



Uniting Church in Australia  
Presbytery of Western Australia



**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**of the Presbytery of Western Australia at**  
**Billabong Uniting Church**  
**on 18 March 2023**

## **1. Constitution**

On Saturday 18 March 2023 at 9.00 am, the Presbytery of Western Australia met at Billabong Uniting Church, Canning Vale, with the Chairperson, Alison Xamon, presiding.

There were 32 ministerial and 60 lay members present, with 1 minister and 2 lay members attending via Zoom. 24 apologies were submitted, including Rev Greg Ross.

## **2. Welcome and Opening Prayer**

The Chairperson, Alison Xamon, welcomed the members to this meeting, opening in prayer.

## **3. Welcome to Country**

Rev Mitchell Garlett welcomed the members to Whadjuk Noongar land.

## **4. Opening worship**

The Opening Worship was led by the Chair of Presbytery with Rev Gordon Scantlebury preaching on the text of I Corinthians 3:6-9. As part of the worship Rev Rob Douglas was received as a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church and Julie Ridden was commissioned as a Pastor for her role as Presbytery Children, Families, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator.

## **5. Meeting arrangements**

The Secretary, Rev Bev Fabb, presented Proposal 1 about the arrangements for this meeting.

### **The Presbytery agreed by consensus to**

- 1. To amend the Roll of Presbytery attached to the Minutes of the Presbytery meeting on 19 November 2022 as follows:**

#### **1.1 Ministers in Active Service**

- **Change Rev Dr Cathie Lambert to Education Co-coordinator (Ordained Ministers and PTH Principal) (Received by induction)**
- **Remove Rev Dr Anne Wright- no longer in placement.**
- **Remove Rev Dr Christine Sorensen- no longer in placement.**
- **Remove Rev Andrew Broadbent- no longer in placement.**
- **Remove Rev John Dihm- no longer in placement.**
- **Remove Rev Michael Hertz- no longer in placement.**
- **Remove Rev Andrew Morris- transferred to SA Synod**

#### **1.2 Ministers Co-opted**

- **Change Rev Lorraine Stokes to Presbytery Minister- Pastoral (Supply)**

- Change Rev Chris Crause to Presbytery Executive Officer (Supply)
- Add Rev Sungeun Jang- pulpit supply for Korean congregation.
- Add Rev Cyrus Kung- Assembly Act 2 Project

### **1.3 Associate Ministers**

- Change Rev Anne McAndrew- from Wembley to Osbourne Park congregation.

### **1.4 Pastors**

- Change Julie Ridden from Nedlands congregation to Presbytery. Children, Families, Youth and Young Adult Co-coordinator (Received by commissioning)
- Add Marilyn Price, Pastor at Mandurah congregation (received by commissioning)

### **1.5 Congregational Lay Representatives**

- Robert Nichols to replace Alison Wilson- lay rep for Swan View (by election)
- Add Andrew Stokes- lay rep for Fremantle (by election)
- Add Gun Seo Park- lay rep for Korean congregation (by election)
- Add Helen Findlay- lay rep for Osbourne Park (by election)
- Add Rhondda Tilbrook & Sue Talbert- once off alternates for All Saints

Saints

Floreat

- Add Raelyn Punch- once off alternate for South Mandurah
- Remove Alan Blackburn- no longer lay rep for Kalamunda.

### **1.6 Co-opted Lay Members**

- Add Dr Karen Flowers- CEDAL
- Add Cameron Harries- Billabong

Members of the Presbytery should note that the approval of these appointments (apart from once off alternates) will confer membership of Presbytery to the person until the next AGM.

2. Adopt the Order of Business for this meeting.
3. Appoint Rev John Marshall and Rev Ruth Vertigan as Chaplains for this meeting of the Presbytery.
4. Appoint Sue Whitworth as Returning Officer and Mary Riley and Rev Ken Devereux as scrutineers for this meeting of the Presbytery.



