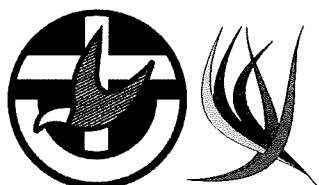


# **The Uniting Church in Australia**

## **Western Australia**



**The Combined Minutes  
of  
The 38th Western Australian Synod  
and  
The 9th Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of WA**

**11 – 14 September 2014**

***“Towards Healing & Wholeness  
through Faith, Hope & Love”***

These combined Minutes record events and the business of those committees or bodies that relate to both the Presbytery of Western Australia and the Synod of Western Australia.

The Opening Worship was conducted at Nedlands Uniting Church, on Thursday evening, 11 September 2014 and an Expo Day was held on Friday, 12 September 2014. Business sessions of the 38th Meeting of the Synod, the 9th Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of WA commenced on Saturday, 13 September through to Sunday, 14 September 2014 at Technology Park, Bentley.

## **JOINT MEETING OF SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY**

### **PART 1 – CONSTITUTION**

#### **CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETINGS OF SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY**

The combined Synod and Presbytery meetings were constituted by an act of public worship on Thursday evening 11 September at 7.30pm with a congregation of approximately 300. The readings, Gen 45:1-7, 1 Cor 13:1-6, 13 and Luke 19:1-10 were read in Mandarin, Indonesian and Korean. The newly installed moderator, Rev Steve Francis preached on the theme of the Synod, Towards Healing and Wholeness through Faith, Hope and Love.

### **PART 2 – OPENING REMARKS**

#### **MODERATOR'S WELCOME**

At the first business session introductions and preliminary comments were made by the moderator, Rev Steve Francis where he thanked the Wadjuk people of the Noongar Nation for the use of their land.

The Moderator welcomed new members of the Presbytery and Synod. He made a special welcome to Assembly General Secretary, Rev Terence Corkin, the Rev Dr Ji Zhang, UnitingWorld manager of partnerships in Asia, and the President of the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka, Rev Dr Albert Jebanesan.

### **PART 3 - WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY**

The business session on Saturday morning was opened with song and prayer. The team also led the other worship sessions over the weekend.

Rev Dr Elaine Ledgerwood led devotions on Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday afternoon.

Rev Dr Ji Zhang led the bible study on Mark 14:1-11 on Saturday morning and on Revelation 21:1-6 on Sunday afternoon.

The Eucharist was celebrated on Sunday morning 14 September. The service was led by Rev Steve Francis and Rev Dr AW Jebanesan preached and shared in the leading of communion.

Noongar Elder, Uncle Sam Dinah and members of UAICC (Congress) led worship with prayer and songs on Saturday evening.

### **PART 4 - PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentations were made over 12 – 14 September 2014. Some related to the life of the Presbytery, others to the life of the Synod.

#### **UnitingWorld Presentation**

Rev Dr AW Jebanesan gave an inspiring and frank presentation of the programs and mission of the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka.

#### **Assembly 2015 Local Organising Committee**

Maggie Johns presented an overview of the 14<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia meeting to be held in Perth from Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 July 2015 with the theme "Hearts on Fire". The Local Organising Committee were presented and Assembly general secretary, Terence Corkin, and moderator, Rev Steve Francis, commissioned them with prayer.

## **Strategic Framework 2025**

Presbytery mission planner, Rev David Kriel outlined four emerging strategic directions: communication; education, training & leadership development; community engagement; faith formation & faith sharing.

The updated “Called by Name” booklet was launched by moderator Rev Steve Francis in prayer. The booklet outlines a raft of ministry options. Rev Bev Fabb, Chair of the Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL) challenged members to share the booklet widely, not only with those considering ordination.

### **Songs that Unite**

Assembly General Secretary, Terence Corkin presented the details

### **WA Council of Churches**

Rev Frances Hadfield encouraged congregations to participate in the Christmas Bowl Appeal and to use the resources available.

## **PART 5 - RECOGNITION OF MINISTRY**

The Synod **accepted by acclamation** the Recognitions of Ministry for:

1. Rev John McCarthy who had died since the last Synod; and
2. Rev Don Dowling, Rev Dennis Doust, Rev Dr Alison Longworth, Rev Vivien Larkin and Rev Ron Larkin who had retired during the year.
3. During the Ministry celebration service Rev Nich Cole, Rev Craig Collas, Rev Narelle Collas, Rev Hannes Halgryn, Rev Hermann Nienaber and Rev John McKane were recognised as having transferred into this Synod.

## **PART 6 - MINUTE OF APPRECIATION FOR THE RETIRED GENERAL SECRETARY**

The Synod and Presbytery **approved by consensus** to express their thanks to God for the work of Kay Dowling as General Secretary and to record the following minute:

Kay Dowling grew up at All Saint’s Church in Floreat. She valued the open and enquiring approach to faith that was encouraged there, where people were able to ask questions, discuss possibilities and develop their own faith and experience within a rich and varied community. Kay always had a vocation for service. After her schooling and a short time as a secretary Kay trained as a paediatric nurse at Princess Margaret Hospital. This took her into work with new mothers suffering with mental health conditions who needed hospitalisation. It raised an interest in psychological health and Kay trained as a psychologist. As a community psychologist, Kay was instrumental in setting up a service that worked with children and surviving parents who had been bereaved. This work balanced direct care for people and management and organisational needs.

In Sydney, Kay was an area manager for Anglicare, focussing on its counselling services. Kay has been a member of the Uniting Church since its inauguration and has supported congregational ministries in youth work, eldership and Parish and Church Councils. Kay supported her husband Don in his ministries of school chaplaincy (in WA and NSW), at the Warehouse Café and at Perth Wesley. Kay brought all of her experience as a Christian, as a mother (including of a disabled son), as a household manager, as a community and counselling psychologist to the position of General Secretary – the Chief Executive Officer – of the UCA in WA.

Kay brought pastoral, administrative, organisational and Christian gifts and abilities to her role. She emphasised a “strengths based” approach where individuals, committees and all who served the UCA in WA were encouraged to work with their strengths and to support and develop the strengths of those around them.

Kay also brought to the role a strong belief in the need for the Church to be clear about the resources on which it stands. She was instrumental in commissioning the “Review of Synod Finances” report prepared by Bob Seinor in 2009. This made a wide variety of recommendations, and led directly to the establishment of the Resources Board.

## **PART 7 – REPORTS**

Rosemary Hudson Miller presented the Business Committee report including details on housekeeping matters.

Reports were received from:

### **1.1 Joint Bodies of the Presbytery & Synod of WA**

- 1.1.1 Standing Committee
  - 1.1.1(i) Proposal 1 – Transitional General Secretary
  - 1.1.1(ii) Proposal 16 – Presbytery Treasurer
- 1.1.2 General Council
- 1.1.3 Acting General Secretary
- 1.1.4 Business Committee
  - 1.1.4(i) Proposal 2
- 1.1.5 Nominating Committee
  - 1.1.5(i) Nominating Committee - Membership of Bodies
  - 1.1.5(ii) Nominating Committee - Proposal 3
  - 1.1.5(iii) Nominating Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly Nomination Form

### **2.1 Synod Boards & Committees**

- 2.1.1 Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress UAICC
  - 2.1.1(i) Proposal 17 – New Presbytery for WA Congress
  - 2.1.1(ii) Proposal 18 - Water Corporation Tenant Account Policy
- 2.1.1.1 Beanang Kwuurt Institute
- 2.1.2 Committee for Counselling
- 2.1.3 Ecumenical Affairs Committee
- 2.1.4 Innovative Opportunities Unlimited Fund
- 2.1.5 Resources Board Final Report
- 2.1.6 Social Justice Board
  - 2.1.6(i) Proposal 9 – Divestment from Fossil Fuels
  - 2.1.6(ii) Proposal 10 – Protection from the impacts of unconventional gas.....
  - 2.1.6(iii) Proposal 11 – Medical Cannabis
  - 2.1.6(iv) Proposal 12 – Move-On Notices
  - 2.1.6(v) Proposal 13– Nuclear Free Future
  - 2.1.6(vi) Proposal 14 - Asylum Seekers & Refugees
- 2.1.7 Uniting Church Property Trust
- 2.1.8 UnitingCare WA Forum
- 2.1.9 UnitingWorld WA Committee
- 2.1.10 Church Law
  - 2.1.10(i) Proposal 6 – Appendix A - Bylaw 6.2 Moderator
  - 2.1.10(ii) Proposal 6 – Appendix B – Bylaw 6.3 General Secretary
  - 2.1.10(iii) Proposal 6 – Appendix C – Bylaw 1.1 Introduction

- 2.1.10(iv) Proposal 7 – Appendix D – Rule 3.19 Liturgy Committee
- 2.1.10(v) Proposal 7 – Appendix E – Rule 3.5 Pastoral Relations & Placements Commission
- 2.1.10(vi) Proposal 8 – Appendix F – Revised Table of Contents for Bylaws

## **2.2 Uniting Church Schools**

- 2.2.1 Methodist Ladies' College
- 2.2.2 Penrhos College
- 2.2.3 Presbyterian Ladies's College
- 2.2.4 Scotch College
- 2.2.5 St Stephen's School
- 2.2.6 Tranby College
- 2.2.7 Wesley College

## **2.3 Tertiary College**

- 2.3.1 Trinity (a Residential College of the Uniting Church in Australia)

## **2.4 State-wide UnitingCare Agencies**

- 2.4.1 Good Samaritan Industries
- 2.4.2 Juniper
- 2.4.3 UnitingCare West

## **2.5 Congregational Community Services Activities**

- 2.5.1 Fremantle Wesley Mission

## **3.1 Presbytery Commissions, Committees and Working Groups**

- 3.1.1 Candidates for the Ministries Commission
- 3.1.2 Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership
- 3.1.3 Congregational Community Services Commission
- 3.1.4 Covenanting Commission
  - 3.1.4(i) Proposal 5
- 3.1.5 First Third Working Group
- 3.1.6 Ministerial Benefits Committee
- 3.1.7 Pastoral Relations and Placements Commission
  - 3.1.7(i) Proposal 4
  - 3.1.7(ii) App 1 Chaplaincy Working Group Report
  - 3.1.7(iii) App 2 Kay Dowling - Retirement
  - 3.1.7(iv) App 3 Rev Don Dowling - Retirement
  - 3.1.7(v) App 4 Rev Dennis Doust - Retirement
  - 3.1.7(vi) App 5 Rev Alison Longworth - Retirement
  - 3.1.7(vii) App 6 Rev Ron Larkin – Retirement
  - 3.1.7(viii) App 7 Rev Vivien Larkin - Retirement
  - 3.1.7(xv) App 8 Rev John McCarthy - Deceased
- 3.1.8 Rural Ministry Working Group
- 3.1.9 Strategy and Mission Planning Commission

## **3.2 Presbytery Networks**

- 3.2.1 Friends of Frontier Services
- 3.2.2 Multicultural Ministry
- 3.2.3 PNEUMA
- 3.2.4 Uniting Church Adult Fellowship WA Committee
- 3.2.5 Uniting Church Mission Fellowship

## **01/2014-15 – The Presbytery approved by consensus to receive all the reports (Documents 1-3)**

### **ASSEMBLY REPORT**

Rev Terence Corkin, Assembly General Secretary presented a report on the work of the Assembly. He noted the document, “A Fresh Look at Elders/Leaders in the Uniting Church” and the call for responses. He reported that the Assembly Doctrine Working Group had distributed a discussion paper on marriage and gave a brief overview of the work of the Assembly Task Group on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Terence also introduced “Songs that Unite” and encouraged congregations to subscribe, access and use the music resources.

### **RESOURCES BOARD - Including Budget 2014 Summary and Budget Assumptions**

The Chair, Rev John Dunn, with assistance from the Chief Financial Officer, Michael Patchell, presented the 2015 WA Uniting Church Budget for noting. The budget, with a deficit of \$568,498.00 was adopted by the General Council. Questions and discussion followed. The Synod and of WA approved by consensus to note the 2015 Budget for the WA Uniting Church as approved by General Council.

