

# **The Uniting Church in Australia**

## **Western Australia**



### **The Minutes of The Bi-Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of WA**

**11 May 2013**

***“Without God, we can’t. Without us, God won’t.”***

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

The business sessions of the meeting were conducted at Mount Pleasant Uniting Church on Saturday 11 May 2013.

## **PART 1 – OPENING REMARKS**

The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Mount Pleasant Uniting Church congregation for their hospitality and for hosting the meeting.

The Moderator welcomed Rev Mitch Fialkowski, Rev John Marshall and Rev Nalin Perera as new ministers to the Presbytery. He also welcomed new members of Presbytery.

The Moderator acknowledged the prior custodians of the land with respect to the elders.

## **PART 2 – WORSHIP**

Opening worship was led by Rev Trevor Waters and members of the Mount Pleasant congregation. Gail Cresswell led a thanksgiving prayer prior to lunch. Rev David Tressler closed the meeting with a devotion incorporating inspirational images which members were able to reflect upon.

## **PART 3 – PRESENTATIONS**

### **Royal Commission**

Rev Allan Thompson and Rev Isobelle Shortreed's presentation highlighted to the Presbytery the importance of engaging with the Assembly and Synod's Task Groups for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Rev Isobelle Shortreed, the Chairperson of the WA Synod Task Group introduced the task group members: Dr Alec O'Connell, Rev Gary van Heerden, Robert Watson, Rev Dr Ian Tozer and Sheena Hesse. Rev Allan Thompson, Executive Officer of the Assembly Task Group shared the commitment of the Uniting Church to work openly and transparently with the Royal Commission. Allan encouraged members to pursue any questions or concerns with Isobelle, the General Secretary or the Moderator. An undertaking was given to circulate information to all councils.

### **Moderatorial Nominating Committee**

Rev Ken Williams, Chair of the Moderatorial Nominating Committee presented the report from the committee. Presbytery members were encouraged to enter a season of prayer and discernment as the church engages in the process of electing a new Moderator. The closing date for nominations is 28 June 2013.

## **PART 4 – DISCUSSIONS**

### **'Life in the local congregations' Session**

Dr Elaine Ledgerwood and Rev David Kriel led a session which looked at how the Synod and Presbytery can better support congregations. Members split into groups to brainstorm ideas for solutions in the key areas of:

- communication between Presbytery / Synod and congregations
- connection with the wider church and fellowship
- pastoral care for those in leadership
- ideas sharing, support and training.

Each group provided verbal feedback of key points to the whole meeting. A summary of the responses will be distributed in July. Further feedback and a plan of action will be provided at the Synod/ Presbytery meeting in September 2013.

## **PART 5 – REPORTS**

The General Secretary verbally presented the Business Committee report including details on housekeeping matters.

Reports were received from:

- General Council (*Document 1*)
- Candidates for the Ministries Commission (*Document 2*)
- Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (*Document 3*)
- Congregational Community Services Commission (*Document 4*)
- First Third Working Group (*Document 5*)
- Ministerial Benefits Committee (*Document 6*)
- Multicultural Ministry Network (*Document 7*)
- Nominating Committee (*Document 8*)
- Pastoral Relations and Placements Commission (*Document 9*)

- Pastoral Network of Evangelicals Uniting in Mission Action (Document 10)
- Rural Ministry Working Group (Document 11)
- Strategy and Mission Planning Commission (Document 12)
- Uniting Church Adult Fellowship (Document 13)
- Uniting Church Mission Fellowship (Document 14)
- Moderatorial Nominating Committee (Document 15)

**01/2013**    *The Presbytery agreed by consensus to receive the reports. (Documents 1 – 15).*

## **PART 6 – BUSINESS SESSION**

### **Business Committee (Proposal 1)**

**02/2013**    *The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus to:*

- 1. appoint the Moderator, General Secretary, Sophie Lizares Bodegon, Judy Ives and Rhondda Tilbrook to be responsible for the confirmation of the Presbytery minutes;*
- 2. appoint Margaret Martin, Ian Passmore and Tom Stokes as scrutineers; and*
- 3. associate John Boon for the May Presbytery meeting in the role of Chaplain to the Moderator noting that this role does not include participation in deliberation and decisions of the Presbytery.*

### **Pastoral Relations and Placement Commission (Proposal 2)**

*Extension of Rev Caroline Gepp's placement. The information and deliberative sessions were closed sessions.*

