

The Uniting Church in Australia Western Australia



The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of WA Held at Billabong Uniting Church, Canning Vale WA on 9 February 2019

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

On Saturday, 9 February 2019 the Presbytery of Western Australia met for an Ordinary Meeting.

Out of the membership totalling 177 member of Presbytery, one hundred and fifteen (115) ministerial and lay members attended of whom six (6) attended via Zoom video link. Fifty Seven (57) apologies were submitted and five (5) Members who had indicated that they would be attending the meeting, were recorded as absent. (*Full Attendance Report attached*)

HOUSEKEEPING

At 9:05am the Chairperson (the Rev. Lorraine Stokes) welcomed the Members to the meeting, after which she invited Rev. Luke Williams to do the housekeeping arrangements for the day.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

After the welcoming Mr. Mitchell Garlett welcomed Presbytery to Country, followed by a Smoking Ceremony (explained Ms. Cheryl Lawson), in which Presbytery was invited to participate outside the venue.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Hannes Halgryn presented the proposal of the Business Committee.

Proposal 1

That the Presbytery:

- *Adopt the Order of Business*
- *Co-opt Geoff Ebell as Acting Chairperson of Pastoral Relations Committee for the whole Presbytery Meeting*
- *Associate Cindy Gorton with the meeting for the Assembly Access and Welcome Presentation.*
- *Appoint Rev. Mark Illingworth and Alison McCubbin as Scrutineers.*
- *Appoint Rev. Sophie Lizares and Rev. Ken Devereux as Presbytery Chaplains.*
- *Note that the Presbytery Standing Committee will be responsible for the confirmation of the minutes.*

This was **approved by consensus**.

OPENING WORSHIP

At 9:20am Opening Worship was led by the Billabong Uniting Church Worship Team, Rev. Luke Williams and Mr. Cameron Harries. The opening message reflected on humility, based upon the example of Christ as portrait in Philippians 2.

TABEL DISCUSSIONS (Mission and the Basis of Union)

At 9:48am the Chairperson invited SMPC convener (Rev. Greg Ross) the lead a table discussions on Mission and the Basis of Union in a post Christian environment. Looking at the current statistics for the Church can easily be very depressing and overwhelming, but the statistics also poses a number of positive challenges, as we are also living in a society where there are an increasing interest in spirituality.

Aspect of the Bases of Union that were given special focus during the discussions were Paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 18.

MORNING TEA

At 10:30am Presbytery broke for Morning Tea.

Presbytery reconvened at 10:58am.

CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS

At 11:00am the Chair pronounced the nominations for Chair as closed.

TABEL DISCUSSIONS (Continues)

The Table discussions resumed.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Two nominations were received. Rev. Ivan Clark and Mr. Robert (Bob) Hunt. Profiles were distributed and read out loud by the Secretary after which the Presbytery voted by closed ballot.

MIC MINUTE

LUNCH

At 1:04pm the Rev. Dr. Herman Nienaber said grace and Presbytery broke for Lunch.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:15 pm.

CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson made the following announcements:

- Nominations for membership of the Synod's Moderatorial Nominating Committee should be sent to the Secretary of Synod as soon as possible.
- Mr. Bob Hunt had been elected as Presbytery Chair for two years.

The Chairperson thanked Rev. Ivan Clark for making himself available to be nominated and continued to congratulate Mr. Hunt on his election and prayed for him in his newly elected position of Chair of Presbytery

ACCESS AND WELCOME

Cindy Gorton addressed the meeting on behalf of Assembly on the matter of making our Churches more accessible and safe to those living with disabilities.

Emphasis was placed on:

- Growing an awareness and understanding the this particular topic
- Communicating with the disabled
- Action Plans and the implementation thereof

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer (Ps. Marilyn Price) presented the report of the Treasurer and then moved: "Presbytery receives". This was **approved by consensus**.

*Presbytery **resolved by consensus to request** the Treasurer to make available on the Presbytery's Website the information about the various Trust Funds and the mechanisms through which they can be accessed.*

Ps. Marilyn Price then continues to move the following Proposals:

Proposal 3

Presbytery adopt the 2019 Presbytery Budget as presented to this meeting.

This was **approved by consensus**.

Proposal 4

Proposal 4 was amended during deliberations to read:

Presbytery request the Synod to approve the introduction of a new principle that, in future, any year-end Presbytery funds surplus to Presbytery Consolidated Budget be retained by the Presbytery, in a Trust Fund, earmarked for future use of the Presbytery, with effect from 1 January, 2019.

This was **approved by consensus** as amended.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Rev. Hannes Halgryn presented the report of the Standing Committee and then moved: "*Presbytery receives the report*". This was **approved by consensus**.

