



**The Uniting Church in Australia
Western Australia**

**The Minutes
of
The 42nd Annual Meeting
of the
Synod of Western Australia**

7 – 9 September 2018

“DEEP AND WIDE”

Ephesians 3:17 - 18

These Minutes record events and the business of those commissions and bodies, which relate to the Synod of Western Australia.

The Opening Worship was conducted at St Stephens Uniting Church Applecross, 2 MacKenzie Rd, at 7.00pm on Friday, 7 September 2018 and the business sessions of the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Synod, were conducted at Wesley College on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September 2018.

PART 1 CONSTITUTION

1/2018 CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING OF SYNOD

The Synod meeting was constituted by an act of public worship led by the Acting Ex Moderator, Rev Ken Williams at 7.00pm on Friday 7 September with a congregation of approximately 120 people. A special performance was sung by the Tongan Congregation.

Mitchell Garlett from the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) WA Regional Committee welcomed the Synod to country on behalf of the Wadjuk people of the Noongar nation.

President of Assembly, Dr Deirdre Palmer preached on the theme of the Synod, Deep and Wide,

Musicians for the weekend were from the Trinity North Uniting Church Greenwood worship community.

PART 2 WELCOME & DEVOTIONS

2/2018 MODERATOR'S WELCOME

At the first business session introductions and preliminary comments were made by the Moderator, Rev Steve Francis. He welcomed all members to the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia held at Wesley College.

3/2018 DEVOTIONS AND BIBLE STUDY

The Moderator introduced Rev Justine Wall to open the business meeting with devotions about The Tree of Life based on the book The Healers Tree. Rev Dr Anne Wright read Genesis 2:8-17, Isaiah 44:3-4 and Luke 13:18-21. The Moderator welcomed Assembly President, Dr Deidre Palmer, Assembly General Secretary Colleen Geyer and Synod of Victoria and Tasmania and President-Elect, Rev Sharon Hollis. He also welcomed all first time ministers and members of Synod.

A short video on decision making at Synod was presented by Media and Communications.

Wesley College Headmaster David Gee and Chaplain, Rev Nalin Perera welcomed the Synod to Wesley College and showed a short of the Moorditj Mob of Wesley College.

On Saturday, Rev Sharon Hollis led Bible Studies on the Moderator's triennium theme, Deep & Wide, Ephesians 3:14, Dwelling with God.

On Saturday evening, Methodist Ladies' College (MLC) Chaplain, Rev Hollis Wilson led devotions on the theme of the Negro Spiritual, Wade in the Water.

Sunday morning worship and Holy Communion was led by the Moderator, Rev Steve Francis and Presbytery Minister for Formation and Discipleship, Rev Dr Anne Wright on the theme Grounds in Hope. Geoff Bice, Social Justice Consultant, led prayers for the people.

Sunday Bible Study was led by Rev Sharon Hollis, on the theme 'Why Discipleship'. Rev Nalin Perera led closing devotions on the Act of Awareness in the changing seasons.

4/2018 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress WA Regional Committee Member, Mitchell Garlett led a traditional Smoking Ceremony and welcomed the Synod to the country of the Wadjuk Clan of the Noongar nation. He explained the privilege of knowing his language as it gives an identity to this place and culture.

5/2018 GENERAL SECRETARY'S WELCOME

General Secretary, Rev David de Kock informed every one of general housekeeping

matters.

He thanked the staff for their diligence in preparation. Also, the Moderator's Chaplain, Rev Alan Jeffrey, Synod Chaplains, Rev Justine Wall, Rev Hollis Wilson and Rev Nalin Perera. He noted that Robert Watson and Sue Thomas were available for assistance on matters relating to child sexual abuse. He thanked Margaret Martin for undertaking the work of the Nominating Committee and informed the Synod of the various displays upstairs and in the foyer.

Janine McDonald is the First Aider and Amanda Badenhorst is the Fire Warden for the Synod meeting (refer to Proposal I Business Committee 9/2018)

PART 3 MODERATOR'S REPORT

The Synod **agreed by acclamation** to receive the following report:

6/2018 Rev Ken Williams, Past Moderator took the chair for the Moderator's report.

