

## **P3 MEMBERSHIP OF THE PRESBYTERY**

### **MEMBERS**

- P3.1 The membership of the Presbytery shall be in accordance with the Regulations.
- P3.2 The Presbytery has made these determinations in regard to the membership of the Presbytery:
- (a) The number of Lay Preachers elected shall be up to 10 persons.
  - (b) The Western Australian Regional Committee of the Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress shall be entitled to elect two representatives, at least one being a lay person.
  - (c) Ministers who are not otherwise members of the Presbytery but who are engaged in long term supply (for periods exceeding three months) shall be co-opted as members of the Presbytery during the term of their supply appointment.
  - (d) Candidates for the Ministry of the Word, Deacon or Pastor who are not otherwise members of the Presbytery shall be co-opted as members of the Presbytery during the term of their candidacy.

### **CO-OPTIONS**

- P3.3 Co-options made under the Regulations shall:
- (a) be for a period of one year, but a co-opted member is eligible for further co-option without limit to the number of years of consecutive service;
  - (b) have all the rights of elected members of the Presbytery, to speak, to vote and to be elected to office; and
  - (c) not exceed three lay members and three ministerial members from any one congregation.

### **FAITH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

- P3.4 Each Faith Community may appoint one of its participants who is a confirmed member of the Church as a member of Presbytery.

**LAY MINISTRY TEAM**

- P3.5 In addition to the lay member(s) elected by the congregation, one member, being a confirmed member of the Church, of a recognised or commissioned Lay Ministry Team (where there is no placement) may be appointed by the Church Council as a member of Presbytery.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

- P3.6 Associate members eligible under the Regulations to participate in but not to vote at Presbytery meetings will be added to the Presbytery Roll at their request and their enrolment reviewed annually.

**TERM OF APPOINTMENT**

- P3.7 Lay persons elected or appointed as members of the Presbytery will hold office for a term of one year from the commencement of the Annual Meeting of Presbytery till the commencement of the next following Annual Meeting and will be eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

**CASUAL VACANCIES**

- P3.8 Should any casual vacancy occur among the lay membership of the Presbytery, the vacancy may be filled by the appropriate electing or appointing body for the balance of the term of the person who is replaced.