### **SCHOOL CONSTITUTIONS**

#### **General Council Supplementary Report and Decisions**

The Synod and Presbytery noted that on the matter of School Constitutions the General Council agreed to forward them to the annual meeting for approval.

### **PART 8 - AMENDMENT TO REPORTS**

#### **UnitingCare WA Forum**

Reverend John Dunn, Chair, reported:

1. that the CEO of UnitingCare West, Sue Ash, had been awarded an Order of Australia. The Synod acknowledged this with acclamation.
2. A number of retiring board members from Good Samaritan Industries were acknowledged: Rev Geoff Blyth (20 years), Robert Locke (13 years), Brendan O'Hara (8 years), Harry Kleyn (8 years) and Tony Stamparlija.
3. It was noted that Juniper (Uniting Church Homes) thanked and acknowledged the work of Lindsay Wolfe for his significant contribution over many years including as chair of the board.

### **PART 9 – BUSINESS SESSION – SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY**

#### **Standing Committee**

The past Moderator, Rev Ken Williams, provided some clarification about the different roles and responsibilities of General Council and Standing Committee.

The Synod and Presbytery noted the following amendment:

- Rev John Dunn should be included as a member of the committee.

#### Proposal 1 – Transitional General Secretary

### **02/2014-15 The Synod and Presbytery of Western Australia approved by consensus to:**

1. ***That the Standing Committee in consultation with the General Council appoint a transitional General Secretary for up to 24 months noting the challenges that have faced the Uniting Church in Western Australia and recognising the need for a transitional period whilst various reviews are conducted.***

2. **Subject to the design of a new job description for the General Secretary position, a national advertising campaign to be launched and position to be advertised throughout the Uniting Church and finalised by 17 January 2015.**

Proposal 16 – Presbytery Treasurer

**03/2014-15 The Presbytery agreed to by consensus:**

1. **The position of Presbytery Treasurer be a voluntary position to be appointed annually;**
2. **The General Council in conjunction with Resources Board be authorised to develop a role description which will fulfil the responsibilities outlined in the Regulations;**
3. **The Standing Committee be authorised to make the appointment.**

**Business Committee**

Proposal 2 – Business Committee

**04/2014-15 The Presbytery of Western Australia approved by consensus to:**

1. **Adopt the Order of Business**
2. **Approve the following Co-opted members to the 2014 Annual Synod Meeting:**  
  
**Co-opted Ministers: Rev Ken Williams, Rev Bev Fabb, Rev Dr Alan Stubbs, Rev Marie Wilson**  
  
**Co-opted Lay Members: Bruce Wilson, Alison Atkinson Phillips, Geoff Ebell**  
  
**Kalo Fotu, Maggie Johns, Clare Ligtermoet, Thomas Stokes, John Talbert, Dianne Ward, Steve Higgins, Deborah de Silva, Dorothy Carey**  
  
**Youthful Members: Ashley McMillan**
3. **Approve the membership of the Synod and Presbytery to include confirmed members representing bodies who are directly responsible to the Synod and Presbytery and authorise the General Council to enact the By Laws and Rules to this effect.**
4. **Approve the membership of the Synod and Presbytery to include a member appointed or elected by each recognised Faith Community and authorise the General Council to enact By Laws and Rules to this effect.**
5. **Appoint Justine Woodward (PA to Moderator) and Amanda Badenhorst (PR&PC Administrator) as Minute Takers.**
6. **Appoint Rev Ken Devereux as Acting Convener of the Nominating Committee for the purposes of the Annual Meeting.**
7. **Appoint Ian Passmore, Eira Clapton and Tom Stokes as scrutineers.**
8. **Appoint Rev Ken Williams, Rev Dr Ian Tozer, Rev Steve Francis, Rosemary Hudson Miller and Alison Atkinson-Phillips to be responsible for the confirmation of the 2014 Annual Synod meeting.**
9. **Appoint Rev Gordon Scantlebury and Rev Isobelle Shortreed as Chaplains to the Synod.**

**10. Associate Robert Locke (Associate General Secretary, Resources) for the Synod and Presbytery Meeting.**

**MEETING OF PRESBYTERY**

**PART 10 – BUSINESS SESSION – PRESBYTERY**

**Nominating Committee**

*Proposal 3 – Nominating Committee*

**06/2014-15** **The Presbytery of Western Australia approved by consensus to:**

- 1. Note the closing times for nominations to various positions for election by the Synod and Presbytery as scheduled on the Order of Business.**
- 2. Note that during this Annual Meeting, members of Synod may vote for all Presbytery elections, and members of Presbytery may vote for all Synod positions.**
- 3. Note that other than for General Council and the Synod Standing Committee, in situations where current members or representatives have not been withdrawn and no new nominations have been received and are still eligible for election, that they shall be considered to be nominated for another term.**
- 4. Give grateful thanks for all those people who have served on the Boards, Commissions, Committees and other bodies or positions on behalf of the Uniting Church in Western Australia during this last year.**
- 5. Declare elected to the various Boards, Commissions, Committees, Councils and other positions, those persons elected without a ballot being required, as shown in the earlier Nominating Committee's listings and those listed in the Nominating Committee's document.**
- 6. Declare that all appointments take effect from the rising of the Synod/Presbytery unless, as for Schools and Colleges, Constitution, By Laws, Rules or Procedures provide otherwise.**
- 7. Authorise the General Council to fill the vacancies or make corrections on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee where applicable; and**
- 8. Authorise the complete list of appointments and elections after finalisation by the first General Council meeting following this annual meeting, to be included in the Synod/Presbytery minutes.**

**Candidates for the Ministries Commission**

*Proposal 15 - Ordination of Andrew Broadbent at Ministry of Deacon*

**07/2014-15** **The Presbytery of Western Australia approved by secret ballot to ordain Andrew Broadbent into the Ministry of Deacon, subject to him receiving an exit certificate and obtaining a placement.**



## **PART 11 – BALLOTS**

Ballots were conducted for the positions of Chair of the Pastoral Relations and Placements Commission (PRPC) and the Candidates for Ministries Commission, for the General Council and Assembly membership.

### **MEETING OF SYNOD**

## **PART 12 – BUSINESS SESSION – SYNOD**

### **Pastoral Relations & Placements Commission**

*Proposal 4 – Eaton Millbridge Community Project*

**08/2014-15**      **Having fulfilled the requirements pursuant to Regulation 3.9.2, the Presbytery of Western Australian approved by consensus to recognise the Eaton Millbridge Community Project as a Faith Community.**

### **Covenanting Commission**

*Proposal 5:*

1. The long held commitment to covenanting from both the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) and the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia
2. The observation of the UAICC that the non-aboriginal Assembly members' commitment to "be practical in seeking to be united in a new relationship will be assessed by your decisions to resource the Congress ministry and to be actively involved in ministry alongside and with Aboriginal and Islander people to change the present disadvantage", accompanied with a desire to "a new relationship based upon real recognition, justice and equality".
3. Endorse the request of the Covenanting Commission to utilise a co-chairing, ex-officio arrangement shared by the Moderator and the Chair of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress WA Regional Committee and make the appropriate changes to the Rules of the Presbytery of WA.

**09/2014-15**      **The Synod of Western Australia approved by consensus to endorse the request of the Covenanting Commission to utilise a co-chairing, ex-officio arrangement shared by the Moderator and the Chair of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress WA Regional Committee and make the appropriate changes to the Rules of the Presbytery of WA.**

### **Church Law Committee**

*Proposal 6 (Appendix A) – Amendment to Rules and Bylaw 6.2 – Moderator*

**10/2014-15**      **The Synod of Western Australia approved by consensus to the following amendments to Rules and By Laws in relation to 6.2 Moderator:**

- 6.2.1      The Moderator is the public head of the Church in Western Australia.
- 6.2.2      The Moderator will provide visionary and faith leadership to the Church in Western Australia.
- 6.2.3      The Moderator will undertake the duties and responsibilities of the Moderator of the Synod and the Chairperson of Presbytery as specified by the Constitution, Regulations, the Basis of Union, the Uniting Church in Australia Act 1976 (WA), Bylaws and Rules and as determined by the Synod, the Presbytery or the Standing Committee from time to time.

### **ELECTION**

- 6.2.4      (a)      The Moderator will be elected and designated as Moderator-elect of the Synod by the ordinary meeting of the Synod prior to the one at which the person will take office and will be elected and designated as Chairperson-elect by the Presbytery at the annual meeting of the Presbytery prior to the one at which the person will take office.

- (b) No person will be declared elected as Moderator-elect and Chairperson-elect until that person has obtained an absolute majority of the votes cast by each of the Synod and the Presbytery.

## **PLACEMENT OR SERVICE**

- 6.2.5 (a) The Moderator will serve for a period of three years.
- (b) The office of Moderator can be a placement for an ordained person and is suitable for Ministry of Pastor for a lay person.
- (c) As soon as practicable after the election of the Moderator, the General Council will undertake the appropriate arrangements for the position.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- 6.2.6 Where the Moderator has a conflict of interest in dealing with a matter, declared by the Moderator or perceived by the Standing Committee, including matters related to Part 5 of the Regulations, the Standing Committee shall meet apart from the Moderator and shall appoint an Acting Moderator for the matter concerned.

### *Proposal 6 (Appendix B) – Amendment to Rules and Bylaw 6.3 – General Secretary*

**11/2014-15**

### ***The Synod of Western Australia approved by consensus to the following amendments to Rules and By Laws in relation to 6.3 General Secretary:***

- 6.3.1 The General Secretary is the Secretary of the Synod, the Secretary of the Presbytery and the chief executive officer of the Uniting Church Centre.
- 6.3.2 The General Secretary will provide a pastoral and advisory role to the Church in Western Australia by:
  - (a) undertaking the duties and responsibilities of Secretary of the Synod and of Secretary of the Presbytery as specified in the Regulations;
  - (b) being responsible for the implementation of the policies and plans of the Synod and the Presbytery through the various boards, councils, commissions, committees and working groups and through its agencies and instrumentalities; and
  - (c) managing the Uniting Church Centre and its staff on a day-to-day basis.
- 6.3.3 In addition to the duties listed in the Regulations as the duties of the Secretary of the Synod and the Secretary of the Presbytery, the General Secretary shall:
  - (a) arrange for provision of advice to the Moderator and to the members of the Synod, the Presbytery, the Standing Committee and the General Council with respect to the Constitution, Regulations, Basis of Union, Uniting Church in Australia Act 1976 (WA), By-Laws and Rules of the Church as may be necessary for the good ordering of the life of the Church and the conduct of business in the councils of the Church in Western Australia;
  - (b) be the Convener of the Business Committee and in consultation with that Committee co-ordinate the arrangements for and the business of the Synod and Presbytery meetings;
  - (c) be the Secretary of the General Council and prepare the agenda and arrange for the presentation of reports and recommendations to the General Council as necessary;
  - (d) be the Secretary of the Standing Committee and prepare the agenda and arrange for the presentation of reports and recommendations to the Standing Committee as necessary;
  - (e) be the Synod Property Officer and as such undertake the duties and responsibilities of the Synod Property Officer as specified in the Act and the Regulations;
  - (f) exercise operational leadership and be the accountable person for the activities of the Church Centre staff;
  - (g) manage the processes to maintain communications and co-ordinate activities among the Church Centre staff;

- (h) have the right to attend and participate in the meetings of any of the boards, councils, commissions, committees and working groups of the Presbytery and Synod;
- (i) keep the Moderator, the Synod, the Presbytery and the General Council informed on matters affecting, or likely to affect, the Church in Australia in Western Australia at the earliest possible opportunity; and
- (j) counsel ministers, congregations, agencies and instrumentalities on administrative matters.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

- 6.3.4 (a) The appointment of the General Secretary shall follow the procedures for the appointment of Church Office Staff (see 6.4 below) save that the appointment of the General Secretary shall only be made by an ordinary or special meeting of the Synod.
- (b) Should a vacancy occur in the office of General Secretary, the General Council will recommend to the Standing Committee a person for appointment as Acting General Secretary with all the powers and responsibilities of the General Secretary to hold office until a General Secretary is appointed at the next ordinary meeting of the Synod.
- (c) Should the General Secretary, in the determination of the General Council, be temporarily unable for any reason, including a conflict of interest, to undertake the responsibilities or functions of office, the Standing Committee may appoint an Acting General Secretary with all the powers and responsibilities of the General Secretary on such terms as it thinks fit until such time as the General Secretary is available to resume those duties or another General Secretary is elected.