The Moderator, Rev Steve Francis, presented his report. He said it was important to recognise that this body has oversight over the Church. He hoped that we listen to each other, laugh with each other, and enjoy our time together and that it was a time to lament. He spoke of his longing for the renewal of the Church, the spread of the Gospel and the challenge to be the light and salt in this community. He invited all to love each other. He told the Synod he had formed a Moderator's Review Group. In his report, he spoke of the inspiring worship and Bible studies while attending the 15th Triennial Assembly meeting in July in Melbourne. He said the last 12 months have been a time of adjustment and re-alignment as the Synod and newly separated Presbytery are learning to live together in a new way. He remembered how we have also seen significant change in the development of the provision of education for lay and ordained people and that we are continuing to grow in our relationships with our schools, university, college and agencies. He thanked the countless expressions of love, prayer and encouragement he has received over the past twelve months from so many across the Uniting Church.

PART 4 BUSINESS SESSION

7/2018 REPORTS

The Synod **agreed by consensus** to receive the following reports:

- Moderator
- Business Committee
- Synod Standing Committee
 - Disaster Relief & Community Recovery Working Group
 - Archives
- Nominating Committee
- Covenanting Commission
- Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) WA Regional Committee
- Beanang Kwuurt Institute (BKI)
- Ecumenical Affairs Commission
- Resources Commission

The Synod **agreed by consensus** to receive the following reports **en bloc** :

- St Stephen's School
- Penrhos College
- Scotch College
- Methodist Ladies' College
- Wesley College
- Presbyterian Ladies' College
- Tranby College
- Trinity Residential College

- UnitingCare WA Forum
- UnitingCare West
- Good Samaritans Industries
- Property Trust
- Placements Commission
- Ministerial Benefits Committee
- Council for Mission
- Church Law
- Royal Commission Synod Task Group
- Pastoral Network of Evangelicals Uniting in Mission Action (PNEUMA)
- Bridging Entities
- Uniting Church Adult Fellowship WA
- Strategic Plan
- Committee for Counselling
- Social Justice Commission
- UnitingWorld WA Commission
- Committee for Discipline
- Presbytery of Western Australia

The Synod **agreed by acclamation** to receive:

- Juniper

8/2018 PRESENTATIONS

1. Assembly Report

Dr Deidre Palmer and Colleen Geyer presented the Assembly Report noting some of the work of the Assembly. Deidre spoke about the theme of Abundant Grace, Liberating Hope at the 15th triennial Assembly also marriage, domestic and family violence and for the whole creation.

Colleen spoke of the hope for the future of the church based on the four pillars of the Strategic Plan - Live out a joyful faith, Grow with God, Be a voice for justice and Journey as one Uniting Church. Colleen addressed the establishment of UCA Redress Limited, a separate entity formed to respond to the National Redress Scheme, and a new platform for learning and sharing called Assembly Circles, which would enable a wider participation in the national work of Church.

2. Assembly Members Feedback

In a video presentation, Rev Cathie Lambert gave a personal reflection on the inspiration, courage and the value of vulnerability, which she found at the 15th triennial Assembly meeting. Cameron Harries spoke of discussions with other youthful members and their broad involvement in the Uniting Church. He answered the question, 'What does the young church want?' He said they want to be heard and respected, that they look for wisdom, mentoring and guidance.

3. YouthCare

Stanley Jeyaraj, CEO of YouthCare spoke on YouthCare's values and mission and that they have 70 schools that maintain Christian values education. He acknowledged board members Rev Steve Francis and Rev Mark Illingworth for their support and encouragement.

4. Doing Mission on the Edge

Rev Ken Devereux, Royal Perth Hospital Chaplain, gave his presentation on 'Adventuring in Hospital Chaplaincy'. He asked 'Would you want to work here?' and 'How could you cope with working in a place like this?' He spoke passionately on how hospital chaplaincy gives opportunity to make connections with the wider community and world. It is a distinctive pastoral and spiritual care service. Isaiah 43, Mark 6:7-13.

5. Adventurous Ideas for Life Together

Deputy General Secretary, Rev Mark Illingworth introduced the following Adventurous Ideas for Life: Sports Chaplaincy, Be a Grandie, Adopt a Shop, A light on Every Street, Jubilee on debts, The Great Chocolate Cake Cheer Up, Lord's Prayer 365, Congregations Maintenance Team and Supporting Every Foster Family. Synod members contributed further in each of these ideas and introduced a further nine ideas for the Adventurous Life Together including Peace Centre, Retreat Centre, Migrant Centre, John Wesley Strategy, Boomerang Bags, Ping Pong A Thon, Tackling Homelessness, Let's do Lunch.