Rev. Hannes Halgryn moved the following Proposal:

Proposal 2

Presbytery agree to leave the member position on the Presbytery Standing Committee vacant which was created by the resignation of Mrs. Kalo Fotu until the annual elections in May 2019.

This was **approved by consensus**.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Co-opted Convenor (Mr. Geoff Ebell) presented the report of the Pastoral Relations Committee and then moved: "*Presbytery receives the report as amended*". This was **approved by consensus**.

*The Presbytery **resolved by consensus to endorse the request** from Rev. Bev Fabb that the Pastoral Relations Committee is to look at presenting a different style of report that contains more detail on the wellbeing of the Presbytery, Congregations and Ministers.*

Strategy and Mission Planning Committee

The Convenor (Rev. Greg Ross) presented the report of the Strategy and Mission Planning Committee and then moved: *"Presbytery receives the report as amended"*. This was **approved by consensus**.

Presbytery noted that:

1. *SMPC is in the process of working on establishing new streamlined model for committee structures that can more nimbly respond to the current and emerging missional needs of the church in Western Australia as follows:*

- (a) Presbytery Standing Committee (as per Reg 3.7.2 a (i))*
- (b) Pastoral Relations Committee (as per Reg 3.7.2 a (ii))*
- (c) Enabling Missional Ministry (as per Reg 3.7.2 a (iii) and Reg 4.3.1) – a new name to be proposed.*
- (d) Equipping Missional Ministry (Lay and Ordained) formerly CEDAL (as per Reg 3.7.4.3) a new name to be proposed*

2. *permission to enact these 4 Committees of the Presbytery will be sought at the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery to be held in May 2019*

3. *Rev. John McKane, Rev. Lorraine Stokes, Mrs. Yvonne Robinson, Rev. Bev Fabb, Rev. Greg Ross and Rev. Narelle Collas were appointed to a team to ensure that Rules are prepared for Church Law Committee in good time for presentation to the Annual Meeting of Presbytery to be held in May 2019.*

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Frequency of Presbytery Meetings

Presbytery received a proposal brought by Ms. Alison McCubbin as Proposer and Ms. Marie Yunken as Second.

Proposal 5

That the UCA WA Presbytery have three rather than four meetings each year, stating 2019.

The matter was **deferred** to the May Meeting.

2. Change of Date for the May Presbytery Meeting

Presbytery also received a Proposal from the Secretary (Rev. Hannes Halgryn) and the Chair (Rev. Lorraine Stokes) as Second.

Proposal 6

That the May 2019 Presbytery Meeting be rescheduled from the 4th of May to the 18th May 2019 due to the fact that the newly elected Chair of Presbytery will not be available on the 4th of May 2019.

This was **approved by consensus**.

3. Nominations received for the Moderatorial Nominating Committee

The following nominations were received:

- Rev. Ken Devereux
- Rev. Anne McAndrew
- Ms. Alison McCubbin
- Mr. Trevor Thomas
- Hanamoa Vaitogi

THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

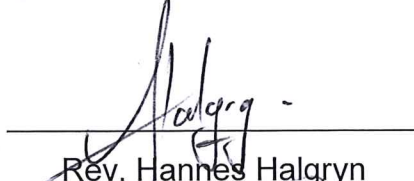
The Secretary (Rev. Hannes Halgryn) thanked and acknowledged all those persons who had contributed to the smooth running of the meeting.

CLOSING DEVOTION

Rev. Lesley deGrussa lead the closing devotion after which the Chair Rev. Lorraine Stokes closed the Meeting at 3:54pm.

WE CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE CHECKED THE MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2019 AT BILLABONG UNITING CHURCH AND CONFIRM THAT IT IS A TRUE REFLECTION OF THE EVENT.