#### **TERMS OF APPOINTMENT**

- 6.3.5 The General Secretary shall be a full-time position. The term of office shall be in accordance with the term provided in the Regulations for the term of office of the Secretary of the Synod. The General Council shall determine and review the remuneration, allowances and other provisions for the General Secretary from time to time.

#### **OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- 6.3.6 The General Secretary is accountable to the Church in Western Australia through the General Council for fulfilling the duties, functions and responsibilities of the office.
- 6.3.7 The General Secretary will:
- (a) attend all meetings of the Synod, the Presbytery and the General Council unless excused;
  - (b) submit to each meeting of the General Council a report on the implementation of the policies and strategies of the Church in Western Australia or the General Council and on the activities of the General Secretary and the Uniting Church Centre; and
  - (c) will retire from any meeting of the Synod, Presbytery or General Council for such time as matters concerning his or her own interests are under discussion.
- 6.3.8 The General Council will establish performance criteria for the General Secretary and ensure appropriate support and review processes are implemented.
- 6.3.9 The Standing Committee will determine the limits of delegation of responsibility to the General Secretary, to be signed off by both the Moderator on behalf of the Standing Committee and the General Secretary.

*Proposal 6 (Appendix C) – Amendment to Rules and Bylaw 1.1 Introduction*

**12/2014-15**      ***The Synod of Western Australia approved by consensus that the word “group” needs to be added under Frequency of meetings 3.18.17 so that it reads “The Working Group will meet at least six times per year as required.”***

*Proposal 7 (Appendix D) – Amendment to Rules and Bylaw 3.19 Liturgy Committee*

**13/2014-15**      ***The Synod of Western Australia approved by consensus to the amendment of Rule 3.19 – Liturgy Committee and the following additions:***

## **NAME**

- 3.19.1 The name of the Committee is the “Liturgy Committee” (herein referred to as The Committee), a committee appointed by and responsible to the Presbytery of Western Australia.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.19.2 The Committee is appointed at each annual meeting of the Presbytery and consists of:

- (a) the Chairperson, elected annually by the Presbytery;
- (b) the Co-ordinator appointed by the General Secretary;
- (c) one representative from the Pastoral Relations and Placements Commission;
- (d) one representative from the Candidates for the Ministries Commission; and
- (e) up to five persons elected by the Presbytery

The Committee may use the diversity of gifts and talents from persons in the Presbytery and beyond to assist them to fulfil their responsibilities.

## **PURPOSE**

- 3.19.3 The purpose of the Committee is the preparation of special services of worship for the Synod and the Presbytery.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.19.4 The responsibilities of the Committee include:

- (a) preparation of liturgies for special services, including ordination and induction services, of the Presbytery and the Synod;
- (b) preparation of other liturgical events as requested by the Moderator, Standing Committee or General Council; and
- (c) arrange for the practical execution of these liturgies.

These responsibilities are to be carried out in conjunction with the Moderator when appropriate.

## **MEETINGS AND REPORTING**

- 3.19.5 The Committee will:

- (a) meet as and when required to fulfil its responsibilities;
- (b) report to the Presbytery at each Presbytery meeting and to the Pastoral Relations and Placements Commission and to the Candidates for the Ministries Commission as requested or when necessary.

Proposal 7 (Appendix E) – Amendment to Rules 3.5 Pastoral Relations and Placements Commission

**16/2014-15**

***The Synod of Western Australia approved by consensus to:***

- 1. The removal of point 3.5.4 in the current Rule of 3.5 Pastoral Relations and Placements Commission and allow the new reviewed Rules and Bylaw 3.5 Pastoral Relations and Placements Commission to become effective on 15 October 2014.***
- 2. Defer discussion to General Council regarding 3.9 Chaplaincy and 3.13 Disaster Relief and Community Recovery Working Groups in Rule of 3.5.***

**17/2014-15**            **The Synod of Western Australia approved by consensus to:**

- 1. the amendment of 9.1 Perth Theological Hall to indicate “R” (revision needed);**
- 2. That the submitted “Revised Table of Contents” be approved and a copy will be placed on the UCA WA website.**
- 3. To repeal 8.1 UnitingCare Crossroads WA.**

**Social Justice Board**

Proposal 9 - Divestment from Fossil Fuels

**18/2014-15**            **The Synod of Western Australia noted and approved by consensus:**

- 1. (a) The long commitment of the Uniting Church to social, environmental, and intergenerational justice, which is expressed in various Assembly documents - Statement to the Nation; For the Sake of the Planet and all its People and; An Economy of Life;**
- (b) The continued reluctance by some governments around the world to take action sufficient to keep climate change within the internationally agreed limit of two degrees or less;**
- (c) That the amount of carbon in listed reserves owned by the global top 20 fossil fuel companies is five times greater than can be emitted while limiting climate change to two degrees, and therefore that action on climate change would turn most of these reserves into 'stranded assets';**
- (d) The resolution by the NSW.ACT Synod to divest from direct fossil fuel extraction; the recent resolution of the Vic/Tas Synod to divest from companies mining or exporting the most damaging forms of fossil fuels; the resolution of the Assembly Standing Committee to divest from investments in corporations engaged in the extraction of fossil fuels and; the World Council of Churches' similar decision to divest from fossil fuels.**
- (e) That the Uniting Church in Australia Synod of Western Australia uses the Ethical Investment Principles of the NSW.ACT Synod**
- 2. Recognise that profiting from the fossil fuel industry is unethical due its polluting effects, particularly those associated with increasing the threat of climate change.**
- 3. Asks that the Social Justice Board and the Resources Board jointly begin a process of financial divestment from fossil fuels and implement the following measures over the next 12 months, taking advice from the NSW.ACT Synod, the Assembly Standing Committee and other Synods implementing similar divestment strategies, so that the Uniting Church Investment Fund:**
  - (a) Not directly invest in companies involved in: mining and/or exporting thermal coal; coal powered energy generation; extracting or refining oil (including shale oil, tar sands oil, deep water drilling) or; extracting and/or exporting gas (including shale gas, coal seam gas, tight gas);**
  - (b) Engage with Tier 3 and 4 companies about their indirect fossil fuel exposure (through their investment support of the aforementioned companies), with eventual divestment if response is unsatisfactory;**
  - (c) Seek to invest in companies which preserve the environment through power generation from renewable sources.**

4. **Asks the Resources Board to regularly report back to General Council about the financial implications of this process.**
5. **Ask the Social Justice Board to engage congregations to raise awareness and understanding of the need to divest and the process of divesting, and addressing the social implications of a transition to a non-fossil fuel economy for those now engaged in the industries involved.**
6. **Congratulate the NSW.ACT and Vic/Tas Synods, and the Assembly Standing Committee on their work towards divestment from fossil fuels, and urge the wider ecumenical church to join the movement to divest from fossil fuels.**

*Proposal 10 – Protection from the impacts of unconventional gas exploration and extraction*

**19/2014-15 The Synod of Western Australia noted and approved by consensus:**

1. **Note that the Hydraulic Fracturing ('Fracking') process:**
  - (a) **uses large volumes of toxic chemicals at high pressure to extract gas;**
  - (b) **is known to have contaminated groundwater aquifers;**
  - (c) **produces significant greenhouse gas emissions in both the extraction process and post-production usage and;**
  - (d) **impacts on natural landscapes and ecosystems, and agricultural productivity when situated on viable agricultural landholdings.**
2. **Ask the Government of Western Australia to recognise**
  - (a) **the inadequacy of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA) to protect the environmental integrity of gas fracking sites.**
  - (b) **the increasing risks to ecosystem and human health due to the cumulative impacts of multiple gas fracking sites.**
3. **Call on the Government of Western Australia to place a moratorium on all unconventional gas exploration and extraction activities in Western Australia.**
4. **Call on the Government and people of Western Australia to move towards renewable energy and away from fossil fuels for the sake of the earth and its peoples.**

*Proposal 11 – Medical Cannabis*

**20/2014-15 The Synod of Western Australia approved by consensus:**

1. **To support the position that WA's laws be changed "so that medicinal cannabis can be administered under the supervision of a medical practitioner."**
2. **To recommend that the Parliament, in conjunction with the National Drug Research Institute, explore options for the appropriate availability of medical cannabis.**

*Proposal 12 – Move-On Notices*

**21/2014-15 The Synod of Western Australia approved by consensus:**

1. **To endorse the view expressed by the Chief Justice that: "Money spent on programs aimed at reducing homelessness and the problems often associated with homelessness, like mental illness, substance abuse and domestic violence, is much more likely to reduce crime and make our community safer than the vast amounts of money we are spending on police, courts and prisons".**

2. **To recognise that move-on notices are frequently discriminatory on age and ethnicity bases and are counter-productive as a strategy for social harmony.**
3. **To write to the Minister for Police, Commissioner of Police, the Minister for Corrective Services, the Attorney General, and the Law Reform Commission to request a meeting discussing the replacement of move-on notices with more just and effective strategies in consultation with WACOSS, YACWA, churches and other relevant groups and express concern that move-on notices can intensify suicidal ideation and other mental health stresses in those who are most vulnerable.**

Proposal 13 – Nuclear Free Future

**22/2014-15**      **The Synod of Western Australia agreed by consensus to refer the proposal from the Social Justice Board in relation to Nuclear Free Future, to General Council.**

Proposal 14 – Asylum Seekers & Refugees

**23/2014-15**      **The Synod of Western Australia noted and approved by consensus:**

1. **To write to the Prime Minister, Minister for Immigration and Foreign Minister expressing the sorrow of the Synod at the human cost of the current detention and deterrence regime on asylum seekers.**
2. **To endorse the following views of the Australian Churches' Refugee Task Group.**
  - 2.1 **The Task Group reminds us that people do not generally flee their home, their family, friends and community and undertake perilous journeys without very good reason.**
  - 2.2 **The Task Group holds that Australia's policies relating to asylum seekers should be driven by bipartisan commitments to a humanitarian response focussed on protection needs, which meet our obligations as a signatory to the United Nations' Refugee Convention and other international treaties and covenants. Australia should work productively in our region over the long-term to ensure that asylum seekers in neighbouring countries feel safe, see a future for themselves, and are treated justly as their claims for refugee status are assessed.**
  - 2.3 **The Task Group further contends that asylum seekers who arrive on our shores:**
    - 2.3.1 **Should be welcomed and offered appropriate care in the community (once initial health, security and identity checks have been done) while their protection claims are assessed. They should not be used for political point scoring;**
    - 2.3.2 **Should have their claims for protection processed in a fair, transparent and timely manner (consistent with their human rights and Australia's obligations under international law). They should have access to review of their case should protection be denied. They should not be detained indefinitely without charge and without the right to challenge their detention.**
    - 2.3.3 **Should be able to find hope and restoration from the despair and persecution from which they have fled, be able to be reunited with their families and eventually, when and if they are in the community, have the right to work so that they can support themselves and their families;**

- 2.3.4** *Should not, as a vulnerable group of people be punished in order to send a message to other groups of people, namely people smugglers and other prospective asylum seekers. Government policies should not deliberately expose people to harm. Children under no circumstances should be held in closed immigration detention centres.*
- 2.4** *The Task Group points out that, as one of the wealthiest, safest and most secure countries in the world, we should be able to fund a humanitarian response to asylum seekers without taking money away from our overseas aid commitment.*
- 3.** *To forward a copy of the Task Group report entitled “Protecting the Lonely Children” to the Prime Minister, Minister for Immigration and Foreign Minister with requests that the suggested alternatives to current policy be acted upon:*
- 4.** *To commend to the Government and Opposition the strategy of taking a cooperative Asia-Pacific regional processing approach to asylum seekers, as a way of proving safe pathways for asylum seekers so that dangerous boat journeys can be avoided whilst providing a fair processing regime, as outlined in a statement signed by the Synod of WA and 63 other agencies in the field in August 2013 entitled “Enough is enough: it is time for a new approach” found here:*
- 5.** *To write to the Prime Minister, Minister for Immigration and Foreign Minister expressing our dismay at the reduction of places offered by the Refugee and Humanitarian Program from 20,000 to 13,750 places and reaffirm our previous request for an increase to 60,000 places.*