6. Budget Presentation

General Manager (Resources), Robert Locke, presented the Synod budget for 2019. There was widespread disappointment that the budget booklet did not reflect the separation between Synod and Presbytery financial details as requested by the Synod Standing Committee.

7. Scotch College

Scotch College Headmaster, Alec O'Connell spoke about how he wants to make sure there is a connection between our chapels, chaplains and classrooms. Providing programs to nourish the young men - "Preparing Boys Right'. He said the challenge is to make sure the boys graduate and understand what it means to give back. He mentioned how they are refurbishing the Chapel and using the stained glass windows from Swanbourne Uniting Church.

PROPOSALS

9/2018 BUSINESS COMMITTEE

PROPOSAL I

The Synod **agreed by consensus** to:

1. Adopt the Order of Business and the timetable, noting that decisions to vary the order of business and timetable can be taken by the Synod at any time
2. Approve the roll of members (See 2018 Synod Membership List)
3. Approve the following persons as members of the Business Committee for the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia: Rev Steve Francis (Moderator and chair), Rev David de Kock (General Secretary), Rev Mark Illingworth, Rev Bev Fabb, Rev Ken Devereux, Margaret Martin and Maggie Johns.
4. Appoint Justine Woodward as Minute Secretary
5. Appoint Bruce Wilson as Time Keeper
6. Appoint Cindy Gorton as Screen Manager
7. Authorise the following persons to confirm the minutes of the 42nd Synod: Rev David de Kock, Rev Bev Fabb, Margaret Johnston and Maggie Johns.
8. Appoint Margaret Martin as Returning Officer and Maree Kemp as Assistant Returning Officer;
 - a. appoint Margaret Martin, Rev Mark Illingworth, Rev John McKane, Tom Stokes, and Ian Passmore as members of the Nominating Committee
 - b. appoint the following persons as scrutineers: Tom Stokes, Maree Kemp and Ian Passmore; and
 - c. determine that the closing time for nominations is 1.30pm Saturday 8 September
9. Appoint Rev Justine Wall, Rev Nalin Perera and Rev Hollis Wilson as Chaplains for the Synod meeting

10. Appoint Amanda Badenhorst as Fire Warden and Event Co-ordinator and Janine McDonald as First Aider for the Synod meeting
11. **Note that the following persons on the Roll of Synod will not attend:**
John Boon – lay member of Presbytery, Rev Greg Ross (1 day),
12. **Co-opt the following additional persons to the Synod with the right to participate and to vote:**
 - a. Ministerial members
Rev Gary van Heerden
Rev Gordon Scantlebury
Rev Roy Suryanegara
Rev Rodney Marsh
 - b. Confirmed lay members
Ross Gobby
Hanamo Vaitogi
Ian Wright
Robert Nichols
Vic Richards
Barbara Bennewith
Norma Bazen
Frances Conchie-Stanley
Trevor Thomas
Jenny Thomas
 - c. **Confirmed lay members representing bodies directly responsible to Synod (Reg 3.3.7 (a) (v))**
Mark Brisbane (Social Justice Commission)
13. **Associate the following persons with the Synod for the business as listed, with the right to participate but not to vote:**
 - a. Guests from Australian churches and church bodies
 - i. Rev Dr Stephen Robinson
 - b. Guests representing Synod Schools and Colleges
 - i. **Methodist Ladies College**
 1. Dr Marie Perry – Principal
 - ii. **Penrhos College**
 1. Meg Melville – Principal
 - iii. **Presbyterian Ladies College**
 1. Kate Hadwen – Principal
 - iv. **Scotch College**
 1. Dr Alec O’Connell – Headmaster
 - v. **St Stephen’s School**
 1. Donella Beare – Principal (left early)
 - vi. **Tranby College**
 1. Dr Clayton Massey
 - vii. **Trinity College**
 1. Michael Shearer – CEO
 - viii. **Wesley College**
 2. David Gee – Principal
 - c. Guests representing Synod Agencies

- i. **Good Samaritan Industries**
 - 1. John Knowles – CEO
 - ii. **Juniper**
 - 1. Fred Boshart – Chair
 - 2. Chris Hall – CEO
 - iii. **UnitingCare West**
 - 1. Peter Fitzpatrick AO – Chair
 - 2. Amanda Hunt – CEO
- 14. **Associate the following additional persons who will assist in resourcing the Synod:**
 - a. For the whole of Synod
 - i. Monica Pettersen
 - ii. Sheena Hesse
 - b. For specific business of the Synod:
 - i. Kate Leaney