Secretary of Presbytery


Rev. Hannes Halgryn

Chairperson of Presbytery


Rev. Lorraine Stokes

ORDINARY PRESBYTERY MEETING - 9 FEBRUARY 2019 - ATTENDANCE LIST

Title	First name	Last name	Congregation/Parish	Attended / Apology
Rev	Mervyn	Anderson	Maaman O Mia	Attended
Rev Dr	Emmanuel	Audisho	Staff	Absent
	Charles	Babalola	Willetton	Apology
	Amanda	Badenhorst	Staff	Attended
	Anna	Bandiera	Billabong Uniting Church	Apology
	Ann	Barnes	Northam Uniting Church	Attended
Rev Dr	Dianne	Bertolino	Sir Charles Gairdner Hosp	Apology
	Alan	Blackburn	Kalamunda	Attended
	John	Boon	Willetton	Attended
Rev	Andrew	Broadbent	Busselton	Apology
	Christine	Bundell	Nedlands	Attended
	Chelsie	Bunter	Geraldton Lighthouse	Apology
	Elizabeth	Burns	Albany Wesley	Attended via Zoom
	Doug	Burtenshaw	Byford	Apology
	Penny	Busby	Trinity North	Apology
	Anne	Calverley	Beldon-Iluka	Attended
	Ivan	Clark	Noranda	Attended
Rev	Raymond	Clee	St Peter Emmaus	Attended
	Jill	Clements	Dongara	Apology
	Eva	Cole	Central Wheatbelt	Apology
Rev	Narelle	Collas	Carramar	Attended
Rev	Craig	Collas	UCIC Wesley	Apology
Pastor	Pamela	Crass	Busselton	Attended via Zoom
	Anne	Crook	Glen Forest	Apology
Rev	David	de Kock	Staff	Attended
Rev	Lesley	deGrussa	Beldon-Iluka	Attended
Rev	Ken	Devereux	UCIC Wesley	Attended
Rev	John	Dihm	Pilbara Patrol	Attended via Zoom
	Heather	Dowling	Staff	Attended

	Geoff	Ebell	Co-opted PRC Convenor	Attended
	Reuben	Edmonds	Victoria Park Star Street	Attended
	Joy	Emmeluth	Noranda	Apology
Rev	Bev	Fabb	Co-opted	Attended
Rev	Mitch	Fialkowski	Meekatharra	Attended
	David	Foster	Wembley	Attended
	Uto	Fotu	Beth Shalom	Attended
	Kalo	Fotu	Beth Shalom	Attended
	Shirley	Francis	Leeming Uniting Church	Attended
Rev	Steve	Francis	Moderator	Attended
Rev	Kim	Francis	Maylands/Mount Lawley	Attended
	Audrey	Francis	ex Como	Apology
	Bob	French	Eastern Wheatbelt - Merredin	Attended
	Mitchell	Garlett	Maaman O Mia	Attended
	Marg	Garrett	WRM- St Augustine Congregation	Attended
Rev	Caroline	Gepp	Fiona Stanley Hospital	Apology
	Jordan	Gibbs	Trinity North	Apology
Rev	Alison	Gilchrist	Staff	Attended
	Cindy	Gorton	Staff	Attended
Pastor	Kristin	Grainger	Warren Blackwood	Apology
	David	Gray	UCIC - Wesley	Apology
Rev	Hannes	Halgryn	UCIC Ross Memorial	Attended
	Heather	Hamblin	Trinity North - Greenwood	Attended
	Ann	Hammer	Claremont	Attended
	Peter	Hanrahan	Geraldton Lighthouse	Apology
	Cameron	Harries	Billabong	Attended
	Jonathan	Haslam	Forest Lakes	Attended
Rev	Michael	Hertz	Royal Perth Hospital	Apology
	Steve	Higgins	Merredin	Absent
	Brian	Hill	Billabong	Apology

	Alan	Hortin	Albany - Lockyer	Attended via Zoom
	Dorothy	Horton	Trinity North	Apology
	Bob	Hunt	Trinity North - Greenwood	Attended
Rev	Mark	Illingworth	Staff	Attended
	Judy	Ives	Albany Denmark	Attended via Zoom
Rev	Alan	Jeffrey	South Perth Uniting Church	Attended
	John	Jeffreys	Bunbury	Apology
Rev	Robert	Jetta	Waroona	Apology
	Maggie	Johns	Staff	Attended
	Margaret	Johnston	Forest Lakes	Attended
	Joy	Jones	Eastern Wheatbelt - Mukinbudin	Attended
	Toby	Keva	Rockingham Uniting Church	Attended
	Kirt	Kirtsingham	Applecross	Apology
	Valda	Knott	Trayning /Central Wheatbelt	Attended
	Shirley	Kohn	Mt Pleasant UC	Apology
Rev	David	Kriel	Trinity North	Attended
Rev	Cathie	Lambert	Margaret River	Apology
Rev	Stephen	Larkin	Nedlands	Attended
	Cheryl	Lawson	Maaman O Mia	Attended
Ps Dr	Elaine	Ledgerwood	Staff	Attended
	Ann	Lewis	Esperance	Apology
	Margaret Anne	Lewis	Kulin	Apology
Rev	Sophia	Lizares	UnitingCare West	Attended
	Bob	Lockley	Bicton	Attended
	Kay	Lockley	Bicton	Attended
	Averil	Mackintosh	Maylands/Mount Lawley	Attended
Rev	Rod	Marsh	Great Southern Grammer	Apology
Rev	John	Marshall	Mandurah	Attended
	Connie	Martin	Bicton Uniting Church	Apology
	Margaret	Martin	Melville	Apology