**03/2013**    *The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by secret ballot to:*

- 1. agree that the 0.5FTE placement of Rev Caroline Gepp with the Willetton congregation be extended to 30 June 2014, if no other call is accepted prior to that date.*

### **Pastoral Relations and Placement Commission (Proposal 3)**

*Extension of Rev Dennis Doust's placement. The information and deliberative sessions were closed sessions.*

**04/2013**    *The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by secret ballot to:*

- 1. agree to the extension of the placement of Rev Dennis Doust with the Beldon / Iluka congregation so that the placement concludes on 28 February 2016, if no other call is accepted prior to that date.*

### **Candidates for the Ministries Commission (Proposal 5)**

*Recognition of Audrey Francis as a Lay Preacher.*

*Audrey shared with members about her faith journey and background prior to the decision being made.*

**05/2013**    *The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus and acclamation to:*

- 1. recognise Audrey Francis as a Lay Preacher.*

### **First Third Working Group (Proposal 6)**

*Minute of Appreciation for Revs Jeff and Denise Savage*

**06/2013**    *The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus and acclamation to:*

- 1. record its appreciation of the work of Rev Jeff Savage and Rev Denise Savage. Jeff and Denise moved to WA from Queensland and were placed into a Presbytery Placement in the newly created North Metro Node First Third placement in January 2009. Denise resigned in January 2013 and Jeff resigned on the 30 April 2013. The Presbytery records its grateful thanks to Jeff and Denise Savage for taking up the challenge of moving to WA to be part of a new and challenging First Third initiative. Jeff and Denise were the first specialists appointed to a cluster of congregations and have helped the First Third working group and colleagues learn a great deal about how to implement this Presbytery strategy. The Presbytery wishes them well in their future endeavours.*

## **Pastoral Relations and Placement Commission (Proposal 7)**

*Dianella Uniting Church*

**07/2013**    *The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus:*

- 1. at the request of the Pastoral Relations and Placements Commission following a request from the congregation, that the Dianella congregation be dissolved under Regulation 3.4.3(b) on a date to be determined in consultation with the General Council because they can no longer fulfil the functions of a congregation under Regulation 3.1.1;*
- 2. to give thanks with deep gratitude for the faithful worship, mission and service of the people of Dianella Congregation, especially for the willing commitment given in service through Uniting Aid; and*
- 3. the General Council be authorised to approve details as per Regulation 3.4.3(d):*
  - (i) that each member and adherent of the Congregation is transferred to a roll of another Congregation;*
  - (ii) that all rolls and other records of the Congregation are placed in the custody of an appropriate officer of the Church;*
  - (iii) that in each case proper arrangements are made to deal with any property affected;*
  - (iv) that consideration be given to the future of Uniting Aid. General Council, upon receiving all the required information from the Congregational Community Services Commission and relevant bodies, determine the outcome of this mission; and*
  - (v) that the matter is reported to the next meeting of the Synod.*

## **PRESBYTERY PROPOSALS NOT RELATED TO ANY REPORTS**

**Covenanting Commission (Proposal 4)**

**08/2013**    *The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus and acclamation to:*

- 1. thank Rev Dr Alison Longworth for her significant contribution to the Covenanting Commission, specifically as Chairperson from 2006 to 2012.*

**Liturgy Committee (Proposal 8)**

**09/2013**    *The Presbytery of Western Australia resolved by agreement to:*

- 1. re-form a Liturgy Committee for the purpose of preparing and/or facilitating worship services hosted by the Presbytery.*

## **NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Synod/Presbytery meeting will be held 13 – 15 September 2013 at Notre Dame University.

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Presbytery farewelled Rev Chris Crause expressing appreciation for his significant contribution to the Presbytery of WA and wished him well for his move to Queensland and future ministry.

The Moderator extended his thanks to the Mount Pleasant Uniting Church congregation for their effort and hospitality and to staff and volunteers who assisted with the smooth running of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm with a prayer led by the Moderator.