### **Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress UAICC**

#### Proposal 17 – New Presbytery for WA Congress

- 24/2014-15** *The Synod and Presbytery of WA noted that Neville Campbell is not the managing director and not a member of congress.*
- 25/2014-15** *The Synod and Presbytery of WA approved by consensus to resolve to work with the WA Congress and the Presbytery of WA with the view to forming a new presbytery for the WA Congress to come into being on 1 October 2015.*

#### Proposal 18 – Water Corporation Tenant Account Policy

- 26/2014-15** *The Synod and Presbytery of WA approved by consensus to write to the Western Australian Government, the Department of Housing and the Water Corporation urging them to change the policy to allow tenants of the Department of Housing to have personal accounts with the Water Corporation*

### **PART 13 - SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY PROPOSALS NOT RELATED TO ANY REPORTS**

#### **Expo Day**

#### Proposal 19 – Expo Day and Open Space Technology

- 27/2014-15** *The Presbytery of WA approved by consensus:*
- 1.** *Encourage all members to take the “Expo Day” seriously as part of the Annual meeting.*



2. **Ask the General Council, as part of the review of form and function of the Synod/Presbytery, to consider new ways of meeting, in particular using “Open Space Technology”.**

**Rev Dr Albert Jebanesen**

Proposal 20

**28/2014-15**

***The Synod and Presbytery of WA expressed its deep gratitude to Rev Dr Albert Jebanesen for his frank and moving presentation about the Church in Sri Lanka.***

#### **PART 14 - ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Moderator thanked all those involved in the preparation and running of the Synod and Presbytery meetings.

## MEMBERSHIP OF ANNUAL SYNOD & PRESBYTERY – SEPTEMBER 2014

<b>PRESIDENT OF ASSEMBLY</b>	Rev Dr Andrew Dutney	Apology
<b>ASSEMBLY GENERAL SECRETARY</b>	Rev Terence Corkin	Attended
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Rev Steve Francis	Attended
<b>EX-MODERATOR</b>	Rev Ron Larkin	Apology
<b>ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY</b>	Rosemary Hudson Miller	Attended
<b>MINISTERS, DEACONS IN ACTIVE SERVICE</b>	Rev Dr Emanuel Audisho	Attended
	Rev John Barendrecht	Attended
	Rev Dr Dianne Bertolino	Apology
	Rev Neville Campbell	Attended
	Rev Ivan Clark	
	Rev Raymond Clee	Attended
	Rev Nich Cole	
	Rev Craig Collas	Attended
	Rev Narelle Collas	Attended
	Rev Izak Cronje	Attended
	Rev Karyl Davison	Attended
	Rev David de Kock	Attended
	Rev Lesley de Grussa-Macaulay	Attended
	Rev Ken Devereux	Attended
	Rev Robert Dummermuth	
	Rev Bronwyn Elvery	Apology
	Rev Michael Fawcett	Attended
	Rev Mitch Fialkowski	
	Rev Stephen Francis	Attended
	Rev Sealin Garlett	Attended
	Rev Jenifer Goring (Anglican)	Attended
	Rev Norman Grandin	Apology
	Rev Francis Hadfield	Attended
	Rev Hannes Halgryn	Attended
	Rev Peter Harvey	Attended
	Rev Mark Illingworth	Attended
	Rev Alan Jeffrey	Attended
	Rev Dr Alexander Jensen	Attended
	Rev Peter Johnstone	Attended
	Rev Toby Keva	Attended
	Rev David Kriel	Attended
	Rev Cathie Lambert	Attended
	Rev Stephen Larkin	Attended

	Rev Chas Lewis	Attended
	Rev Dr Geoffrey Lilburne	Attended
	Rev John Marshall	Apology
	Rev Rodney Marsh	
	Rev Emma Matthews	Apology
	Rev Anne McAndrew	Apology
	Rev Eric McAndrew	Apology
	Rev Alistair Melville	
	Rev John McKane	Attended
	Rev Andrew Morris	Attended
	Rev Herman Nienaber	Attended
	Rev David Park	Attended
	Rev Nalin Perera	Attended
	Rev Brenton Prigge	Apology
	Rev Dr Sonny Rajamoney	Attended
	Rev Dr Ian Robinson	Apology
	Rev Greg Ross	Apology
	Rev Jeff Savage	Attended
	Rev Gordon Scantlebury	Attended
	Rev Isobelle Shortreed	Attended
	Rev Lorraine Stokes	Attended
	Rev Brian Thorpe	Attended
	Rev Dr Ian Tozer	Attended
	Rev David Tressler	
	Rev Margaret Tyrer	Attended
	Rev Gary van Heerden	Attended
	Rev Corina van Oostende	Attended
	Rev Ruth Vertigan	Apology
	Rev Trevor Waters	Apology
	Rev Luke Williams	Attended
	Rev Hollis Wilson	Attended
	Rev Anne Wright	Attended

<b>ASSOCIATED MEMBERS</b> (under Rule 3.1.6)	Rev Caroline Gepp	Apology
	Rev Mary Lindsay	
	Rev Denise Savage	Attended
<b>PASTORS</b> (in approved ministry locations)	Sam Dinah	Attended
	Robert Jetta *	Attended
	Dr Elaine Ledgerwood	Attended
	Paul Montague	Attended
	Jessica Morthorpe	Attended
	Karen Sloan	
	John Tomkins *	Attended
	Richard Telfer*	Attended
	Justine Wall	Attended
	David Goodman	
<b>YOUTH WORKERS</b>	Doug McGhee	
	Rick Morrell	Attended
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTERS</b>	Uto Fotu	Attended
	Valda Knott	Apology
<b>OFFICE BEARERS APPOINTED AS MEMBERS</b>	Rev John Dunn	Attended
<b>LAY PREACHERS</b>	Sophie Bodegon	Attended
	Doug Burtenshaw	Attended
<b>CONGRESS</b>	Sealin Gartlett	Attended
	Sam Dinah	Attended
Beanang Kwuurt Institute Board Waroon	Robert Jetta	Attended
Beanang Kwuurt Institute Board Maaman "O" Miya	Milton Wyn	Attended
	Cheryl Lawson	Attended
<b>CONGREGATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES</b>		
<b>ALBANY REGION</b>		
<i>Denmark</i>	Judy Ives	Attended
<i>Lockyer</i>	Alan Hortin	Attended
<i>Plantagenet</i>	David Gray	Attended
<i>Scots</i>		
<i>Wesley</i>		
<b>APPLECROSS</b>	Cassy Kirtisingham	Attended
	Rhonda Green	Attended
<b>ARMADALE-KELMSCOTT</b>	Rev Raymond Chu	Attended
<b>AUGUSTA/MARGARET RIVER</b>	Gail Cresswell	Apology
<b>BELDON- ILLUKA</b>	Lyn McLachlan	Attended
<b>BETH SHALOM</b>		
<i>Rep 1</i>	Talia'uli Mafivaea	
<i>Rep 2</i>	Sione Moa	
<b>BICTON</b>	Kay Lockley	Attended

BILLABONG	Frances David	Attended
	Doug Bell	Attended
BUSSELTON ( <i>Bryant Memorial, Capel</i> )	Julie Parry	Attended
	Yvonne Robinson	Attended
	Rowan Parry	Attended
BYFORD	*Doug Burtenshaw	Attended
	Evan Maltby	Attended
CANNINGTON		
CARNARVON	John Tomkins *	Attended
CARRAMAR	Glen Banks	Attended
CENTRAL SOUTH EASTERN REGION		
<i>Ongerup</i>		
<i>Newdegate</i>		
<i>Kukerin</i>		
<i>Hopetoun</i>		
CENTRAL SOUTH CLUSTER		
<i>Kulin, Hyden, Kondinin</i>		
CENTRAL WHEATBELT		
<i>Kellerberrin, Trayning, Tammin, Bencubbin</i>		
CLAREMONT	Ann Hammer	Attended
COMO-MANNING		
COTTESLOE-SWANBOURNE	Helen Bloomfield	Attended
DALWALLINU	Barbara Dinnie	Apology
DONGARA	Jill Clements	
DOWERIN		
EAST AVON		
<i>Cunderdin</i>		
<i>Quairading</i>		
EASTERN WHEATBELT		
<i>Merredin</i>	Bob French	Attended
<i>Bruce Rock</i>	Heather Hutton	
<i>Mukinbudin</i>	Gordon James	
ESPERANCE		
FLOREAT		
<i>Rep 1</i>	Rhonda Tilbrook	Attended
<i>Rep 2</i>	Marie Yuncken	Attended
FOOTHILLS (St Martin's Forrestfield)	Robert Watson	Attended
FOREST LAKES FAITH COMMUNITY	Debbie de Silva	Attended
FREMANTLE	Andrew Stokes	
GERALDTON		
GINGIN	Sophie Bodegon	Attended
GKI MOSMAN PARK	Kalo Fotu	Attended
<i>Rep 1</i>	Alvin Gunawan	

Rep 2	Vivien Lee	Attended
GLEN FORREST	Alan Puzey	Attended
GOSNELLS	Neville van Wyk	Attended
GUILDFORD		
KALAMUNDA		
Rep 1	Ian McDonald	
Rep 2	Gary Rundle	Attended
KALGOORLIE-BOULDER		
KARDINYA	Robert Gregory	Attended
KATANNING & DISTRICTS		
<i>Katanning, Kojonup, Tambellup</i>	Malcolm Watson	Apology
KOREAN		
KWINANA FAITH COMMUNITY	Kim Bennewith	
LEEMING	Beryl Cooper (POST only)	Attended
MAAMAN 'O' MIYA		
MANDURAH	Coral Richards	Attended
MAYLANDS/MT LAWLEY	Maxine Adamson	Attended
MEEKATHARRA		
MELVILLE	Margaret Martin	Apology
MOORA	Jonathan Nelson	
<i>Moora, Badgingarra, Bindi Bindi, Watheroo</i>		
MT PLEASANT		
Rep 1	Garry Collins	
Rep 2		
MT HAWTHORN EMMAUS	Paul Olney	Attended
MUNDARING		
NARROGIN	Jan Cornish	Attended
<i>Narrogin/Cuballing/Wickepin/Yealering</i>	Janice Cornish	Attended
NEDLANDS		
Rep 1	Neville Blesing	Attended
Rep 2	Kim Frances	Attended
NORANDA		
Rep 1	Helen McMillan	Attended
Rep 2	Helen Simcock	Attended
NORTH MIDLANDS SHARED MINISTRY		
<i>Carnamah, Coorow, Eneabba, Three Springs</i>		
NORTHAM	Karen Bain	Attended
OSBORNE PARK		
PINJARRA		
Rep 1 (as Ministry Team Leader)	Kerrie Birch	Attended
Rep 2	Trevor Thomas	Attended
PORT HEDLAND		