10/2018 COVENANTING COMMISSION

PROPOSAL 2 – Use of Facilities for the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) funerals

It was **agreed by consensus** that the Synod:

- 1. Note the long held commitment to the Covenant between Congress and the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia
- 2. Write to all Church Councils within the Western Australian (WA) Synod encouraging them to offer the free use of their premises when requested by Congress for the purposes of funeral related activities.

11/2018 SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE

PROPOSAL 3 – Adoption of the 2019 budget

It was **agreed by formal majority vote**:

- 1. that the Synod of WA accepts the projected deficit of \$210,960 in the budget for 2019 and requests the Synod Standing Committee and the Presbytery Standing Committee to target a balanced budget in 2020.

12/2018 PRESBYTERY STANDING COMMITTEE

PROPOSAL 4 – Principles regarding 2019 budget

It was **agreed by consensus**:

- 1. That the Synod of WA endorses the principle that the Synod will continue to provide financial support to the Presbytery in order for it to continue its work of resourcing congregations.
- 2. That the Synod of Western Australia commits its Standing Committee to working with the Presbytery of Western Australia and its Standing Committee to enable the Presbytery to adequately carry out its responsibilities of resourcing congregations in Western Australia, and establish a review process as part of the development of the annual budget.

13/2018 SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

PROPOSAL 5 – Protecting our forests

It was **agreed by formal majority vote**:

That the Synod:

- noting the long commitment of the Uniting Church to social, environmental, and intergenerational justice, which is expressed in various Assembly documents and in the Synod of WA's own resolutions on the care of creation and the addressing of climate change and
 - reaffirming the importance of resolution 29/2001, which encouraged and challenged individuals and congregations to become advocates for sustainable environmental policies and practices which protect, honour and care for our natural resources and the 2017 Synod resolution to monitor land clearing and restore degraded forests,
1. request the Western Australian State Government to:
- 1.1 invest in and incentivise plantation timbers (on already cleared land only), farm forestry, tourism, recreation and other alternative industries for the South West as part of a broader plan to transition WA away from native forest logging,
 - 1.2 devise and implement a strategic plan to support South West native forestry workers moving into an expanded plantation timber industry or other alternative local employment in consultation with affected workers and communities,
 - 1.3 invest significantly more in the Indigenous Ranger program to assist the Department of Parks and Wildlife and the Forest Products Commission to care for forests, savannahs and woodlands across the state,
 - 1.4 place High Conservation Value Forests in secure National Parks for the survival of threatened species and the protection of water quality and carbon sinks,
 - 1.5 negotiate a financial agreement with the Federal Government based on the national climate mitigation benefit to be gained from protecting the State's forests, savannahs and woodlands.

PROPOSAL 6 – Single-use plastics

It was **agreed** that the Synod:

- noting the long commitment of the Uniting Church to social, environmental, and intergenerational justice, which is expressed in various Assembly documents and in the Synod of WA's own resolutions on the care of creation and,
- reaffirming the importance of resolution 29/2001, which encouraged and challenged individuals and congregations to become advocates for sustainable environmental policies and practices which protect, honour and care for our natural resources; Synod resolution 51/2005 referring to energy and sustainability; and Synod resolution 59/2007 Modelling Sustainability,
- and noting the Congregational Sustainable Practice policies (13/08/14):
 1. affirm the 2018 decision by the WA State Government to ban the provision of single-use plastic bags;
 2. call on the State Government to commit to phasing out use of all non-essential single-use plastics, including products like balloons, glitter, disposable take-away cups and straws;
 3. call on the State Government to phase out the procurement of products containing synthetic fibres (except where suitable and safe alternatives composed of natural fibres cannot be obtained);
 4. call on the State Government to invest in promoting and expanding the local plastic recycling industry;
 5. call on the Federal Government to implement a ban on the manufacturing and

- sale of washable products containing microbeads;
- 6. commit to phasing out the use of non-essential single-use plastics across all operations of the Synod by July 2019;
- 7. encourage the Presbytery and congregations to phase out the use of non-essential single-use plastics across all of their operations by July 2019;
- 8. encourage agencies and schools to assess and, where possible, phase out their use of:
 - non-essential single-use plastics and,
 - uniforms made of synthetic fibres.