5. Authorise the Presbytery Standing Committee to confirm the minutes of this meeting of the Presbytery.

6. Authorise the Presbytery Standing Committee to act on all matters that are the responsibility of the Presbytery including those excluded items in Presbytery Rule 3.1.2 if a public health warning in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic leads to the cancellation of any future meeting of the Presbytery.

**6. Chairperson's report**

A past chairperson, Rev Lorraine Stokes, took the chair.

Alison Xamon invited questions but there were none. The report was received.

The chairperson, Alison Xamon, resumed the chair.

**7. Finance Report**

Janine McDonald, Interim Treasurer invited questions. A question was asked about what the actual amount of Mission and Service income had been last year and the answer was given that we budgeted to receive \$380,000 but received under \$350,000. The report was received.

**8. Uniting Generations Network report**

Rev Kim Francis welcomed Pastor Julie Ridden to her new role and emphasized the call to prayer from the Network. She invited questions but there were none. The report was received.

**9. Rural and Remote Ministry Network report**

Yuko Tonai- Moore invited questions but there were none. The report was received.

**10. Multicultural Network report**

Rev Dr Katalina Tahaafe-Williams welcomed the representatives of the Korean congregation to this meeting. She invited questions but there were none. The report was received.

**11. Pastoral Relations Committee report**

Rev Ivan Clark invited questions and was asked if there was a limit to how many members PRC could have. He replied that they currently had vacancies for two co-options. The report was received.

**12. Candidates for Ministries Committee report**

Rev Bev Fabb invited questions but there were none. She highlighted the Ministry Expo to be held in May and encouraged Presbytery members to pass an invitation on to any people they believed would be interested. The report was received.

**13. Proposal 2**

Rev Bev Fabb presented the following proposal to Presbytery and Reuben Edmonds spoke to the Presbytery.

**That the Presbytery of WA agrees to ordain Reuben Edmonds as a Minister of the Word, subject to him receiving a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Studies from the Assembly and being called to a placement.**

**14. Proposal 3**

Rev Bev Fabb presented the following proposal to Presbytery and Samuel Annan spoke to the Presbytery.

**That the Presbytery of WA agrees to ordain Samuel Annan as a Minister of the Word, subject to him receiving a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Studies from the Assembly and being called to a placement.**

**15. Secret Ballot on Ordination Proposals**

After the two candidates for ordination were presented to the Presbytery, the meeting adjourned for morning tea. Over this time opportunity was given to Presbytery members to ask questions about these proposals to the Chair of CMC.

After the meeting re-convened the Chair of CMC informed the meeting that the only question she had received was about whether there were any placements available for exit students. She replied that there were 9 placements either currently vacant or likely to become vacant in the near future.

There being no further questions or comments, Presbytery then voted on the two proposals via secret ballot.

After the votes had been counted the Chair of Presbytery announced that both secret ballots had received the two thirds majority needed.

Rev Hollis Wilson led the meeting in prayer for the two ordinands.

**16. Thrive Mission Committee report**

Rev Stephen van Schalkwyk invited questions but there were none. The report was received.

**17. Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL) report**

Dr Karen Flowers, the Interim Chair of CEDAL, invited questions. A question was asked about morale in CEDAL given the amount of turbulence experienced in recent months. Karen replied that CEDAL were feeling quite energized at the moment but there were vacancies on the committee which they hoped to fill at the June meeting. Karen thanked Rev Claire Pickering for her contribution as Chair of CEDAL. The report was received.

**18. Table group discussion**

Table group discussion was facilitated by the Review of CEDAL Task Group around the questions



1. If the Uniting Church in WA was to create a new centre for education and learning, what services or programs should it offer?
2. If the Uniting Church in WA was to create a new centre for education and learning, how do you think it could assist or enhance your congregation or faith community?
3. If the Uniting Church in WA was to create a place/space for a new centre for education and learning
  - a. What should it look and feel like?
  - b. What forms should it take? (e.g., a physical space, in cyberspace, or satellite spaces for something else).