ROCKINGHAM		
ROWETHORPE		
SCARBOROUGH & WATERMAN'S BAY	Elizabeth Woods	Attended
SOUTH MANDURAH		
SOUTH PERTH	Kevin Trent	Attended
SPEARWOOD	Neil Patterson	
ST ANDREWS PERTH		
SWAN VIEW	Robert (Bob) Nicholls	Attended
TOODYAY	Sheena Hesse	Apology
TRINITY NORTH		
<i>Rep 1</i>	Jordan Gibbs	Apology
<i>Rep 2</i>	Allan Gronow	Apology
<i>Rep 3</i>	Dawn Timmerman	Attended
UNITING CHURCH IN THE CITY		
<i>Wesley, Trinity, Ross Memorial</i>	Gay Eivers	Attended
	Alison McCubbin	Attended
	Lindsay Cox	Attended
VICTORIA PARK & DISTRICTS	Alison Atkinson-Phillips	Attended
	Alison Xamon	Attended
WAGIN & DISTRICTS	Ann-Britt Wasley	Attended
<i>Collanilling/Darkan/Dumbleyung/Duranillin</i>	Graham Wasley	Attended
WANNEROO CROSSWAYS	Graham Sinclair	Attended
WAROONA		
WARREN-BLACKWOOD		
<i>Bridgetown, Manjimup, Boyup Brook, Pemberton, Northcliffe, Greenbushes</i>	Glenys Imrie	Apology
	Kristin Grainger	Apology
	Yuko Tonai-Moore	Attended
WELLINGTON REGIONAL MISSION	Marg Garrett	Attended
<i>Bunbury, Collie, Donnybrook, Harvey, Waterloo</i>	John Jeffreys *	
	Glenys White	Apology
WEMBLEY DOWNS	Vic Richards	Attended
WEMBLEY	John Meyer	Attended
WILLETTON	Rev John Atkinson	Attended
<i>Rep 1</i>	John Boon	Attended
<i>Rep 2</i>	Rev John Atkinson	Attended
WONGAN HILLS/GOOMALLING		
YORK		
<b>CO-OPTED MINISTERS</b>	Rev Bev Fabb	Attended
	Rev Ken Williams	Attended
	Rev Marion Millin	Apology
	Rev Dr Alan Stubbs	
	Rev Marie Wilson	Attended

<b>CO-OPTED LAY MEMBERS</b>	Alison Atkinson-Phillips	Attended
	Geoff Ebell	Attended
	Kalo Fotu	Attended
	Geoff Lilburne	Attended
	Rosemary Hudson Miller	Attended
	Maggie Johns	Attended
	Clare Ligtermoet	Attended
	Thomas Stokes	Attended
	John Talbert	Attended
	Dianne Ward	Apology
	Bruce Wilson	Attended
	Steve Higgins	
	Andrew Broadbent (Exit)	Attended
	Rick Pekan (Youth Pastor)	
<b>LAY MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS &amp; COLLEGES</b>		
Good Samaritan Industries	John Knowles	Apology
	Debbie Cameron	Attended
UnitingCare Crossroads WA	Donald Nicholas	
UnitingCare West	Sue Ash	Attended
Juniper (Uniting Church Homes)	John Jeffreys *	
Methodist Ladies' College	Dr Anne Passmore	Attended
Penrhos College	Emma Matthews	Attended
	Meg Miller	Attended
Presbyterian Ladies' College	Bethlyn Blackwood	
Scotch College	Rev Chas Lewis *	Attended
St Stephen's School	Brian Handley	Attended
Tranby College	Justine Wall *	Attended
	Matthew Ivulich	Attended
Trinity	Ian Passmore	Attended
Wesley College		
<b>CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRIES</b>		
Rep 1	Judy Sanderson	Attended
Rep 2	Andrew Broadbent	Attended
<b>FIRST THIRD / YOUTH WORKERS</b>		
Rep 1	*Rick Morrell	Attended
Rep 2	Janine McDonald	Attended
<b>YOUTH WORKERS</b>		
Rep 1	*Rick Morrell	Attended
Rep 2	Doug McGhee	
<b>UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP</b>		
Rep 1	Aladina Foster	Attended
Rep 2	Gill Muir	Apology



Rep 3	Anne Holland	Attended
<b>ECUMINICAL AFFAIRS</b>		
Rep 1	Dorothy Carey	Attended
Rep 2		
<b>YOUTHFUL MEMBERS</b>		
Rep 1	Ashley McMillan	Attended
Rep 2	Tita Tuimoala	Attended
Rep 3	Alex Johansson	Attended
<b>UNITING ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER CHRISTIAN CONGRESS</b>		
Rep 1		
Rep 2		
<b>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</b> (in attendance)	Rev Geoff Blyth	Apology
	Rev Ray Foster	Attended
	Rev Alan Matthews	Attended
	Rev Betty Matthews	Attended
	Rev Des Cousins	
	Rev Dave Robinson	Apology
<b>VISITORS</b>	Ian Healey	Attended
	Robert Locke	Attended
	Rev Dr Ji Zhang	Attended
	Rev A.W. Jebanesen	Attended
	Michael Patchell	Attended
<b>STAFF</b>	Amanda Badenhorst	Attended
	Justine Woodward	Attended
	Maree Kemp	Attended
	Heather Dowling	Attended
	Inonge Muyamwa	Attended
	Margaret Johnstone	Attended
	Deana Guest	Attended
	Geoff Bice	Attended

- \* John Tomkins is Pastor and also the Carnarvon Representative.
- \* Justine Wall is Pastor and also the Tranby College Representative.
- \* John Jeffreys is the representative for Wellington Regional Mission and Juniper
- \* Rev Chas Lewis is a Minister of the Word and Scotch College Representative
- \* Rev Gordon Scantlebury is a Minister of the Word and associated chaplain
- \* Rev Marion Millin is a co-opted minister and associated chaplain
- \* Rick Morrell is First Third Coordinator and Youth Worker

\* Doug Burtenshaw – Lay Preacher and Rep for Byford.

### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE SYNOD - REGULATIONS**

- 3.3.7 (a) *The membership of the Synod shall consist of such number as the Synod shall determine up to a maximum of 500 persons, or such other maximum number as the Assembly may approve in respect of a particular Synod, and shall include:*
- (i) *The President and General Secretary of the Assembly;*
  - (ii) *The Moderator, ex-Moderator, Moderator-elect and Secretary of the Synod at the time of convening of the Synod, and such further ex-officio members as the Synod may determine;*
  - (iii) *Ministers of the Word, Deaconesses, Deacons, Community ministers, Lay Pastors and Youth Workers who are members of the Presbytery within the bounds, appointed by each Presbytery, the number being such proportion as the Synod shall determine;*
  - (iv) *Confirmed lay members appointed or elected by each Presbytery, being not fewer than the number of ministerial members, after the Presbytery has invited Congregations to submit nominations;*
  - (v) *Two candidates for the ministries of Minister of the Word, Deacon or Youth Worker, elected by the candidates for these ministries within the bounds;*
  - (vi) *Co-opted confirmed members appointed in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 3.3.7(d).*
- (b) *The total number of lay members shall be not fewer than the total number of ministerial members (Ministers of the Word, Deacons and Deaconesses).*
- (c) *A Synod through its Standing Committee shall provide for the co-option of such additional persons as may be necessary to*
- (i) *Ensure that the number of lay members is not fewer than the number of ministerial members; and*
  - (ii) *Make available to the Synod the participation of persons whose gifts and experience would be of special value and not otherwise available to the Synod; or*
  - (iii) *Achieve a better proportion of age group, gender balance and cross-cultural representation.*
- (d) *The total of co-opted persons must not exceed one tenth of those appointed or elected in accordance with Regulations 3.3.7(a)(iii)-(vi).*
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**The Uniting Church in Australia  
SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (Provisional Final to General  
Council)**

5 October 2014

**MEMBERSHIP OF BODIES**

**Key:** 'Continuous From' usually indicates the Annual Synod or Presbytery if only the year is stated; otherwise month and year membership on the body was commenced.

'Election Due' date indicates when the person is due for re-election, usually at the Annual Meeting, or when their Balance of Term expires in the case where they are replacing a member who has retired or resigned.

Cross (X) = 'ex-officio' member

CHANGES HIGHLIGHTED: since 14/09/14 up to 6/10/14

**AJ. JOINT BODIES OF THE SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY –**

NAME OF BODY (And brief notes for quick ref)	CATEGORY	NAME	CONTINUOUS FROM	ELECTION DUE
<b>AJ.1 GENERAL COUNCIL</b> See By-Law 5.1 Moderator, Ex-Moderator, Moderator-Elect, General Secretary, 3 Chairpersons from Synod, 3 Chairpersons from Presbytery; 3 elected by Synod, 3 elected by Presbytery. Gender balance. Include rural representation. No Church Office staff other than General-Secretary.  GC may co-opt up to 2 persons.	Moderator	Rev Steve Francis <a href="mailto:steve.francis@wa.uca.org.au">steve.francis@wa.uca.org.au</a>		X
	Ex-Moderator	Rev Ron Larkin		X
	Moderator-Elect	N/A		X
	General Secretary	Rosemary Hudson Miller Acting	9/2011	X
	Synod Chairperson	Rev John Dunn	-	2015
	Synod Chairperson	-	-	
	Synod Chairperson	-	9/2011	
	Presbytery Chairperson	Thomas Stokes	9/2013	2015
	Presbytery Chairperson	Rev Ivan Clark	9/2014	2015
	Presbytery Chairperson	Rev Craig Collas	-	2015
		Rev Ken Williams	9/2012	2015
		Rev Isobelle Shortreed	9/2013	2015
		Rev Cathie Lambert	9/2013	2015
	Alison Atkinson-Phillips	9/2014	2015	
	Rev Stephen Larkin	10/2006	2015	
	Robert Watson		2015	
<b>AJ.2 SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE</b> Moderator, Ex-Moderator, Moderator-Elect, General Secretary, 4 members of Synod elected by Synod from members of the General Council; balance ministers/lay people. SSC may co-opt up to 2 members	Moderator	Rev Steve Francis <a href="mailto:steve.francis@wa.uca.org.au">steve.francis@wa.uca.org.au</a>	9/2013	X
	Ex-Moderator	Rev Ron Larkin		X
	Moderator-Elect	N/A		-
	General Secretary	Rosemary Hudson Miller Acting		X
	Elected by Synod	Rev Ken Williams	9/2010	2015
	Elected by Synod	Rev John Dunn	9/2014	2015
	Elected by Synod	Rev Isobelle Shortreed	10/2006	2015
	Elected by Synod	Robert Watson		2015
	<i>Expression of interest in being coopted: Rev Karyl Davison</i>			
<b>AJ.3 BUSINESS COMMITTEE</b>  General Secretary as Convener, Moderator, Moderator-Elect, up to 8 other persons elected by Synod. May co-opt 2 others. (Various staff or other resource	Convener	Rosemary Hudson Miller Acting <a href="mailto:rosemary.miller@wa.uca.org.au">rosemary.miller@wa.uca.org.au</a>		X
	Moderator	Rev Steve Francis		X
	Moderator-Elect	-		X
	Associate General Secretary Mission	Rosemary Hudson Miller	2008	2015
	Elected by Synod	Bruce Wilson	2013	2015
	Elected by Synod	Clare Ligtermoet	6/2012	2015

persons may assist).	Elected by Synod	Maggie Johns		
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<b>AJ.4 NOMINATING COMMITTEE</b>  Convener, General Secretary, rep UC Schools & Colleges; rep UnitingCare WA ; up to 5 other persons elected by Synod May co-opt 2 others.	Convener	Margaret Martin <a href="mailto:junemm@optusnet.com.au">junemm@optusnet.com.au</a>	2003	2015
	General Secretary	Rosemary Hudson Miller Acting		X
	Elected by Synod	Ian Passmore	2005	2015
	Elected by Synod	Thomas Stokes	2005	2015
	Elected by Synod	Clare Ligtermoet	2013	2015
<b>AJ.5 CHURCH LAW COMMITTEE</b>  Convener, General Secretary, up to 5 other persons elected by Synod	Convener	Michael Owen <a href="mailto:jmowen@inet.net.au">jmowen@inet.net.au</a>	-	X 2015
	General Secretary	Rosemary Hudson Miller Acting	2008	2015
	Elected by Synod	Alison McCubbin	2010	2015
	Elected by Synod	Ian Passmore	9/2012	2015
	Elected by Synod	Whee-Jong Lim (corresponding)	9/2012	
	Elected by Synod	Paul Olney		