## MEMBERSHIP OF PRESBYTERY MAY 2013

<b>MODERATOR</b>	Rev Ron Larkin	Attended
<b>EX MODERATOR</b>	Rev Ken Williams	Attended
<b>GENERAL SECRETARY</b>	Kay Dowling	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 Dean Clark	Attended
	Rev Raymond Clee	Attended
	Rev Craig Collas	Apology
	Rev Chris Crause	Attended
	Rev Izak Cronje	Attended
	Rev Karyl Davison	Attended
	Rev David de Kock	Apology
	Rev Lesley de Grussa-Macaulay	Apology
	Rev Ken Devereux	Apology
	Rev Dennis Doust	Attended
	Rev Don Dowling	Apology
	Rev Robert Dummermuth	Apology
	Rev Bronwyn Elvery	Apology
	Rev Michael Fawcett	Attended
	Rev Mitch Fialkowski	Apology
	Rev Stephen Francis	Attended
	Rev Sealin Garlett	Attended
	Rev Caroline Gepp	Attended
	Rev Jenifer Goring (Anglican)	Attended
	Rev Norman Grandin	Apology
	Rev Francis Hadfield	Attended
	Rev Peter Harvey	Attended
	Rev Geoff Hurst	Apology
	Rev Mark Illingworth	Attended
	Rev Alan Jeffrey	Attended
	Rev Dr Alexander Jensen	Attended
	Rev Toby Keva	Attended
	Rev David Kriel	Attended
	Rev Cathie Lambert	Apology
	Rev Vivien Larkin	Attended
	Rev Chas Lewis	Attended
	Rev Dr Geoffrey Lilburne	Attended

	Rev Dr Alison Longworth	Apology
	Rev Rodney Marsh	Apology
	Rev John Marshall	Attended
	Rev Emma Matthews	Attended
	Rev Anne McAndrew	Attended
	Rev Eric McAndrew	Apology
	Rev Pearl McGill	Apology
	Rev Alistair Melville	Attended
	Rev Andrew Morris	Apology
	Rev Ian Pearse	Attended
	Rev Nalin Perera	Attended
	Rev Bill Pickering	Attended
	Rev Brenton Prigge	Apology
	Rev Dr Sonny Rajamoney	Apology
	Rev Dr Ian Robinson	Attended
	Rev Greg Ross	Attended
	Rev Denise Savage	Apology
	Rev Jeff Savage	Attended
	Rev Gordon Scantlebury	Attended
	Rev Isobelle Shortreed	Attended
	Rev Lorraine Stokes	Attended
	Rev Brian Thorpe	Apology
	Rev Dr Ian Tozer	Apology
	Rev David Tressler	Attended
	Rev Margaret Tyrer	Attended
	Rev Gary van Heerden	Apology
	Rev Ruth Vertigan	Attended
	Rev Allan Ward	Attended
	Rev Trevor Waters	Attended
	Rev John Whaley	Apology
	Rev Luke Williams	Apology
	Rev Anne Wright	Apology
<b>MINISTERS AWAITING PLACEMENT</b> (Co-opted as members under Rule 3.1.2)	Rev Mary Lindsay	Did not attend
<b>PASTORS</b> (in approved ministry locations)	Sam Dinah	Apology
	Robert Jetta *	Did not attend
	Dr Elaine Ledgerwood	Attended
	Paul Montague	Attended
	Jessica Morthorpe	Attended
	Karen Sloan	Apology
	John Tomkins	Attended
	Justine Wall	Apology
<b>YOUTH WORKERS</b>	Doug McGhee	Did not attend
	Rick Morrell	Apology

<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>	Shelby Robison	Apology
	Sophie Bodegon	Attended
<b>CONGREGATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES</b>		
<b>ALBANY REGION</b>		
Denmark	Judy Ives	Attended
Lockyer	Alan Hortin	Apology
Plantagenet	David Gray	Attended
Scots		
Wesley	Lesley Whittle	Apology
Alternate	Elizabeth Burns	Attended
APPLECROSS	Cassy Kirtisingham	Attended
ARMADALE	Raymond Chu	Attended
AUGUSTA/MARGARET RIVER	Gail Cresswell	Attended
BELDON	Lyn McLachlan	Attended
<b>BETH SHALOM</b>		
Rep 1	Kalo Fotu	Attended
Rep 2	John Silia Palelei	Attending
BICTON	Kay Lockley	Attended
BILLABONG	Frances David	Attended
<b>BUSSELTON</b>		
Bryant Memorial	Laurie Morrell	Attended
Capel	Vera Regan	Attended
BYFORD	Evan Maltby	Apology
Alternate	Doug Burtenshaw	Attended
CANNINGTON	Helen Humphrey	Apology
<b>CARNARVON</b>		
CARRAMAR	Glen Banks	Did not attend
<b>CENTRAL SOUTH EASTERN REGION</b>		
Ongerup	Margaret Jones	Apology
Newdegate	Cathie Kelly	Apology
Kukerin	Kay Lee	Did not attend
Hopetoun		
<b>CENTRAL SOUTH CLUSTER</b>		
Kulin, Hyden, Kondinin		
<b>CENTRAL WHEATBELT</b>	Wally Knott	Apology
Kellerberrin, Trayning, Tammin, Bencubbin	Alan Cole	Did not attend
CLAREMONT	Ann Hammer	Attended
<b>COMO-MANNING</b>		