Rev Dr Cathie Lambert explained that the response would be collated and key themes highlighted. The Review Task Group would then hold further consultation via Zoom as they wanted as much feedback as possible. Individual conversations were also welcome up until the end of April. Members of Presbytery were invited to send comments to Rev Claire Pickering, Rev Dr Cathie Lambert, Rev David Kriel or Dr Karen Flowers.

Members of Presbytery were asked to place Sticky Notes on pages on the wall to indicate things that they believed must be held on to in education and continued into the future.

#### **19. Book Launch**

Rev Steve Francis and Rev Dr Cathie Lambert launched the new book *Pray without Ceasing*, by Rev Dr Geoff Lilburne. Copies were available for sale over lunch.

#### **20. Report on Act 2 Project**

Rev Cyrus Kung was introduced to the meeting. He outlined the Act 2 Project and explained that we were currently in a phase of consultation with congregations and Presbyteries. Cyrus explained that his hopes for the project were that we would become more connected to one another and there would be an exchange of resources. The purpose of Act 2 was to focus on how we need to change to become a thriving church for the next 50 years.

Cyrus encouraged members to look at the Act 2 website at [\*\*Act2 Project \(act2uca.com\)\*\*](http://Act2 Project (act2uca.com))

The Project Task group is currently seeking input from Church Councils and Presbyteries who can participate in a focus group, or a national forum, or make a submission. The Act 2 Task Group will be visiting WA from April 26-28 and are keen to meet with congregations and Presbytery representatives.

Cyrus reminded Presbytery of the call to prayer from the President of the Uniting Church between Pentecost (28 May) to the UCA anniversary (22 June). The slides used by Cyrus were distributed to Presbytery members during the meeting.

## **21. Congregational Selfies**

A video was shown with news of new mission developments in relation to congregational markets.

## **22. Mic Minute**

During a Mic Minute

- Julie Ridden asked congregations to fill in Contact forms for children's and youth ministry.
- Luke Williams informed the Presbytery that Billabong has launched a new church plant at Piara Waters.
- Bev Fabb indicated that there were still copies of the Called by Name booklet available.

## **23. Elections Committee**

Lorraine Stokes took the chair.

Sue Whitworth reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee for Chair of Presbytery. Sue also reported on behalf of the Elections Committee in relation to the election of the Presbytery Treasurer, Chair of CEDAL and a member of CMC. Ballot papers were distributed and collected.

Alison Xamon resumed the Chair.

## **24. Mic Minute**

- Alison Xamon encouraged members to sponsor her son Blake who was participating in Run for a Reason to raise money for CARAD.
- Mark Brisbane alerted members to the Keep Young Children out of jail postcard campaign for Mother's Day being sponsored by Social Justice Unit
- Margaret Martin affirmed the value of the Messy Church Camp at Busselton and its outreach to young people
- Cathie Lambert advertised the Intensive of Contextual Theology and Multicultural Ministry being held on 21-23 April.
- Rob Douglas advertised MSM training for creative missional leaders
- Mark Bell advertised a free Easter Fair being held at Willetton on Sat 8 April- this is a form of replanting our church in the community.
- Steve Francis reported that Tranby College had had no communion service for 7 years. He has now introduced this and done the third, with over 70% of staff participating.

## **25. Launch of Presbytery Booklet and Video**

Rev Bev Fabb explained that feedback received at the November Presbytery meeting was that many people in congregations did not know what the Presbytery



is nor who to contact if they had particular issues. As a result, the PSC in December decided to produce a small booklet What is the Presbytery? and also asked Rev Rob Douglas to make a short video about the Presbytery. The booklets were distributed to members and the video shown. Next week these will be up on the Presbytery web page for congregations to download and use as they wish.

## **26. Proposal 4 - Culture of Call**

Rev Ivan Clark and Rev Hannes Halgryn presented this proposal on behalf of Placements Commission. They explained that at the moment as many as 50% of ministers asked by Placements to enter into conversations with JNC's refuse to even enter the conversation. The purpose of the proposal is to get ministers to open themselves to the discernment process.

