
PROPOSAL 2 - FUTURE PRESBYTERY MEETING DATES

That the Presbytery agree to:

1. Meeting three times a year:

**1st Quarter: Reporting on progress with implementing the previous 3-year Presbytery Plan
Developing and reviewing our future directions
Annual election of officers**

**3rd Quarter: Reporting on progress with implementing the current 3-year Presbytery Plan
Providing input into the next 3-year Presbytery Plan
Preparing Input to Synod (September)**

4th Quarter: Approving of the next 3-year Presbytery Plan

2. The dates proposed for 2020 are 21 March, 20 June and 21 November.

RATIONALE

In the Uniting Church, the particular purpose of presbyteries is to exercise:

“... oversight over the congregations within [their] bounds, encouraging them to strengthen one another’s faith, to bear one another’s burdens, and exhorting them to fulfil their high calling in Christ Jesus.”

[Paragraph 15(c) of The Basis of Union (1992 edition)].

In order to have pastoral oversight, it is important that relationships between members are developed and nurtured. This is done in a number of practical ways, through meetings, regional gatherings and networks and through the work of staff employed to work on behalf of the Presbytery.

Meetings/Gatherings are held to provide opportunities for:

- Worshiping together
- Networking with others from congregations and church office staff.
- Setting long term aims (10 years +) – What is our “long plan”
- Sharing ideas on faith formation, faith sharing, community engagement
- Communicating opportunities for ministry education and development
- Having input into developing, approving and reporting the Presbytery’s three-year Plan
- Combining with training and/or professional development.

Mover: Bob Hunt

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