## A. SYNOD BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

NAME OF BODY (and brief notes for quick ref)	CATEGORY	NAME	CONTINUOUS FROM	ELECTION DUE
<b>A.3 RESOURCES BOARD</b>  Chairperson, General Secretary, Assoc GenSec (Resources), Synod Property Officer, 7-9 persons inclusive of 2 members of the UCA Property Trust (WA). By-Law 2.12 includes further requirements. Elected members 3 yr term. Coopted members annual appointment.	Chairperson Re-elected Synod 2014	Rev John Dunn <a href="mailto:John.Dunn@wa.uca.org.au">John.Dunn@wa.uca.org.au</a>	10/2010	2015 X
	General Secretary	Rosemary Hudson Miller Acting	10/2010	X
	Assoc General Secretary Resources	Robert Locke	10/2010	2016
	Elected by General Council	Greg Howlett	10/2010	2015
	Re-elected by Synod 2012	Graham Reynolds	10/2010	2016
	Elected by General Council	Marie Yuncken	9/2011	2017
	Elected by Synod	Bob Kronberger	2013	2016
	Elected by Synod	Ian Harris	10/2010	2016
	Member UCA-WA Property Trust	Rev Raymond Clee	2013	2016
	Member UCA-WA Property Trust	Allan Gronow		
<b>A.6 UNITINGCARE WA FORUM</b>  Chairperson/BdRep and CEO of each of Good Samaritan Industries, UnitingCare West, Uniting Church Homes, UnitingCare Crossroads WA + co-opted members as necessary to provide expertise not otherwise available	Chairperson	Rev John Dunn <a href="mailto:John.Dunn@wa.uca.org.au">John.Dunn@wa.uca.org.au</a>	2007	2015
	Rep GSI	Rod Benness	2006	2015
	CEO GSI	John Knowles		X
	Rep UCW	David Holden	9/2012	2015
	CEO UCW	Sue Ash	2011	X
	Rep UCH	Lindsay Wolfe	2006	2015
	CEO UCH	Vaughan Harding		X

NAME OF BODY (and brief notes for quick ref)	CATEGORY	NAME	CONTINUOUS FROM	ELECTION DUE
<b>A.9 UCA PROPERTY TRUST (WA)</b>  Chairperson, Moderator, Property Officer, 5 other members of the Church, elected by Synod (2 year terms)	Chairperson Re-elected Synod 2012	Rev Raymond Clee <a href="mailto:raymond_clee@hotmail.com">raymond_clee@hotmail.com</a>	2007	2015
	Moderator	Rev Steve Francis		X
	Property Officer	Robert Locke	2006	X
	Elected by Synod	Rev Brian Carey	9/2011	2016
	Elected by Synod	Allan Gronow	9/2011	2016
	Elected by Synod	Thomas Stokes	2013	2016
	Elected by Synod	Michael Hodgkin	9/2014	2016
	Elected by Synod	Paula Harkness		2016
<b>A.12 ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE</b>  Convener, Genl Sec, up to 8 elected by Synod. Ctee may co- opt 2 others.	Convener	Dorothy Carey <a href="mailto:dcarey@westnet.com.au">dcarey@westnet.com.au</a>	2010	2015
	General Secretary	Rosemary Hudson Miller Acting	2007	X
	Elected by Synod	Rev Lee Edwards	2013	2015
	Elected by Synod	Rev Frances Hadfield	2005	2015
	Elected by Synod	Ian Passmore	20007	2015
	Elected by Synod	Rev Marie Wilson	2013	2015
	Elected by Synod	Karen Sloan	9/2012	2015
	Elected by Synod	Jessica Morthorpe	9/2012	2015
	Elected by Synod	Rev Ruth Vertigan	2013	2015
Elected by Synod	Rev Cathie Lambert (corres)		2015	
<b>A.13 UNITINGWORLD WA COMMITTEE</b>  Convener, Social Justice Consultant, up to 8 persons elected by Synod; scope for up to 2 co-options.	Convener	Dr Elaine Ledgerwood <a href="mailto:elaine.ledgerwood@curtin.edu.au">elaine.ledgerwood@curtin.edu.au</a>	2009	2015
	Associate General Secretary Mission	Rosemary Hudson Miller	2004	X
	Elected by Synod	Lyn Callaghan	2008	2015
	" by Synod	Lee-Anne Burnett	2009	2015
	" by Synod	Rev Janelle Macgregor	2009	2015
	" by Synod	John Jeffrey	2009	2015
	" by Synod	Sophie Bodegon	2014	2015
	" by Synod	Margaret Donovan	2014	2015
	" by Synod	Rev Brian Thorpe	2014	2015
	" by Synod	Rev Emma Matthews		2015
Staff	Geoffrey Bice (J&MOfficer)		X	
Staff	Rev Eira Clapton (J&MOfficer)		X	
<b>A.14 COMMITTEE FOR COUNSELLING</b>  Convener, and members elected by Synod (3 year term. Reg. 5.5)	Convener	Rev Harry Lucas <a href="mailto:lukeyda@amnet.net.au">lukeyda@amnet.net.au</a>	2008	2017
	Elected by Synod	Rev Dr Dianne Bertolino	2000	2016
	Elected by Synod	Lynette Clayton	1991	2016
	Elected by Synod	Gill Swan	9/2011	2017
	Elected by Synod	Ted Johnston	1991	2016
	Elected by Synod	Rev Dave Robinson	1994	2016

	Elected by Synod	Rev Gary van Heerden	9/2012	2015
<b>A.15 COMMITTEE FOR DISCIPLINE</b>	Convener	Rev Dr Alan Stubbs <a href="mailto:alan.stubbs@inet.net.au">alan.stubbs@inet.net.au</a>	2013	2016
(Pool shared with Northern and South Australian Synods) Convener appointed by Standing Ctee; at least 7 elected by Synod. At least 2 ministers, 2 lay people. (3 year term) (Under national consultation)	Elected by Synod	Neville Barber	2007	2016
	Elected by Synod	Michael Hodgkins	2007	2016
		Vacancy		

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<b>A.17 SOCIAL JUSTICE BOARD</b>	Chairperson	Glen Banks <a href="mailto:gebanks@bigpond.net.au">gebanks@bigpond.net.au</a>	2008	2015
Chairpersons, General Secretary, Associate General Secretary Mission up to 9 members elected by the Synod Scope for Co-options	General Secretary	Rosemary Hudson Miller Acting		X
	Associate General Secretary Justice and Mission	Rosemary Hudson Miller		X
	Elected by Synod	Rev George Davies	2007	2015
	Elected by Synod	Ruth Vertigan	2008	2015
	Elected by Synod	Jessica Morthorpe	2010	2015
	Elected by Synod	Trish Thomson-Harry	2007	2015
	Elected by Synod	David Gray	10/2011	2015
	Elected by Synod	Richard Telfer	5/2013	2015
	Elected by Synod	Alison Xamon	2013	2015
	Staff Resource: J&M Officer	Geoffrey Bice	X	2015
Staff Resource: J&M O (assistant)	Eira Clapton	X	X	
<b>A.19 INNOVATIVE OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED FUND COMMITTEE</b>	Convener	Rick Morrell <a href="mailto:rick.morrell@wa.uca.org.au">rick.morrell@wa.uca.org.au</a>	2005	2015
Convener, 2 First Third Group Reps & 4 elected by Synod	First Third Group Rep	Sarah Foreman	9/2012	2015
	First Third Group Rep	Jodie Rybicki	9/2014	2015
	Elected by Synod	Peter Gardner	2006	2015
	Elected by Synod	David Marshall	2005	2015
	Elected by Synod	Cherry Miners	2005	2015
	Elected by Synod	Guy Lambert	2005	2015
<b>A.20 BEANANGING KWUURT INSTITUTE BOARD</b>	Chairperson Elected by Synod	Rev Sealin Garlett <a href="mailto:sealingarlett@bki.org.au">sealingarlett@bki.org.au</a>	2007	2015
Chairperson (appointed annually by Synod), CEO and between 6 to 10 other members, all being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons, elected by Synod on recommendation of the Congress. Members 3 yr term. Up to 2 co-options, annually.	Staff	-		X
	Elected by Synod	Gail Wynne	2013	2016
	Elected by Synod	Samuel Dinah	2007	2016
	Elected by Synod	Doolan-Leisha Eats	2013	2016
	Elected by Synod	Michelle Bryant	06/2011	2017
	Co-opted	Cheryl Lawson	2011	2015



Up to 3 elected by Synod	TBE by Synod	(vacancy)		
<b>C.2 GOOD SAMARITAN INDUSTRIES BOARD</b> Chairperson, the CEO and 6-10 members elected by Synod. (Chairperson 1 year, others staggered 3 year terms)	Chairperson Elected by Synod CEO Deputy Chair Elected by Synod Elected by Synod Elected by Synod Elected by Synod Elected by Synod Elected by Synod	Rod Benness John Knowles Trent Bartlett Rev Wilf Pearce Michael Patchell Julian Mills Barbara Chandler Dr Sue Ulreich Elisa Fear	2001 2008 2011 2007 2013 2006 2013 2014 2014	2015 X 2017 2016 2016 2017 2016 2017 2017
<b>C.4 UNITINGCARE WEST BOARD</b> Chairperson, CEO, not less than 6 nor more than 9 members elected by Synod. (Chairperson elected annually, other members 3 year term; Up to 2 co-options for 12 months.)	Chairperson Elected by Synod Chief Executive Officer Elected by Synod Elected by Synod Elected by Synod Elected by Synod Elected by Synod Elected by Synod Elected by Synod Elected by Synod	David Holden <a href="mailto:david_ei@iinet.net.au">david_ei@iinet.net.au</a> Sue Ash Dr Glenda Campbell-Evans Doug Lambert David Thomas Dr Chris Ford Ian Jackson Michael Brady Chris Hunt Deborah Marshall Anton Ferreira	2008 2006 2009 2008 2008 2008 8/2011 2013 2013 2013	2015 X 2016 2016 2017 2015 2015 2015 2016 2016 2017

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<b>C.5 JUNIPER (Uniting Church Homes) BOARD</b> Chairperson (annually), Chief Executive, Country Consumer Rep, Metro Consumer Rep, 6 members elected by Synod, up to 2 co-opted (2 year term)	Chairperson Elected by Synod Chief Executive Country Consumer Rep Elected by Synod Metro Consumer Rep Elected by Synod Elected by Synod Elected by Synod Coopted by Board	Fred Boshart c/- <a href="mailto:david.parker@juniper.org.au">david.parker@juniper.org.au</a> Vaughan Harding John Jeffreys Jeremy Hudson Gillian Swan Dr Christopher Etherton-Beer Lance Hackett Geoff Parnell Shirley In'tVeld Maree Arnasen Lindsay Wolfe	2006 2008 2008 2004 2008 4/2012 2012 10/2013 2/2014 2003	2015 X 2016 2015 2015 2015 2015 2016 2016 2016

## D. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

NAME OF BODY (and brief notes for quick ref)	CATEGORY	NAME	CONTINUOUS FROM	ELECTION DUE
<b>D.1 TRINITY COUNCIL</b>	Moderator (as Visitor)	Rev Steve Francis	9/2014	X



(University College) Chairperson (1 year), Head, President Residents Club, 1 other resident, 1 member appointed by the Senate of the University of WA, up to 8 members elected by the Synod (3year term)	Chairperson	Margaret Thomas <a href="mailto:lilthom@bigpond.net.au">lilthom@bigpond.net.au</a>	2009	2015
	Head	Michael Shearer		X
	President Residents Club	Sam McKeon		X
	Other Resident	Anita Kousari	2014	X
	University Senate Rep	Assoc.Prof. Jenna Mead	2007	
	Elected by Synod 2014	Cherry Miners	2008	2017
	Elected by Synod	Michael Franklin	08/2011	2015
	Elected by Synod 2012	James Millar	2003	2015
	Elected by Synod 2012	Kate Crompton (Dep Chair)	2010	2016
	Elected by Synod 2014	Gemma Smith	5/2013	2017
	Elected by Synod 2013	Brian Cosgrove	2013	2016
Elected by Synod 2013	Adam Ebell	2007	2016	
Elected by Synod 2013	Robert Locke		2016	
<b>D.2 METHODIST LADIES COLLEGE COUNCIL</b> Up to 13 appointed by Synod, incl. Chairperson, (3year term); up to 2 annual co-options.	Moderator (as Visitor)	Rev Steve Francis		X
	Chairperson	Dr Penny Flett <a href="mailto:penny.flett@brightwatergroup.com">penny.flett@brightwatergroup.com</a>	22/2/2012	2016
	Re-elected by Synod 2012	Ralph Moore	2008	2016
		Prudence Honey	2009	2015
		Dr Anne Passmore	2013	2016
	Re-elected by Synod 2012	Craig Colvin	01/2012	2016
	Re-elected by Synod 2012	David Singleton	2006	2015
		Judy Tennant	01/2007	2015
		Prof Phillip Dolan	5/2013	2015
		Diane Smith-Gander	2013	2016
	Elected by GenCl 4/12	Grant Robinson	01/2008	2016
	Elected by Synod 2014	Nick Brasington	04/2012	2016
		Diane Mony de Kerloy	9/2012	2017