There was lengthy discussion about the proposal with the following points being made

- The process needs to be more collaborative and consultative, an invitation to participate in conversations rather than an expectation, a more relational process. This proposal is too instructional, regulatory, and a recipe for ongoing argument.
- We are dealing here with a cultural issue and they are not best dealt with by proposals. Culture must be changed by us working together to change attitudes.
- During the Vitality of Call process there needs to be conversations with ministers about the possibility of them changing placements. All ministers are to have conversations with the Presbytery when they complete 3 years for an exit student and 5 years for other ministers and in this conversation discuss where God may be calling them next. PRC are developing processes for these conversations and they will be happening regularly.
- Strong support for clause 2 as this is a requirement of the placement process. Placements need to give good reasons for a name being put forward to a JNC.
- What outcome is being sought from this proposal? The answer given was that ministers would enter into discernment conversations with JNC's which may or may not result in a call being issued. The purpose is to enter into a discernment process, not to go to a placement. A conversation may result in the minister or the congregation realizing this is not a good fit and both the congregation and the minister can learn from this.
- Question about how profiles are developed and whether these give enough information about the congregation or the minister. Without good information how can Placements make a good match?
- Ministers should be trained to deal with a range of congregations and so open to call to a range of congregations.



- Should we be calling for Expressions of Interest from ministers for particular placements? This is already part of the process.
- The question was asked Where does God come into this? The answer given was that God speaks to us through the church. If we all enter the discernment process with an openness to God's call then we can explore God's will together.
- Guidelines are needed for JNC's on their role in the process. These are available from Placements and are provided to all JNC's.
- There are a range of reasons why ministers don't want to move. They may have heard negative stories about a particular congregation, or there are family reasons why they can't move, or they are comfortable where they are. So the tap on the shoulder is ignored.
- The first clause is part of our system whether we like it or not. All ministers must make themselves available for call when they are approached by Placements.

After lengthy discussion the Presbytery agreed by consensus to

1. **strongly encourage all ordained ministers who are classified as "eligible to accept a call" (Reg 2.6.2) and who receive an invitation from the Placements Commission to enter a discernment process with a Joint Nominating Committee, to commit to entering that conversation with the JNC in good faith; and**
2. **requests the Placements Commission to not only provide the JNC chairpersons with a rationale behind their recommendations, but also to communicate this rationale to the particular minister when invited for a conversation.**

## **27. Proposal 5- Funding for Rural Resource Ministry**

Yuko Tonai-Moore and Richard Hugman presented the proposal saying that it had arisen from the Rural and Remote Ministries Network They explained that they did understand the current financial situation of the church, but that the current PD was impossible to fulfill in a .3 position.

There was discussion of this proposal with the following points being made

- Provision of worship resources to both rural and city congregations was continuing with John van den Berg providing these on a voluntary basis.
- Rob Douglas is currently assisting the Network but this is not actually part of his job.
- Leaders in small rural churches need someone to talk to, to mentor, pastor, support them. If they don't receive this they face burn out.
- The distance between rural and remote congregations means they cannot easily turn to each other for support.

- Some city congregations have developed links with rural congregations and this is to be encouraged.
- 4 years ago the Rural Research Project identified this need but nothing seems to have happened.
- There is vision and joy in serving in rural congregations. We get a big bang for our buck in the way rural congregations engage with their communities.
- Due to the current state of change in our church, we need to focus on providing support to our congregations.

After discussion the Presbytery agreed by consensus to

**1. Note**

- **The lack of funding available for the position of Rural Resource Minister**
- **The provision of only .3 funding for this position fails to acknowledge the contribution of our rural congregations and faith communities to the mission of the Uniting Church in WA**
- **And also fails to recognise the necessity of ensuring an adequate level of pastoral care/oversight for them.**
- 2. Requests Presbytery to raise these concerns with the Synod as a matter of urgency**

**28. Proposal 6 - Closure of Kondinin Congregation**

Rev Ivan Clark indicated that the Kondinin Congregation had closed some time previously and that this proposal was coming with their agreement.