PROPOSAL 7 – Status Resolution Support Services

It was **agreed by consensus** that the Synod:

- noting the long commitment of the Uniting Church to seek justice for refugees and people seeking asylum; most recently the ‘Shelter from the Storm’ statement and associated resolutions adopted by the 14th Assembly in July 2015, and
- recognising the ongoing dedicated efforts of Uniting Church congregations and members who continue to offer support and advocacy for people seeking asylum in our community,
 1. write to the Federal Government expressing our concerns with the restriction of access to the Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS) for people seeking asylum, and request that full access is urgently reinstated;
 2. write to the State Government requesting the provision of financial and in-kind support to agencies working with people affected by these Federal policy changes;
 3. encourage congregations, schools and agencies to provide practical and financial support to the Coalition of Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees’ (CARAD), Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce (ACRT) and other relevant organisations supporting people affected by the restriction of access to the Status Resolution Support Service;
 4. encourage congregations, schools and agencies to continue to pray:
 - a. for all refugees and people seeking asylum, particularly those seeking protection in Australia,
 - b. for political leaders and the staff of government departments with responsibilities in this area, that a longing for justice and peace will guide them in the exercise of their responsibilities.

14/2018 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

PROPOSAL 8 – Committee Membership Extension beyond 10 years

It was **agreed by consensus** that the Synod:

1. Agree to extend the following nominations beyond 10 years for eligibility for election to the next term.

Name	Committee	Continuous From	Election Due
Uto Fotu	Covenanting Commission	2006	2018
Kay Lockley	Uniting Church Adult Fellowship	2006	2018

Anne Steed	Uniting Church Adult Fellowship	2006	2018
Alison Dyll	UnitingWorld WA	2006	2018
Lee-Anne Burnett	UnitingWorld WA	2008	2018
Neville Barber	Committee for Discipline	2007	2018
Bruce Wilson	Bridging Entities	2005	2018
Bruce Wilson	Church Law	2004	2018
Margaret Martin	Nominating Committee	2003	2018
Thomas Stokes	Nominating Committee	2005	2018
Ian Passmore	Nominating Committee	2005	2018

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ballot Results for the Placements Committee

- Rev Andrew Broadbent (elected)
- Lesley de Grussa (elected)

Ballot Results for the Synod Standing Committee

- Rev Steve Francis (Moderator)
- Rev Ken Williams (Acting Ex-Moderator)
- Rev David de Kock (General Secretary)
- Rev Robert Jetta (Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress – WA Regional Committee Nominee)
- Rev Lorraine Stokes (Presbytery Standing Committee)
- Rev Dr Ian Tozer
- Mitchell Garlett (Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress – WA Regional Committee Nominee)
- Heather Hamblin
- Steve Higgins
- Margaret Martin
- Julie Ridden
- Alison Xamon

15/2018 GENERAL SECRETARY OVERSIGHT TEAM

PROPOSAL 10

That the Synod:

1. resolves that the General Secretary Oversight Team (mentioned in para 2.5 of the Report of the Synod Standing Committee presented to the 42nd Meeting of Synod) shall henceforth be an official Synod Oversight Committee; and
2. requests the Nominations Committee to include this Team in the annual program of election to Synod Committees and Commissions.

The proposal was **withdrawn** with the leave of the Synod.

16/2018 PRESBYTERY STANDING COMMITTEE

PROPOSAL 11

That the Synod:

1. acknowledges that the Presbytery or its Standing committee has the authority to determine its own staffing configuration, including termination, creation and re-shaping of current positions, provided that they do not exceed the total budget allocated to the Presbytery; and
2. agrees to enter into negotiation with the General Secretary to change his Position Description to make it clear that his role as CEO of the Uniting Church Centre no longer involves direct line management of Presbytery staff.

The proposal was **lost by agreement** of the Synod.

17/2018 AWARDS

Ecumenical and Inter Faith Award

The following presentation was on the afternoon of Saturday, 8 September 2018

The Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Award, an initiative of the Ecumenical Affairs Committee, was jointly awarded to Gateway Newdegate Uniting Church for its Ecumenical Christmas and 'Holland Track Inspiration Walk' events and St Peter & Emmaus Church for the 'Who is my Neighbour'? Interfaith Seminars.