COTTESLOE-SWANBOURNE	Helen Bloomfield	Attended
DALWALLINU	Barbara Dinnie	Attended
DONGARA	Isabelle Hepworth	Apology
DOWERIN	Robert Furey	Attended
EAST AVON		
Cunderdin		
Quairading	Arthur West	Did not attend
EASTERN WHEATBELT		
Merredin	Robert French	Apology
Bruce Rock	Heather Hutton	Apology
Mukinbudin	Gordon Jones	Did not attend
ESPERANCE	Ann Reid	Did not attend
FOREST LAKES	Jon Haslam	Did not attend
FLOREAT		
Rep 1	Marie Yuncken	Attended
Rep 2	Rhondda Tilbrook	Attended
FOOTHILLS (St Martin's Forrestfield)	Robert Watson	Attended
FREMANTLE	Jennifer Clee	Attended
GERALDTON	Rob White	Apology
GINGIN	Marian Crew	Did not attend
GKI MOSMAN PARK		
Rep 1	Ari Supomo	Apology
Rep 2	Alvin Gunawan	Attended
Alternate	Vivien Lee	Attended
GLEN FORREST	Alan Puzey	Attended
GUILDFORD	Jim Boyd	Did not attend
KALAMUNDA		
Rep 1	Ron Coster	Did not attend
Rep 2	Ian McDonald	Attended
KALGOORLIE-BOULDER	Max Schibrowski	Apology
KARDINYA	Rob Gregory	Apology
KATANNING & DISTRICTS		
Katanning, Kojonup, Tambellup	Malcolm Watson	Attended
KOREAN	Gun Seo Park	Did not attend
LEEMING	Beryl Cooper	Attended
MAAMAN 'O' MIYA	Alan Calyan	Apology
MANDURAH	Glenys Clark	Apology
Alternate	Coral Richards	Attended
MAYLANDS/MT LAWLEY	Jenny Cronje	Attended
MEEKATHARRA		
MELVILLE	Margaret Martin	Attended



MOORA	Sid Bell	Apology
Moora, Badgingarra, Bindi Bindi, Watheroo	Lila Westbrook	Did not attend
	Jonathan Nelson	Apology
MT PLEASANT		
Rep 1	Ralph Moore	Apology
Rep 2	Lyn Hobbs	Attended
MT HAWTHORN EMMAUS	Paul Olney	Attended
MUNDARING	Helen Creagh	Apology
NARROGIN		
Narrogin/Cuballing/Wickepin/Yealering	Heather Dickens	Apology
	Janice Cornish	Attended
	Winston Dunwell	Apology
NEDLANDS		
Rep 1	Rhod Wright	Did not attend
Rep 2	Margaret Donovan	Attended
NORANDA		
Rep 1	Helen McMillan	Attended
Rep 2	Helen Simcock	Attended
NORTH MIDLANDS SHARED MINISTRY		
Carnamah, Coorow, Eneabba, Three Springs	Hazel Bothe	Did not attend
NORTHAM	Colin Easter	Attended
OSBORNE PARK		
PINJARRA		
Rep 1 (as Ministry Team Leader)	Kerrie Birch	Attended
Rep 2	Gillian Muir	Attended
PORT HEDLAND	Bev Johnson	Did not attend
ROCKINGHAM	Lex Barker	Attended
ROWETHORPE	Brian Gates	Apology
SCARBOROUGH	Elizabeth Woods	Attended
SOUTH MANDURAH	David Williams	Apology
SOUTH PERTH	Gillian Harris	Attended
Alternate	Kevin Trent	Did not attend
SPEARWOOD	Graeme Cake	Attended
ST ANDREWS PERTH	Brenda Buchanan	Attended
SWAN VIEW	Alison Wilson	Did not attend
TOODYAY	Sheena Hesse	Attended
TRINITY NORTH		
Carine, Duncraig, Greenwood	Jordan Gibbs	Did not attend
UNITING CHURCH IN THE CITY		
Wesley, Trinity, Ross Memorial	Gay Eivers	Attended
	Heila Visagie	Apology
	TK Mun	Apology