**The Presbytery agreed by consensus to**

- 1. Dissolve the Kondinin Congregation under Reg 3.4.3. because they can no longer fulfil the purpose, functions and responsibilities required of a congregation under Reg. 3.1.1.**
- 2. Give thanks with deep gratitude for the faithful worship, mission and service of the people of the Kondinin Congregation.**
- 3. Note that**
  - a) all remaining members of the congregation have transferred their membership to Kulin congregation.**
  - b) All rolls and other records have been placed in the custody of Synod Archives**
  - c) The property has been tidied up and prepared for sale.**
  - d) And that the Synod will be notified of this decision.**



## **29. Proposal 7- Perth Samoan Uniting Church**

Rev Lorraine Stokes explained that PRC had been working with the Samoan Congregation through some hard times. They had found that being a congregation was too much for them, and that they needed time to re-group.

They will continue to meet as a devotional group within the Forrestfield congregation. When they can get together they are a thriving group and with more regular leadership they may later become a faith community or congregation.

Hanamoa Vaitogi from the Samoan congregation spoke indicating that they wished to remain a UCA group and that they wanted their leader recognized as their Volunteer Pastor.

Robert Watson indicated that the group had the full support of the Forrestfield congregation.

### **The Presbytery agreed by consensus under Reg 3.4.3**

- 1. Withdraw the recognition of the Perth Samoan congregation as a congregation of the Uniting Church recognising that**
  - (i) the congregation is not capable of fulfilling the purpose, functions and responsibilities specified in Reg 3.1.1; and,**
  - (ii) this is in the best interests of the remaining members of the Samoan congregation,**
- 2. Understand that the congregation is in agreement with this decision,**
- 3. Note that members of the Samoan congregation are invited to transfer their membership to St Martins Foothills congregation in Forrestfield where they have been meeting,**
- 4. Recognise the need and the joy to worship in one's heart language and the recommendation to create the Samoan-language devotional group. St Martin's congregation also welcomes them to join for Sunday worship services; and,**
- 5. Note a service will be held on 21st May 2023 to mark the withdrawal of recognition of the congregation, a breaking of their relationship with Tavita Muelu as their leader, and a blessing of the Samoan-language Devotional Group.**

## **30. Proposal 8 - Link Capel Congregation to Wellington Regional Mission**

Rev Ivan Clark indicated that this proposal had the support of both Capel congregation and Wellington Regional Mission. This was like setting up a structure similar to an old Parish.

Kathleen McAndrew from Capel congregation explained that previously Capel had been linked with Busselton but this relationship had ceased a year ago. Since then

they had been in conversation with WRM. The new arrangement would give support to Capel while maintaining their independence.

**The Presbytery of WA agreed by consensus to:**

1. **Change the Wellington Regional Mission boundaries to include the Shire of Capel, noting that the Shire of Capel's major population centre is just outside the boundary of the City of Bunbury.**
2. **Recognize Capel Congregation as a Link Congregation within the Wellington Regional Mission.**

### **31. Proposal 9- Rules of Candidates for Ministries Committee**

Approved by consensus.

Rev Bev Fabb presented this proposal in the absence of Rev Des Cousins. She explained this was part of the review of all Presbytery Rules which was underway and that new Rules for other Presbytery Committees would be coming to the June Presbytery meeting. The new Rules were clearer and simpler and CMC agreed with the changes. The only significant changes were that the Chair of CEDAL was no longer an ex officio member of CMC and that members terms were for 2 years with half to retire each year.

**The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus to approve and enact the following Rules for the Candidates for Ministries Committee:**

#### **P13 CANDIDATES FOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**

##### **NAME**

P13.1 The name of the Committee is the "Candidates for Ministries Committee", a committee appointed by and responsible to the Presbytery of Western Australia.

##### **MEMBERSHIP**

P13.2 The Candidates for Ministries Committee is appointed by the Presbytery and consists of:

- (a) a Chairperson elected by the Presbytery for a two year term;
- (b) the Principal of the Perth Theological Hall or nominee; and
- (c) up to five members elected by the Presbytery for a two year term.

