

## **S2.7 UNITINGCARE WA FORUM**

### **STATUS**

S2.7.1 These By-Laws provide for the coordination of the Synod's activities as part of the Church's mission in community services, known as UnitingCare WA. UnitingCare WA Forum is the convocation of Good Sammy Enterprises; UnitingCare West (trading as "Uniting WA" and Uniting Church Homes (trading as "Juniper"). The Presbytery has the responsibility for congregational community service activities (see P4.1.1).

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S2.7.2 In accordance with Constitution Paragraph 32, the Synod has established the UnitingCare WA Forum hereinafter called "the Forum".

### **MEMBERSHIP**

S2.7.3 The Forum is appointed by each ordinary Synod and consists of:

- (a) the Chairperson; and
- (b) the Chief Executive Officer and the Board Chairperson of Good Samaritan Industries (trading as "Good Sammy Enterprises"), UnitingCare West (trading as "Uniting WA") and Uniting Church Homes (trading as "Juniper").
- (c) Executive Officer: Caring Agencies

S2.7.4 The Forum may invite other persons to assist it with knowledge, abilities or experience not otherwise available to the Forum.

### **CHAIRPERSON**

S2.7.5 The Chairperson of the Forum is entitled to receive an honorarium for the duties of the role. (This only applies in the situation where the Chairperson is not the Executive Officer).

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

S2.7.6 The responsibilities of the Forum are:

- (a) to facilitate the co-ordination of the activities and future plans of the UnitingCare WA Forum agencies within the Synod.
- (b) advise the Synod and its officers in regard to:
  - i. strategic directions, policy frameworks and overall planning for the Church's mission in community services within the Synod that express the theology and ethos of the Uniting Church in its community services;
  - ii. public statements, submissions and representations concerning matters of social policy and social advocacy in co-operation with the Social Justice Board;
  - iii. the use of the name UnitingCare WA Forum; and
  - iv. any other matters referred to the Forum from time to time by the Synod, the Synod Standing Committee or the General Secretary.
- (c) to represent the Synod in relation to the broader UnitingCare network throughout Australia.

## **MEETINGS AND REPORTING**

S2.7.7 The Forum will:

- (a) meet at least four times each year; and
- (b) report to the Synod at each ordinary meeting and to the Synod Standing Committee as requested or when necessary.