18/2018 SERVICE OF TRIBUTE

A service of tribute for ministers of the word and deacons who have retired and passed was held on the Saturday afternoon at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Synod of WA. Members heard a short profile and shared thanks for each of their ministries.

Retirements

The Synod noted the following retirements:

Rev Alistair Melville and Rev Chas Lewis.

Deaths

The Synod noted the following deaths:

Rev Dr Les Brockway, Rev Lindsay Cartwright, Rev Bill Pickering, Rev Cedric Jacobs and Rev Dr Alan Stubbs.

18/2018 MOTIONS OF APPRECIATION

The following motions of appreciation were acknowledged.

SCHOOLS

1. **Presbyterian Ladies' College. (PLC)**

Andrew Johnson

Mr Johnson served as a member of the Parents' Committee for over three years and was appointed President and member of the PLC Council in October 2016 for the remainder of his term on the Parents' Committee. Mr Johnson achieved much during his term, working collaboratively with the Principal, the Committee Executive and the President of Parents@PLC. He was integral in preparing a framework for a review of the roles of our two parent bodies. We are grateful for Mr Johnson's leadership whilst retaining an empathic approach to the intricacies of restructuring representative committees and for the dedication of his time and expertise.

PLC Council is also grateful for Mr Johnson's contributions to the Parents' Committee, for the benefit of the PLC Community.

2. **Penrhos College**

Paul Owen

Paul Owen has been a member of the College Council for 10 years. From 2012 to 2018 he has held the position of Chair of Council. Paul has been an

outstanding Chair of Council. He has introduced a number of reforms to the practice of Council, most notably an external evaluation of the Council's operations, resulting in the implementation of the Council Self Evaluation Tool. He has overseen the College Renewal of Registration, with the College receiving the maximum five year period of re-registration on both occasions. Paul has also overseen the review and updating of the College Constitution.

Paul has maintained his level of involvement in all five Council Committees. He brings a wealth of experience to Governance, Finance and Risk, Business Development and Strategy, Infrastructure and Remuneration and Nomination Committees.

Paul is admired for his strong and fair leadership, his ability to cut to the core of an issue with absolute clarity, his ability to clearly distinguish between the role of Council and the role of management and his ability to deliver brilliant speeches at formal College events!

In leaving his role as Chair, Paul can do so with the knowledge that he will be remembered as a Chair of Council of great distinction in the history of Penrhos College.

Ian Harris

Ian Harris has been a member of the College Council for 10 years. As an architect, Ian has brought his expertise to the development of the College Masterplan and the capital works programs, including new builds and refurbishments. Ian has Chaired the Infrastructure Committee and has worked collaboratively with fellow Council members and College staff to maintain our buildings and facilities to an exceptionally high standard to be enjoyed by our students, staff, parents and more broadly into the community beyond. His commitment and loyalty to the College will be greatly missed.

3. Wesley College

David Parker

David Parker served as a member of the Wesley College Council from 2012 to 2018 and was the inaugural Chair of the College's Governance and Risk Committee. As Chair of one of the Council's standing committees, David was also member of the Council Executive Committee. Prior to this, David was a member of the College's Governance and Planning Committee.

David is an experienced and successful employment lawyer who has been working and studying in industrial relations for over 20 years.

David attended Wesley College, his son graduated from the College in 2015 and he currently has a son in year 10.

David's substantial legal experience has been of invaluable assistance to the College with respect to the management of its governance and risk obligations. Most notably David oversaw the review of the College's Constitution and was instrumental in the successful re-registration of the College for the maximum five-year period. David has also played an integral role in developing the College's policies and procedures.

The College has benefited greatly from David's expertise and commitment. The impact of his contribution will be felt for years to come and his dedication greatly missed.

CARING AGENCIES

4. Juniper

Vaughan Harding OAM

Vaughan Harding commenced as the Director of the Uniting Church Homes (UCH) Board in 1989 and provided leadership during the transition of the Church's aged care services into the single agency now trading as 'Juniper – a

Uniting Church community'. He was appointed as the inaugural Chief Executive of UCH in 1992, ably steered the organisation through many years of tumultuous change in the regulation of aged care on his retirement in August 2018, leaves behind a well-resourced, and well managed Uniting Church agency that serves many thousands of older Western Australians.