P13.3 The Committee may co-opt up to two further members, for a term of up to two years, to ensure balanced representation or to provide the Committee with knowledge, abilities or experience not otherwise available to the Committee. The appointment of co-opted members shall be subject to endorsement by Presbytery or Presbytery Standing Committee.



P13.4 A majority of the membership of the Committee shall be members of the Presbytery.

P13.5 Presbytery or Synod staff, other than those covered in Rule P13.2, may be invited to attend and speak to assist the Committee in the fulfilling of its purpose and responsibilities but are not eligible to vote.

P13.6 The Chairperson of the Presbytery may, at their own discretion, attend and speak at any meeting of the Committee.

## **MEETINGS**

P13.7 The Committee will meet at least four times each year.

P13.8 The meetings of the Committee will be conducted in accordance with the principles and procedures of the Manual for Meetings.

## **QUORUM**

P13.9 The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be the whole number next above one-half of the current members.

## **REPORTING**

P13.10 The Committee shall report to the Presbytery at least annually, to the Presbytery Standing Committee when requested and forward the minutes of each Committee meeting to Presbytery Standing Committee.

## **ROLE**

P13.11 The role of the Committee is to:

- (a) fulfil the Presbytery's part in the selection, pastoral care and oversight of candidates for the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher.
- (b) promote the call to the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher.
- (c) provide oversight and support of persons undertaking a period of discernment including appointment of a mentor, and determining when the period of discernment has been completed; and
- (d) assist the Presbytery and the Synod Panel in dealing with applications for the readmission of former ministers of the Church.

## **POWERS**

P13.12 The Committee is authorised to act on behalf of the Presbytery to:

- (a) establish appropriate policies and procedures for the fulfilling of its responsibilities and to undertake continual evaluation of those policies and procedures;
- (b) receive and process applications for the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher;

- (c) determine whether to commend an applicant to a Selection Panel;
- (d) appoint Presbytery representatives to any Selection Panel;
- (e) share in the oversight of candidates for the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher including appointment of a mentor and a representative to formation panels.
- (f) determine whether a candidature should be terminated in accordance with Regulation 2.3.2.7.
- (g) undertake assessments to determine whether candidates for the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher are ready for ordination or commissioning and present proposals on these matters to the Presbytery for decision.
- (h) participate in making arrangements for the ordination of Deacons and Ministers of the Word and the commissioning of Lay Preachers in consultation with the Chairperson of Presbytery; and
- (i) undertake the responsibilities of the Presbytery under the Regulations for the readmission of a former minister or certificated candidate of the Church.

P13.13 The Committee will make recommendations to the Presbytery on:

- (a) the ordination or commissioning of candidates for the specified ministries of Deacon, Minister of the Word and Lay Preacher; and
- (b) the readmission of a former minister of the Church.

### **32. Proposal 10- Thrive- Sale of Properties**

Rev Stephen van Schalkwyk and Heather Hamblin presented this proposal noting that the proposal to sell 13 properties arose from the need to raise funds for Redress. It was recognized that place was significant to people, but all of these properties were either vacant land or disused buildings.

Due to some comments received prior to the meeting they sought leave to move the proposal in an amended form taking into account concerns that had been raised and leave was granted.

The discussion of this proposal included the following comments.

- The sale of the vacant land at Canning Vale required further conversation with Billabong congregation in relation to car parking and an easement. Thrive and the Synod Property Officer had only become aware yesterday of an existing MOU between Billabong and the Synod about this land. The MOU was not recorded in any official records of the Synod or Presbytery.



- It was affirmed that the decisions of Synod last year in relation to the use of property sales proceeds would be adhered to. This included 1% to Congress and 9% to the Property Services Fund.
- Many decisions made in the past have not been acted on. We are now in a dire financial situation. We cannot hold on to properties when we have legal liabilities for Redress and civil claims.
- This proposal was coming at the request of Synod who need to sell these properties to fund Redress but cannot do so without the consent of Presbytery.
- There was a request that Synod provide information to the Presbytery on how much income is generated from these sales and how it is distributed.

