names of their nominated synod representatives to Amanda Badenhorst ([Amanda.badenhorst@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:Amanda.badenhorst@wa.uca.org.au)) by **31 July 2017** and on the attached registration form.

### Orientation

An orientation program is open to all, but particularly for first time members, will be conducted at 8.30am on Saturday, 9 September in the Dickinson Centre.

### Registrations

- The cost to attend the Annual Meeting is \$150 per members. Visitors may attend as a guest of the Synod but please confirm attendance for catering purposes.
- Please register by **Monday, 31 July 2017** by completing and submitting the attached registration form through to Amanda Badenhorst [Amanda.badenhorst@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:Amanda.badenhorst@wa.uca.org.au), by normal post together with your registration payment by cheque or by email with your preference of payment either by credit card, invoice or Eftpos.
- Lanyards and name tags will be provided at registration and you are requested to return these items at the end of the meeting.

Please contact Amanda Badenhorst on 9260 9805, or email for assistance with the registration process if required.

### Synod Reports & Proposals

All reports, proposals and an up-to-date order of business will be available on the website in mid-August. If you require a hard copy to be mailed to you, please indicate this on your registration form. No copies will be available at the meeting.



Reports are due no later than **Wednesday, 19 July 2017**, For any questions relating to reports or proposals, please contact Justine Woodward on [Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au). Any questions relating to reports or proposals which you particularly want addressed at the full meeting, must be provided by **COB Monday 4 September 2017**. Please email Justine Woodward at [Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au). The volume and types of questions will determine how answers can be addressed by the Business Committee which acts as the facilitation group for questions. Late Proposals must be submitted by **3pm on Saturday, 9 September 2017**.

One of the important roles of the Synod is to initiate action for future ministry and mission development. Questions and proposals are encouraged. All questions should be addressed to the report writer in the first instance and contact details are provided at the end of each report.

## Computers

We will have a strong WIFI signal and encourage the use of laptops, iPads and tablets at the meeting.

## Transport Options

We encourage you to car pool with other members from your region. Members are expected to meet their travel costs for the first 100 kilometres of travel each way. For those travelling in excess of 100 kilometres, a travel subsidy of 70c/km is available and an accommodation allowance of \$100 per night is available for rural members. Please contact Maree Kemp by phone on 9260 9801, or email [Maree.kemp@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:Maree.kemp@wa.uca.org.au) for a claim form or download the form from the Synod webpage <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au>

## Visitors

Visitors are welcome and seating will be provided at the back of the meeting space. Costs for visitors is set at \$100 per person per day. Please confirm arrangements with Amanda Badenhorst.

## Catering

Catering for the Synod meeting will be in the Dickinson hall which includes:

- Saturday - morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner
- Sunday - lunch from 11.30am to 12.30pm and afternoon tea
- Tea, coffee and water will be available throughout. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own mug/cup/glass.

## Ministry Resourcing Centre

Resources will be available for purchase during Synod.

## Synod Timeline

19 July 2017	Closing date for Reports and Proposals <a href="mailto:Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au">Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au</a>
31 July 2017	Close of Registrations – <a href="mailto:Amanda.badenhorst@wa.uca.org.au">Amanda.badenhorst@wa.uca.org.au</a>
4 September 2017	Any questions relating to reports <a href="mailto:Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au">Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au</a>
4 September 2017	Opening Worship RSVP 4 September 2017 <a href="mailto:Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au">Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au</a>
9 September 2017	Late Proposals must be submitted by 3pm 9 September 2017
10 September 2017	Annual Synod Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registrations 8.00 am to 9.00 am</li> <li>• Order of Business 9.00am to 9.00pm</li> <li>• Late Proposals 3.00pm</li> </ul>
11 September 2016	Annual Synod Meeting-Members are encouraged to attend Worship Services around Perth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch 11.30am to 12.30pm</li> <li>• Order of Business 1.00pm – 4.00pm</li> </ul>

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting as we gather together to discuss and consider the work of the Synod of Western Australia.

Yours sincerely,

Rev David de Kock  
**General Secretary**

# **MEMBERSHIP OF THE SYNOD BY-LAW S2.1**

## **SYNOD MEMBERS**

S2.1.1 The membership of the Synod shall be in accordance with Regulation 3.3.7. and including:  
one confirmed lay member appointed by each of the agencies and colleges established by the Synod:

- (i) Good Samaritan Industries;
- (ii) UnitingCare West
- (iii) Uniting Church Homes;
- (iv) Methodist Ladies College;
- (v) Penrhos College;
- (vi) Presbyterian Ladies College;
- (vii) Scotch College;
- (viii) St Stephen's School;
- (ix) Tranby College;
- (x) Trinity; and
- (xi) Wesley College.

## **REPRESENTATION**

S2.1.2 To the extent that the Synod has discretion:

- (a) the Synod membership should include at least one-third women and one-third men.
- (b) one tenth of the lay members should be under the age of 30 years.



**Uniting Church in Western Australia**  
**ANNUAL SYNOD/PRESBYTERY 2017**  
**9 September – 10 September 2017**  
 (ABN 66 428 151 531)



**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT FORM**

**2 DAY REGISTRATION - SATURDAY & SUNDAY - \$150**   
**VISITORS MAY ATTEND AS GUESTS OF THE SYNOD**  
**PLEASE CONFIRM ATTENDANCE FOR CATERING PURPOSES**

*(Please indicate your preferences)*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

1. All catering is included in the cost of registration
2. Ensure your dietary requirements are noted below
3. Return this form no later than **Mon, 31 July 2017**
4. Liaise with your church/agency regarding your costs

**CONTACT DETAILS:**

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Suburb:</b>	<b>Postcode:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Name of Appointing Body</b>	

**DO YOU REQUIRE CHILDCARE FACILITIES:**

**Yes / No**

*(Child care can be provided. However, to ensure appropriate staffing is organised we need to know as soon as possible.)*

**DOCUMENTATION:**

We encourage members to use electronic devices to download and view the reports and proposals. Please note the following:

- All supporting documents including Annual Reports will be available on the Uniting Church in WA website

**HARD COPY OF ANNUAL REPORTS TO BE MAILED TO YOU**

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT OPTION**



Credit Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

*(Please tick):*

Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print Clearly**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS**

**Cheque** - made payable to **Uniting Church in Australia** for the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**Electronic Funds Transfer**  
 Westpac **BSB:** 036-001 **Account:** 92-1834 Uniting Church in Australia **Ref:** Synod 2017 (Name)

**Ministers Benefit Account**  
 I hereby authorise the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be taken from my Ministerial Benefits Account to cover registration costs for Synod 2017.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tick if payment is made by Congregation/Agency/School** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name

(Payments are not subject to GST)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN 31 AUGUST 2017**

To Amanda Badenhorst at Uniting Church Centre GPO Box M952 Perth WA 6843 Fax: 9328 2731 Email: [amanda.badenhorst@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:amanda.badenhorst@wa.uca.org.au)