He is recognised as a leader and elder statesman across the Australian aged care sector and in 2012, he was chosen by his colleagues to become President of the national peak body, Aged and Community Services Australia. In that capacity, he successfully forged a truly national body from what was a federation of State associations.

He was also a driving force in supporting the Church when in 2014, the aged care programs operated by Frontier Services in northern Australia were devolved to Synod agencies and Juniper assumed responsibility for services in the Kimberley.

We give thanks for Vaughan's passionate commitment to the aged care sector and recognise his faithful contribution to the Uniting Church Western Australia through Juniper, and to the wider Uniting Church through UnitingCare Australia. Indeed, Vaughan leaves behind a legacy, which is testimony to his life's work.

5. UnitingCare Forum

Vaughan Harding OAM

The Forum acknowledges Vaughan Harding OAM and his contribution over the past 29 years to Juniper as its CEO and his leadership and support for the UnitingCare Forum.

6. Synod Commissions and Committees

Graham Reynolds – Resources Commission

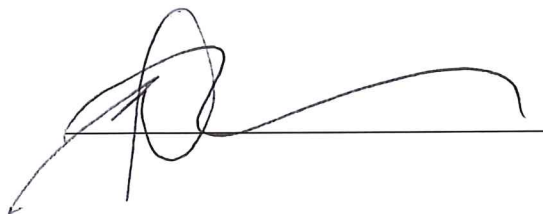
Bob Kranberger – Resources Commission

David Blyth – Business and Financial Services Committee

19/2018 CLOSE OF MEETING

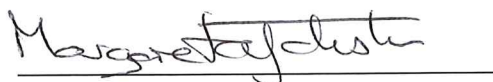
The Moderator thanked everyone for attending the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia. Rev Alan Jeffrey closed the meeting with the blessing, finishing at 3.30pm on Sunday 9 September 2018.

Rev David de Kock
General Secretary

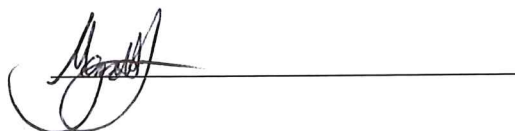


Rev Bev Fabb

Margaret Johnston



Maggie Johns



MEMBERSHIP OF SYNOD SEPTEMBER 2018

Roll of Synod

As at 30 August 2018

A. VOTING MEMBERS

Ex-officio members

Per Reg 3.3.7 (a)(i)

President Dr Deidre Palmer
General Secretary Colleen Geyer

Per Reg 3.3.7 (a)(ii)

Past Moderator: Rev Ken Williams
Moderator: Rev Steve Francis
Secretary of Synod: Rev David de Kock

Appointed by the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (By Law 2.1.2)

Len Yarran
Cheryl Lawson

Appointed by Schools (Reg 3.3.7 (a) (v) & By Law 2.1.2)

St Stephens School – Kevin Smout, Michael Lynn
Methodist Ladies College –
Penrhos Ladies College –
Presbyterian Ladies College -
Wesley College – David Gee – Principal
Scotch College –
Trinity Residential College -
Tranby College –

Appointed by Agencies (Reg 3.3.7 (a) (v) & By Law 2.1.2)

UnitingCare West –
Good Samaritan Industries – Anne Roberts
Juniper – John Jeffries
Beanang Kwuurt Institute – Keith Truscott,

Candidates for Ministry (Reg 3.3.7 (a) (vi))

Sione Leaaetoa
Mitchell Garlett

Appointed by Presbytery of Western Australia Per Reg 3.3.7 (a) (iii)

Ministerial Members

1. Rev Emmanuel Audisho	2. Rev John McKane
3. Rev Dr Dianne Bertolino	4. Rev Andrew Morris
5. Rev Andrew Broadbent	6. Rev Dr Herman Nienaber
7. Rev Ivan Clark	8. Rev Jae Beom Park
9. Rev Craig Collas	10. Rev Nalin Perera
11. Rev Narelle Collas	12. Rev Claire Pickering
13. Rev Lesley deGrussa	14. Rev Elizabeth Raine
15. Rev Ken Devereux	16. Rev Dr Sonny Rajamoney
17. Rev John Dihm	18. Rev Greg Ross