**The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus to**

- 1. give, in principal consent to the sale of the 13 Uniting Church properties listed below (a) to (m) with the recommendation that, when necessary, consultations are complete as per Reg 4.6.3, the funds released from any sales being equally distributed between (a) our corporate financial responsibilities to fund claims for Redress and (b) to enable fresh forms of mission and ministry and**
- 2. recommends that when properties in rural areas are sold that the 50% of proceeds for ministry and mission be held in a Presbytery Fund to enable appropriate, new and fresh forms of ministry in our rural areas as agreed by the Presbytery of WA.**
  - (a) Manjimup Uniting Church – 27 Bath Street, Manjimup**
  - (b) Kondinin Uniting Church – 79 Jones Street, Kondinin**
  - (c) Aldersyde Uniting Church – 38 Railway Terrace, Aldersyde**
  - (d) Quairading – South Caroling – Lot 18019 Church Road, South Caroling**
  - (e) Lot 2, Coolgardie Road, Mt Burgess**
  - (f) Lot 802, 34 Blue Rd, Canning Vale**
  - (g) Lot 521, Wogolin Road, Wickepin**
  - (h) Lot 883, Greenbushes, Beverley**
  - (i) 18 Lindsay Street, Coolgardie**
  - (j) Lot 70, Greenhills South Road, Kauring**
  - (k) 13 Smith Street, Koorda**
  - (l) 40 Kingsmill Street, Ravensthorpe**
  - (m) 35 Sewell Street, Yealering**

### **33. Declaration of Ballots**

Sue Whitworth, the Returning Office reported that the following people had been elected.

- Alison Xamon as Chair of Presbytery until June 2025.
- Janine McDonald as Treasurer of Presbytery until June 2023.
- Dr Karen Flowers as Chair of CEDAL until June 2023.
- Shelby Robison as member of CMC until June 2025.

### **34. Commissioning of Presbytery Treasurer and Chair of CEDAL**

Alison Xamon led a Commissioning Service for the Treasurer of Presbytery and Chair of CEDAL.

### **35. Closing Reflections**

The Chair, Alison Xamon, made the following expressions of thanks on behalf of the Presbytery:

- Billabong for hosting the meeting and providing hospitality and especially Frances David.
- Lorraine Stokes and Bev Fabb for staffing the registration desk
- Mitchell Garlett- for Welcome to Country
- Chris Crause and Bev Fabb for preparing Opening worship and Gordon Scantlebury for preaching
- Amanda Badenhorst- for behind the scenes organising, handling registrations, organising catering, printing of materials, data projection, timekeeper
- Luke Williams for assistance with Zoom
- All the Chairs of Committees and Convenors of Networks for their dedicated work to the ministry of the Presbytery
- Members of CEDAL for organising the Table Group discussion
- Steve Francis and Cathie Lambert for the Book Launch
- Cyrus Kung for presentation on Act 2
- Bev Fabb for the What is Presbytery booklet
- Rob Douglas for the Congregational Selfies and Presbytery video.
- Mary Riley and Elaine Ledgerwood for providing music
- Sue Whitworth, the Returning Office and Mary Riley and Ken Devereux for being Scrutineers
- For Janine, Karen and Shelby willing to stand for election.
- Alan Jeffrey for his Closing Prayers



- Lorraine Stokes for being Spare Chair
- John Marshall and Ruth Vertigan- chaplains.
- Members of PSC for their hard work on behalf of the Presbytery.
- And noted the absence of Bruce Wilson our usual timekeeper.

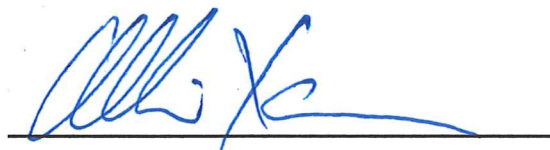
**36. Closing Worship**

Rev Alan Jeffrey led the meeting in closing worship.

**37. Closure of the meeting**

The meeting was then closed with the singing of the hymn May the feet of God walk with you.

Confirmed by the Presbytery Standing Committee on 13 April 2023 as a true and correct record



**Alison Xamon**

**Chairperson**

**2023**