VICTORIA PARK & DISTRICTS	Wendy Hendry	Attended
WAGIN & DISTRICTS	Ann-Britt Wasley	Apology
Collanilling/Darkan/Dumbleyung/Duranillin	Graham Wasley	Apology
WANNEROO CROSSWAYS	Jean Squibb	Apology
WAROONA	Robert Jetta *	Did not attend
WARREN-BLACKWOOD		
Bridgetown, Manjimup, Boyup Brook, Pemberton, Northcliffe, Greenbushes	Lyn Linz	Attended
	Kristin Grainger	Apology
	Glenys Imrie	Apology
	Norma Shepherdson	Apology
	Warwick Backhouse	Did not attend
	Yuko Tonai Moore	Attended
WELLINGTON REGIONAL MISSION	Glenys White	Apology
Bunbury, Collie, Donnybrook, Harvey, Waterloo	Alison Meachem	Apology
	Greg Meachem	Apology
WEMBLEY DOWNS	Jenni Berg	Attended
WEMBLEY	Shirley Kohn	Attended
WILLETTON	Kim Bennewith	Attended
WONGAN HILLS/GOOMALLING		
YORK	Janet Casey	Apology
<b>CO-OPTED MINISTERS</b>	Rev Gemmel Sherwood	Attended
	Rev Dr Alan Stubbs	Attended
	Rev Hollis Wilson	Attended
	Rev Marie Wilson	Attended
	Rev Tom Wilson	Attended
<b>CO-OPTED LAY MEMBERS</b>	David Beasland	Attended
	Dr John Blackwell	Attended
	Diane Boon	Attended
	Jill Clements	Attended
	Geoff Ebell	Attended
	Rosemary Hudson Miller	Attended
	Clare Ligtermoet	Attended
	Ian Passmore	Attended
	Thomas Stokes	Attended
	Dianne Ward	Attended
	Bruce Wilson	Attended
<b>CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRIES</b>		
Rep 1	Andrew Broadbent	Apology
Rep 2	Corina van Oostende	Attended
Alternate	Judy Sanderson	Attended
<b>FIRST THIRD</b>		

<b>UC ADULT FELLOWSHIP</b>		
Rep 1	Aladina Foster	Attending
Rep 2	Anne Holland	Apology
<b>YOUTHFUL MEMBERS</b>		
Rep 1	Eliesa Tuipulotu	Did not attend
Rep 2	Moi Kaufononga	Did not attend
Rep 3	Togi	Did not attend
Rep 4	Sitita Fitita	Did not attend
<b>UAICC</b>		
Rep 1	Marilyn Garlett	Attended
Rep 2	Milton Wynne	Did not attend
<b>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</b> (in attendance)		
	Rev Ray Foster	Attended
	Rev Alan Matthews	Attended
<b>VISITORS</b>		
	Mark Cabay	Attended
	Alan Gronow	Attended
	Ted Johnston	Attended
	Gordon Smith	Attended
	Tony Solomons	Attended
	Alan Thompson	Attended
	Neil Warne	Attended

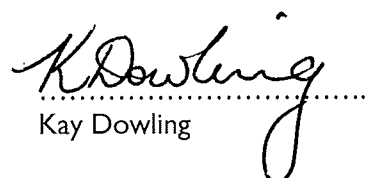
\* Robert Jetta is Pastor and also the Waroona Representative.

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE CHECKED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA HELD 11 MAY 2013 AT MOUNT PLEASANT UNITING CHURCH

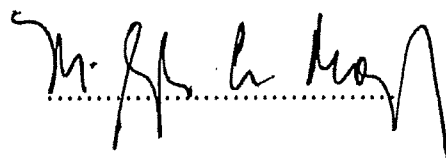
Moderator

  
Rev Ron Larkin

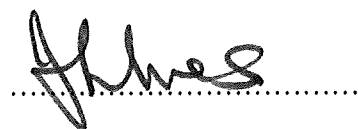
General Secretary

  
Kay Dowling

Sophie Lizares Bodegon



Judy Ives



Rhondra Tilbrook