19. Rev Bev Fabb	20. Rev Judy Sanderson
21. Rev Mitch Fialkowski	22. Rev Dr John Squires
23. Rev Kim Francis	24. Rev Lorraine Stokes
25. Rev Caroline Gepp	26. Rev Dr Ian Tozer
27. Rev Hannes Halgryn	28. Rev David Tressler
29. Rev Michael Hertz	30. Rev Margaret Tyrer
31. Rev Mark Illingworth	32. Rev Corina van Oostende
33. Rev Alan Jeffrey	34. Rev Stephen van Schalkwyk
35. Rev Toby Keva	36. Rev Ruth Vertigan
37. Rev David Kriel	38. Rev Justine Wall
39. Rev Stephen Larkin	40. Rev Trevor Waters
41. Rev Chas Lewis	42. Rev Luke Williams
43. Rev Sophia Lizares	44. Rev Hollis Wilson
45. Rev John Marshall	46. Rev Marie Wilson
47. Rev Emma Matthews	48. Rev Dr Anne Wright
49. Rev Anne McAndrew	50. Rev Robert Jetta
51. Rev Alison Gilchrist	
Per Reg 3.3.7 (a) (iv)	
Lay Members:	
1. Daniel Aiafi	2. Kay Lockley
3. Neville Blesing	4. Alison McCubbin
5. John Boon	6. Janine McDonald (First Aider)
7. Elizabeth Burns	8. Alana Moorman
9. Eva Cole	10. Peter Ogden
11. Ps Pamela Crass	12. Paul Olney
13. Reuben Edmonds	14. Ps Jon Paschke
15. Kalo Fotu	16. Louise Powell
17. Uto Fotu	18. Peter Rankine
19. Shirley Francis	20. Claudette Rickman
21. Dr Bob French	22. Julie Ridden
23. Marg Garrett	24. Mary Riley
25. Ps Kristin Grainger	26. Ps Karen Sloan
27. David Gray	28. Gordon Smith
29. Geoff Halpin	30. Tom Stokes
31. Heather Hamblin	32. Susy Thomas
33. Ann Hammer	34. Rhondda Tilbrook
35. Cameron Harries	36. Ps John Tomkins
37. Jonathon Haslam	38. Yuko Tonai-Moore
39. Steve Higgins	40. John van den Berg
41. Alan Hortin	42. Neville Van Wyk
43. Bob Hunt	44. Ann-Britt Wasley
45. Judy Ives	46. Graham Wasley
47. Margaret Johnston	48. Glenys White
49. Joy Jones	50. David Williams
51. Kirt Kirstingham	52. Travis Windsor
53. Valda Knott	54. Elizabeth Woods
55. Wallace Knott	56. Alison Xamon
57. Eileen Law	58. Marie Yuncken
59. Anne Lewis	60. Marilyn Price

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Property Trust	Lewis Bond
Legal Reference Committee	Alison Xamon
Nominating Committee	Margaret Martin
Disaster Relief	Rev David Jackson
Ecumenical Affairs	Dorothy Carey
Resources Commission	Chris Walker
UC Adult Fellowship	Helen McMillan
Uniting World WA	Elaine Ledgerwood
Committee for Counselling	Rev Harry Lucas
Hope Community Services	Ian Passmore
Business Committee	Maggie Johns
Royal Commission Task Group	Robert Watson
Royal Commission Task Group	Sue Thomas
Church Law	Bruce Wilson

B. NON-VOTING PARTICIPANTS

1. Guests from overseas churches

Rev Andrikus Mofu – Moderator, GKI-TP
Rev Daniel Josef Kaigere – Secretary, GKI-TP

2. Guests from Australian churches and church bodies

Stanley Jeyaraj - YouthCARE
Rev Sharon Hollis -Moderator of the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania,
President-Elect

3. Associated with Synod:

Persons who will assist in resourcing the Synod:

- (a) for the whole of the Synod:
 - Amanda Badenhorst (Registrations & General, Fire Warden)
 - Maree Kemp (Nominations)
 - Justine Woodward (Minutes)
 - Elsa Samuel (Media)
 - Heather Dowling (Revive)
 - Cindy Gorton (Screen Control)

- (b) for specific business of the Synod:
 - Robert Locke (Resources Commission, Budget)
 - Michael Patchell (Resources Commission, Budget)
 - Graham Reynolds (Resources Commission, Budget)
 - James Millar (Trinity College – Schools & Colleges Report)
 - Clayton Massey (Tranby College – Schools & Colleges Report)
 - Geoff Bice (Social Justice Commission, Uniting World WA)