	Moir	Mathie	Beldon Iluka	Attended
Rev	Emma	Matthews	Staff	Attended
Rev	Anne	McAndrew	Wembley	Attended
	Alison	McCubbin	UCIC Wesley	Attended
	Janine	McDonald	Staff	Attended
Rev	John	McKane	Eastern Wheatbelt	Attended
	Lyn	McLachlan	Beldon Iluka	Apology
	Helen	McMillan	Noranda	Attended
Rev	Andrew	Morris	South Mandurah	Apology
	Donald	Nicholas	UCIC	Attended
	Graham	Nielsen	Armada - Kelmscott	Apology
Rev Dr	Herman	Nienaber	Uniting Church in the City	Attended
	Paul	Olney	St Peter & Emmaus	Apology
Rev	Jae Beom	Park	Yeon Hap (Korean Uniting) Church	Attended
Pastor	Jon	Paschke	Geraldton Lighthouse	Attended
Rev	Nalin	Perera	Kalamunda	Apology
Rev	Claire	Pickering	Penrhos College	Attended
	Louise	Powell	Carramar	Attended
Pastor	Marilyn	Price	Womens' Prisons/Treasurer	Attended
Rev Dr	Sonny	Rajamoney	St Peter and Emmaus	Apology
	Vic	Richards	Wembley Downs	Attended
	Julie	Ridden	Nedlands	Attended
	Mary	Riley	Leeming Uniting	Attended
	Yvonne	Robinson	Busselton	Attended
Rev	Greg	Ross	Bunbury WRM	Attended
Rev	Judy	Sanderson	St Stephens, Applecross	Attended
Rev	Gordon	Scantlebury	Awaiting placement	Apology
	Sandy	Scott	Spearwood	Attended
	Grant	Shaw	Lighthouse Geraldton	Apology
Rev	Gammel	Sherwood	Wanneroo Crossways	Attended

Pastor	Karen	Sloan	Wembley Downs	Attended
	Edith	Smirk	Bentley Hospital	Apology
	Gordon	Smith	Mt Pleasant Uniting	Apology
	Andrew	Sproul	St Andrews	Attended
Rev	Lorraine	Stokes	Willetton	Attended
	Manie	Strydom	PLC	Apology
Rev	Roy Alexander	Suryanegara	GKI Perth	Apology
	Kevin	Talmage	Beldon-Iluka	Apology
	Ben	Tanner	Scarborough	Apology
	Carolyn	Taylor	Kalamunda UC	Attended
	Jenny	Thomas	Pinjarra	Attended
	Susy	Thomas	South Perth	Attended
	Trevor	Thomas	Pinjarra	Attended
	Rhondda	Tilbrook	Floreat	Attended
Pastor	John	Tomkins	Carnarvon	Attended
	Yuko	Tonai-Moore	Bridgetown	Attended
Rev Dr	Ian	Tozer	Floreat	Apology
Rev	David	Tressler	Kalamunda	Apology
Rev	Margaret	Tyrer	Claremont	Apology
	Barry	Tyrie	Trinity North	Apology
	Hanamoia	Vaitogi	Samoan UC	Attended
	John	van den Berg	Kardinya	Attended
Rev	Gary	van Heerden	Scotch College	Apology
Rev	Corina	van Oostende	Albany	Attended via Zoom
Rev	Stephen	van Schalkwyk	Wagin	Attended
	Neville	Van Wyk	Gosnells	Apology
Rev	Ruth	Vertigan	Staff	Attended
Rev	Justine	Wall	Scotch College	Attended
	Graham	Wasley	Collanilling, Darkan, Dumbleyung	Attended
	Ann-Britt	Wasley	Wagin	Attended

Rev	Trevor	Waters	Mt Pleasant	Apology
	Malcolm	Watson	Kojonup	Apology
	Robert	Watson	Forest Lakes	Apology
	Margherita	Wells	Wanneroo-Crossways	Attended
	Arthur	West	East Avon/Quairading	Attended
Rev	John	Whaley	The Billabong	Apology
	Glenys	White	WRM- St Augustine Congregation	Attended
	Sue	Whitworth	Armada Kelmscott	Attended
	Graham	Whitworth	Armada Kelmscott	Attended
Rev	Luke	Williams	The Billabong	Attended
Mr	David	Williams	South Mandurah	Attended
	Bruce	Wilson	Claremont / Church Law	Attended
Rev	Marie	Wilson	Claremont	Attended
Rev	Hollis	Wilson	MLC	Attended
	Graham	Wilson	Denmark	Apology
	Travis	Windsor	Trinity North	Attended
	Elizabeth	Woods	Scarborough	Attended
	Cheryl	Wright	Melville UC	Attended
Rev Dr	Anne	Wright	Staff	Attended
	Ian	Wright	Glen Forrest	Attended
	Gail	Wynne	Banksia Hill, Bandyup, Wooroloo	Apology
	Marie	Yuncken	All Saints Floreat	Attended

TOTAL	177
Attended	115
Absent	5
Apology	57