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<b>D.3 PENRHOS COLLEGE COUNCIL</b> Up to 14 incl. Chairperson, Principal, President of the Penrhos College Foundation (annually) , (3 year term)  <i>Taking effect from the rising of the Synod.</i>	Moderator (as Visitor)	Rev Steve Francis		X
	Chairperson	Paul Owen <a href="mailto:Paul.Owen@walgsp.com.au">Paul.Owen@walgsp.com.au</a>	2009	2016
	Deputy Chairperson	David Cielak	2013	2016
	Principal	Meg Melville	01/2011	X
	Secretary	Danielle Flint	2012	2015
	Treasurer	David Menarry	06/2011	2017
	Parents Support Group Rep	Margaret Horne	2012	2015
	President, Penrhos College Fndn	Sondra Anderson	1/2014	2017
		Ian Harris	2010	2016
		Peter Kavanagh	1/ 2014	2017
		Assoc Prof Lina Pelliccione	1/2012	2016
		Assoc Prof Tania Broadley	9/2014	2017
		Prof Chris Brook	9/2014	2017

		Kelly Alchin Ian Parker	2011 8/2014	2014 2017
<b>D.4 PRESBYTERIAN LADIES COLLEGE COUNCIL</b>	Moderator (as Visitor) Chairperson	Rev Steve Francis E/Prof Tracey Horton (Chair from Sept 2012) <a href="mailto:thorton@nwqcm.com">thorton@nwqcm.com</a>	9/2014 2/2010	X 2016
Moderator (as visitor), Up to 10 nominated by Council and appointed by Synod for 3yrs; includes Chair appointed by Synod. At least 1 member of the UCA.	Former Student Former Student Parent Parent	Kathy Bonus Katrina Burton Deputy Chair Jenny Playford Morgan Ball Andrew McKenzie W/Professor Tony O'Donnell Tony Taylor Stuart Love	6/2011 6/2008 10/2011 1/2014 1/2014 1/2014 1/2008 8/2012	2017 2017 2017 2016 2016 2016 2016 2015
<b>D.5 SCOTCH COLLEGE COUNCIL</b>	Moderator (as Visitor) Chairperson	Rev Steve Francis Digby Stretch(Chair since 1/14) <a href="mailto:digbystretch@bigpond.com">digbystretch@bigpond.com</a>	9/2014 2004	X 2017
Chairperson (4 yrs), not more than 15 members including at least 2 former students and 1 current parent. At least 1 member of the UCA. Ordinarily members' terms of 4 yrs commence 1 January following appointment by Synod.	Old Scotch Collegian Old Scotch Collegian Parents Association Parents Association  Deputy Chair	Rick Morrell Murray McGill Mike Snell Graham Anstee-Brook Jeremy Shervington David Clapin Dr Vanessa Guthrie Heather Warner Phil Idle Murray Williams Neil Fernandes Prof Robyn Owens Terry Bowen Mark Paganin Saschelle Blake Dr Peter Ebell Professor Alec Cameron	2004 2002 2004 2006 2006 2003 2009 2009 2013 2003 06/2011 06/2011 2013 2013 1/2015 1/2015 1/2015	2017 2017 2017 2017 2017 To 31/12/2014 To 31/12/2014 2017 2017 2017 To 31/12/2014 To 31/12/2014 2017 2017 2018 2018 2018

<b>D.6 ST STEPHEN'S SCHOOL COUNCIL</b>	Moderator (as Visitor) Chairperson Principal – in attendance	Rev Steve Francis Dr Brian Handley <a href="mailto:brian.handley@cbs.curtin.edu.au">brian.handley@cbs.curtin.edu.au</a>	09/2014 09/2012	X 2015
Chairperson, up to 10 other members appointed by the Synod on the nomination of the Council. At least 1 member of the UCA. Term – one year from 1 January of year following appointment by the Synod.	Secretary	Anthony (Tony) George Heidi Ward Michael Charteris Anthony Errington Kevin Smout Michael Lynn Sue Dickson Trina MacAdam Jason Ricketts Matthew Bambach	01/2011 2009 2007 2007 2014 2009 2008 2008 6/2014	X 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015

<b>D.7 TRANBY COLLEGE COUNCIL BOARD</b> Chairperson, nominated by Bd, appointed by Synod for up to 3 yrs; Up to 11 others, including at least 2 parents of students. 3 yr term ordinarily commencing 1 January following Synod at which appointed. At least 1 member a confirmed member of the UCA. Principal in attendance.	Moderator (as Visitor)	Rev Steve Francis	09/2014	X
	Chairperson	Cameron Jones	2012	2015
		<a href="mailto:cameron.jones@au.pwc.com">cameron.jones@au.pwc.com</a>		
		Tonia Brown	2013	2016
		Rev Toby Keva	2012	2015
		Aussie Crothers	2007	2017
		Steve Clark	2012	2015
		Trevor Wise	2009	2015
		Margaret Banks	Mid 2012	2015
		Matthew Thickett	Mid 2011	2017
		Lynne Woolfenden	Mid 2011	2017
	Kieren Marshall	2011	2017	
	Karen Boyce	2014	2016	
<b>D.8 WESLEY COLLEGE COUNCIL</b> Chairperson recommended by Council, appointed by Synod (5 yr term), the Head; not more than 9 other members recommended by Council, elected by Synod. (3 year term, ordinarily commencing 1 January following appointing Synod.) At least 1 member a confirmed member of the UCA.	Moderator (as Visitor)	Rev Steve Francis	09/2014	X
		Trevor O'Sullivan	12/2010	2015
	Chairperson	David Gee		X
	Head	Hon Dean Nalder	2007	2017
		Assoc Prof Kate Offer	2007	2017
		Phil Thick	2002	To 31/12/2014
		Jim Walker	2006	2017
		Dr Ross Goodheart	09/2012	2017
		David Parker	09/2012	2017
		Richard Hayes	2010	2015
		Prof Andrew Taggart	2010	2015
	Dr Sue Gordon	01/2012	2017	
	Greg Ruthven	10/2013	2016	

## E. PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

<b>E.1 PASTORAL RELATIONS AND PLACEMENTS COMMISSION</b> Chair elected annually by Presbytery; a Regional Pastor on recommendation of Chair of PRPC; the Convenor or, if the Convenor is staff, another non office staff member of the Chaplaincy Wkg Gp; the Convenor or, if the Convenor is staff, another non office staff member of the Disaster Relief & Community Recovery Wkg Gp; 2 members elected by Synod on recommendation of SC; 3 members elected by Presby on recommendation of the PRPC. Co-option of up to 3 members subject to endorsement by Synod or GC, to ensure balanced representation or to provide Commission with knowledge, abilities or experience not otherwise available. All members to be UCA members. As far as possible membership to be at least 1/3 women and 1/3 men	<i>Chairperson- Elected by Presbytery</i>	Geoff Ebell (Chair 06/2011) <a href="mailto:grebell@iinet.net.au">grebell@iinet.net.au</a>	02/2006	2015
	<i>NEW MEMBERSHIP          SUBJECT TO PROPOSAL 7          Appendix E being determined by General Council</i>			
	<i>Current membership to continue til Oct General Council.</i>			

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<b>E.2 STRATEGY AND MISSION PLANNING COMMISSION</b> Chairperson, Staff (2 max), representative of PRPC, & up to 6 other persons. Up to 2 co-options	Chairperson	Rev Ivan Clark Ivan Clark ( <a href="mailto:melville.rev@gmail.com">melville.rev@gmail.com</a> )	2013	2015
	Staff	Rev David Kriel Mission Planner	-	X
	Staff/ PR&PC Representative	Rev Jeff Savage	2013	X
		Rev Narelle Collas	-	2015
		Jon Haslam	-	2015

		Rev Brian Thorpe Rev Kira Jamieson	- 5/2013	2015 2015
<b>E.3 COMMISSION FOR EDUCATION DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP</b> <i>2012 Rules:</i> Chairperson, Up to 2 Church Centre staff nom by GenSec: (Dir. Lay & Continuing Education/AGS(Ed) and another), 2 members PTH Faculty, a rep of PTH Student Body, Convener or rep of Lay Preachers' Ctee + 6 others appointed by Presb, of whom at least 3 lay persons. Up to 3 Co-options (annual)	Chairperson	Rev Bev Fabb <a href="mailto:bev.fabb@bigpond.com">bev.fabb@bigpond.com</a>	9/2013	2016
	PTH – Principal	Red Dr Geof Lilburne Acting	9/2014	N/A
	PTH - Principal	Rev Ken Williams	1/2013	2015
	PTH staff member	Rev Dr Alex Jensen	X	X
	Rep LPA	Doug Burtenshaw (Lay Preachers Assoc.)	2014	2017
	PTH Student Body Member	Andrew Broadbent	2013	3/2015
	Penny Busby		9/2011	2015
	Elected by Presbytery	Rev Jeff Savage	9/2014	2017
		Rev David Tressler		2015
		Rhondda Tilbrook	12/2009	2015
	Dr Richard Smith	09/2011	2015	
Co-option	Rev Anne Wright	2/2014	2015	
Staff (Nominated by Gen Sec)	Rev Dr Ian Tozer	1/2013	X	
Staff (Nominated by Gen Sec)	Rev Alistair Melville	09/2011	X	
<b>E.4 CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRIES COMMISSION</b> Chairperson, Principal PTH, Representative of Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership, up to 6 other persons.  Up to 2 co-options by the CMC.	Chairperson Elected by Presby	Rev Craig Collas <a href="mailto:craig.collas@ucic.org.au">craig.collas@ucic.org.au</a>		2015
	Principal, Perth Theological Hall	Rev Ken Williams (corresp.)	-	X
	CEDAL Chairperson	Rev Bev Fabb	2014	2015
	Elected by Presby	Kim Bennewith	02/2006	2015
	Elected by Presby	Lynnette Clayton (Min.Sec)	02/2006	2015
	Elected by Presby	Rev Zak Cronje	11/2013	2015
	Elected by Presby	Rev Emma Matthews (Deacon)	09/2011	2015
	Elected by Presby	Rev John Atkinson	03/2012	2015
	Associate General Secretary	Rev Anne McAndrew	9/2010	2015
	Education	Rev Dr Ian Tozer	2014	X
<b>E.5 COVENANTING COMMISSION</b> Co-Chairperson Moderator, Chairperson Congress (WA), up to 5 appointed by Congress, up to 5 appointed by Presbytery  <i>As per proposal 5, 2014.</i>	Co-Chairperson - Moderator	Rev Steve Francis <a href="mailto:Steve.francis@wa.uca.org.au">Steve.francis@wa.uca.org.au</a>	09/2014	X
	Co-Chairperson, Congress (WA)	Rev Sealin Garlett	09/2008	X
	Church Office Staff	Rosemary Hudson Miller		
	Church Office Staff person	Geoff Bice		
	Appointed by Congress	Cheryl Lawson	02/2006	2015
	Appointed by Congress			
	Appointed by Congress	Milton Wynne	09/2014	2015
	Appointed by Congress	Des Lawson	09/2014	2015
	Appointed by Congress	Robbie Jetta	09/2014	2015
	Appointed by Presbytery	Rev Dr Les Brockway	09/2006	2015
	Appointed by Presbytery	Uto Fotu	02/2006	2015
	Appointed by Presbytery	Cathie Kelly	02/2006	2015
	Appointed by Presbytery	Rev Dr Ian Robinson	9/2012	2015
	Appointed by Presbytery	Rev Dennis Doust	9/2012	2015
	Staff member	Paul Montague	09/2014	2015

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<b>E.6 MINISTERIAL BENEFITS</b>				

<b>COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson, Associate General Secretary (Pastoral), 1 other staff person, WA Benefund Director, up to 6 other persons including a minister's spouse. Of these six not to include more than 2 ministers (one country, one metropolitan)	Chairperson  WA Benefund Director Staff Assist. Manager Resources	Thomas Stokes <a href="mailto:stocpa@iinet.net.au">stocpa@iinet.net.au</a> Robert Locke Michael Patchell Malcolm Watson Sue Talbert Rev Emma Matthews Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy	02/2006  08/2009 02/2006 09/2009 09/2011	2015  X X 2015 2015 2015
<b>E.6 MINISTERIAL BENEFITS COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson, Associate General Secretary (Pastoral), 1 other staff person, WA Benefund Director, up to 6 other persons including a minister's spouse. Of these six not to include more than 2 ministers (one country, one metropolitan)	Chairperson  WA Benefund Director Staff Assist. Manager Resources	Thomas Stokes <a href="mailto:stocpa@iinet.net.au">stocpa@iinet.net.au</a> Robert Locke Michael Patchell Malcolm Watson Sue Talbert Rev Emma Matthews Vacancy Vacancy	02/2006  08/2009 02/2006 09/2009 09/2011	2015  X X 2015 2015 2015
<b>E.7 DISASTER RELIEF AND COMMUNITY RECOVERY WORKING GROUP (DR&amp;CR)</b>	* <i>Subject to General Council amending Rules as per Proposal 7 PRPC. Appendix E.</i>			
<b>E.8 CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION</b> Chairperson, Community Services Consultant, and up to 6 other persons	Chairperson  Community Services Consultant	John Talbert <a href="mailto:ej.su@bigpond.com">ej.su@bigpond.com</a> Ian Passmore Vic Richards Rev Michael Fawcett Susy Thomas Yvonne Robinson Marie Yuncken Gail Horne	2010  09/2006 09/2007 09/2010 09/2011 09/2012 2013 2013	2015  X 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015
<b>E.9 CHAPLAINCY WORKING GROUP</b> Chairperson (appointed by Presby), Chaplaincy Co-ordinator, up to 5 other persons appointed by the Pastoral Relations & Placements Commission.	Chairperson  Associate General Secretary Mission Appointed by PRPC Appointed by PRPC Appointed by PRPC  • <i>Subject to General Council amending Rules as per Proposal 7 App. E.</i>	Rev Frances Hadfield <a href="mailto:Ecumenical@churcheswa.com.au">Ecumenical@churcheswa.com.au</a> Rosemary Hudson Miller Kim Bennewith Rev Dr Dianne Bertolino Rev Chas Lewis	09/2007  09/2007 09/2007 09/2007 09/2007	2015  X 10/2014 10/2014 10/2014
<b>E.10 FIRST THIRD WORKING GROUP</b> Chairperson, 5 staff & up to 7 members elected by Presbytery  <i>Rules being developed</i>	Chairperson  Assoc General Secretary (Mission) First Third Coordinator Staff – Project Officer	Rev Hollis Wilson <a href="mailto:hollis.wilson@ststephens.wa.edu.au">hollis.wilson@ststephens.wa.edu.au</a> Rosemary Hudson Miller Rick Morrell Janine McDonald Margaret Johnson Rev Gordon Scantlebury David Beards	2013  09/2007 09/2011 09/2007 2013	2015  X X X 2015 2015 2015

<i>(Seeking to have representation from Regions with 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff: S-W, N-M, M-S, M-W)</i>	Rev Luke Williams	2013	2015
	Jordan Gibbs	2013	2015
	Justine Wall (Pastor)		2015

NAME OF BODY	CATEGORY	NAME	CONTINUOUS FROM	ELECTION DUE
<b>E.11 RURAL MINISTRIES WORKING GROUP</b> Chairperson (appointed annually by Presbytery), RMT Coordinator & 2 reps from each Region served by RMT, elected by Presbytery. Up to 2 co-options (annually)	Convener —	Malcolm Watson	09/2009	2015
	Co-ordinator — Staff	<a href="mailto:mgwatson@westnet.com.au">mgwatson@westnet.com.au</a>		
	— SW region	Rev Lorraine Stokes	04/2010	X
	— SW region	Yuko Tonai-Moore	09/2011	2015
	— MW region	vacant	-	2015
	— MW region	Jill Clements	6/2012	2015
	— GS region	vacant	-	2015
	— GS region	Graham Wasley	09/2009	2015
	— GE region	Janice Cornish	2013	2015
	- GE region	Ann Barnes	2013	2015
Co-opted	Robert French		2015	

<b>E.12 LITURGY COMMITTEE</b>	CATEGORY	NAME	CONTINUOUS FROM	ELECTION DUE
Chairperson (elected annually by Presbytery, Co-ordinator appointed by General Secretary, 1 rep from PRPC and 1 rep from Candidates for the Ministries Commission, up to 5 persons elected by Presbytery <i>New rules for Committee now established</i>	Chairperson			
	Co-ordinator	Denise Savage <a href="mailto:denise.savage@wa.uca.org.au">denise.savage@wa.uca.org.au</a>		
	Appointed by PRPC			
	Appointed by Candidates for the Ministries Commission	Dr Elaine Ledgerwood Dorothy Hortin Maxine Harrison Denise Savage		
	Member			
	Member			
	Member			
	Member			

## F. NETWORKS

<b>F.1 MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY</b> (Cross-Cultural Ministries) A representative of each ethnically specific congregation recognised by the Presbytery  <i>Rules being developed</i>	Co-Convener	Kalo Fotu <a href="mailto:kalo.fotu@gmail.com">kalo.fotu@gmail.com</a>	9/2007	2015
	Co-Convener	Rev Margaret Smithson <a href="mailto:msmithson@aapt.net.au">msmithson@aapt.net.au</a>	9/2014	2015
	Multicultural Ministry Consultant	Rev Dr Emanuel Audisho	9/2009	X
	Moderator			X
	General Secretary	-		X
	Member	Rev Dr Herman Nenaber		2015
	Member	Rev Marie Wilson	9/2007	2015
	Member	WiWi Sumali (Vivien Lee)	9/2009	2015
	Member	Uto Fotu	9/2011	2015
	Member	Rev David Park	2013	2015
	Member	Hanamo Vaitogi	2013	2015
	Member	Traian Troaca	2013	2015
	Member	Rev Ian Robinson	9/2014	2015
	Member	Raymond Chu	9/2014	2015
<b>F.2 UNITING CHURCH ADULT</b>	Chairperson	Rev Janelle Macgregor	09/2014	

<b>FELLOWSHIP</b> State Committee Chair; rep of UC Mission Fellowship; up to 10 other members, elected by Presbytery. A member of staff designated by GenSec.	Church Office Staff Rep	<a href="mailto:abbeypathways@gmail.com">abbeypathways@gmail.com</a> Ian Passmore	09/2008	X
	Member	X		
	Member	Gill Muir	02/2006	2015
	Member	Olive Caporn	09/2007	2015
	Member	Kerry Dunn	09/2014	2015
	Member	Anne Holland	12/2010	2015
	Member	X		
	Member	Wendy Urbanszki	2012	2015
	Member	Jim Boyd	9/2012	2015
Mission Fellowship rep	Elsie Warne	09/2010	2015	

<b>F3 UNITING CHURCH MISSION FELLOWSHIP</b> Membership (Open and informal)	Secretary	Kay Lockley <a href="mailto:kaylockl@bigpond.net.au">kaylockl@bigpond.net.au</a>		
	Secretary	Dulcie Hale		
	Treasurer	Elsie Warne		

### SHORT TERM COMMITTEE

<b>G 1 ROYAL COMMISSION &amp; INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE</b> Under General Council	Chair	Robert Watson <a href="mailto:robnel2@bigpond.net.au">robnel2@bigpond.net.au</a>	4/2014	Not applicable
	Member	Rev Gary van Heerden	4/2013	Not applicable
	Member	Rev Ian Tozer	4/2013	Not applicable
	Member	Dr Alec O'Connell	4/2013	Not applicable
	Member	John Talbert	4/2013	Not applicable
	Member	Don Nicholas	2/2014	Not applicable
	Member	Sue Ash	5/2014	Not applicable
	In attendance	Rosemary Hudson Miller Acting General Secretary	7/2014	Not applicable
	In attendance	Maggie Johns	4/2013	Not applicable
	By teleconference	Rev Allan Thompson National Task Group	4/2013	Not applicable
In attendance	Andrew Davidson HWL Ebsworth Lawyers	8/2013	Not applicable	
In attendance	Maree Kemp Executive Assistant to GS	4/2013	Not applicable	

### H. ASSEMBLY

#### PRESIDENT-ELECT

The Annual Synod and Presbytery meetings 2014 did not receive any nominations for President Elect. Two persons who have been appointed to be members of the next Assembly may still put forward a nomination earlier than 90 days before the start of the 2015 Assembly. Nominees need not necessarily come from WA. See Reg. 3.6.4.1. A letter from the Assembly General Secretary issued August 7 2014 advises the key challenges and issues likely to be faced by the President and the Assembly in the coming years. The President-Elect will be installed as President of the national Church 2018-20!!

#### SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY OF WA MEMBERS:

The 14<sup>th</sup> national Assembly of the UCA will be held in Perth between Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 July 2015. The theme is: 'Hearts on Fire'. The membership formula (Reg. 3.3.8) applies, in conjunction with WA Bylaws and Rules. The Moderator and General-Secretary will be ex-officio members within our quota. The Presbytery is required to appoint at least one minister and one confirmed member.

<b>H. ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>MINISTERIAL</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>LAY</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
<p>10 ministers and 10 lay confirmed members to be elected, including Moderator &amp; General-Secretary. Of these, 1 ministerial and 1 lay to be appointed on behalf of Presbytery; 2 'youthful' members.</p> <p>Youthful as defined by ASC, 25 yrs or younger at start of Assembly.</p>	<p>Moderator – ex-officio</p> <p>Presbytery appointee</p>	<p>Rev Steve Francis General-Secretary (if a Minister) Rev Craig Collas Rev Lesley de Grussa-Macaulay Rev Mark Illingworth Rev Alan Jeffrey Rev Catherine Lambert Rev Isobelle Shortreed Rev Dr Ian Tozer Rev Denise Savage</p> <p><b>Alternate reserves:</b> Rev Dr Emanuel Audisho Rev Luke Williams Rev Gordon Scantebury</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Steve.francis@wa.uca.org.au">Steve.francis@wa.uca.org.au</a> Youthful Youthful</p> <p>Presbytery appointee</p>	<p>General-Secretary (if a Lay member) Sitita (Tita) Johansson Tuimoala Yuko Tonai-Moore Cameron Harries Richard Telfer Alison Atkinson-Phillips Vivien Lee Rick Morrell Rosemary Hudson Miller Kalo Fotu</p> <p><b>Alternate reserves:</b> Margaret Martin Alison McCubbin Doug Burtenshaw</p>

## CONCLUSION TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND LISTING

It is hoped that periodic updates will be available on the website  
<http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/administration/nominating-committee/>

If you have a change, suggestion or nomination regarding a vacancy, or an update at any time during the year please contact the relevant body or the Convener of the Nominating Committee:

Margaret Martin 0413 59 57 59 [Martin.margaret@ceo.wa.edu.au](mailto:Martin.margaret@ceo.wa.edu.au) or c/- Church Office.

Acting Convener for the Annual Meetings, Ken Devereux 0400 806 665 [kdevs@iinet.net.au](mailto:kdevs@iinet.net.au)  
6/10/2014



In accordance with the provision of Synod Minute 6/2015.12 we confirm these Minutes to be a true record of the proceeds of the 39th Synod of Western Australia, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia and the Ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia of the Uniting Church in Western Australia.



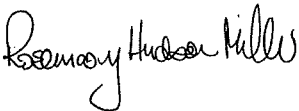
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Rev Steve Francis  
Moderator



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Rev Ken Williams



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Rev Dr Ian Tozer



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Rosemary Hudson Miller

UNAVAILABLE

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Alison Atkinson-Phillips