



Uniting Church in Australia
Presbytery of Western Australia



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COMMUNITY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia at Kalamunda Uniting Church on 17 June 2023

1. Constitution

On Saturday 17 June 2023 at 9.00 am, the Presbytery of Western Australia met at Kalamunda Uniting Church, with the Chairperson, Alison Xamon, presiding.

There were 32 ministerial and 60 lay members present. 27 apologies were submitted.

2. Welcome and Opening Prayer

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

3. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson, Alison Xamon, acknowledged that we were meeting on the lands of the Whadjuk Noongar people and she paid our respects to them as the original custodians of this land.

4. Opening worship

The Opening Worship was led by the Chair of Presbytery with Fiona Bentley preaching on the text of Hebrews 11:8-12. As part of the worship Rev David Kriel was inducted into his role as Education Coordinator (Lay and Continuing Education).

5. Community building and prayer

Members of Presbytery met in small groups for community building and prayer together.

6. Proposal 1 Meeting arrangements

The Secretary, Rev Bev Fabb, presented Proposal 1 about the arrangements for this meeting noting one mistake in the Roll of Presbytery. She also outlined the process for electing members of Synod at this meeting.

The Presbytery of WA agreed by consensus:

1. ***To adopt the Roll of Presbytery published on the Presbytery Meeting Website on 13 June 2023 as the members of Presbytery for the 2023-2024 year, and agrees to attach the Roll to the Minutes to this meeting.***
2. ***To appoint the following as once off alternates for this meeting only***
 - ***Jared Ross to replace Marg Garrett from Wellington Regional Mission***
 - ***Robyn Willey to replace Liz Pederick from Wagin***
3. ***Adopt the Order of Business for this meeting.***
4. ***Appoint Rev Steve Francis and Rev Claire Pickering as Chaplains for this meeting of the Presbytery.***

5. ***Appoint Sue Whitworth as Returning Officer and Rev Ken Devereux and John Berger as scrutineers for this meeting of the Presbytery.***
6. ***Authorise the Presbytery Standing Committee to confirm the minutes of this meeting of the Presbytery.***

7. Chairperson's report

A past chairperson, Rev Steve Francis, took the chair.

Alison Xamon reported that we were going through a time of major structural change in the UCA in WA and that Presbytery was working well with Synod in this process. She asked for more people to be involved in Life and Witness Reviews and Joint Nominating Committees, and also thanked the Chairs and committees for their hard work.

In response to a question about ecumenical relationships with the Anglican Church, Alison explained that a formal Covenant had been agreed some years ago between the Presbytery and the Anglican Diocese in relation to St Peter Emmaus congregation. In the past there had been some differences between the churches which had created tensions, but after review, agreement had been reached on the way ahead. It was agreed that the Covenant was fit for purpose, but with a need to clarify some areas and build on each other's strengths. It was hoped that this agreement would create a template for how other congregations can work together.

The Chair was thanked for her hard work and the report was received.

The chairperson, Alison Xamon, resumed the chair.

8. Finance Report

Janine McDonald, the Treasurer reported that at the end of April Presbytery finances were going well. Mission and Service income is going according to budget, and now previous vacant staff positions had been filled. The report was received.

9. Pastoral Relations Committee report

Rev Ivan Clark presented his last report as Chair of PRC. He acknowledged that PRC had not handled the approval of Pastor positions well and were improving on this.

He also indicated that Professional Supervision for ministers was a key issue and that proposals would be coming to the Synod meeting about this. He urged all ministers and congregations to be aware of the need for Professional Supervision for ministers and that these needed to be paid for by the ministers. Ministers receive a Resource Allowance that can be used for this purpose, but in the case of Voluntary Pastors, the congregation should assist with payment.

In response to a question Ivan explained that the Regulations indicated that the Life and Witness Review of a congregation should be held every 5 years, not just when the congregation is seeking a new placement. A Life and Witness Review gave opportunity for the Presbytery to hold up a mirror to a congregation indicating what

was working well and what needed more attention. However due to the shortage of people able to do L&W Reviews these had not been happening as frequently as they should. A question was asked whether brief reports from Life and Witness Reviews could be presented to the Presbytery meeting. Ivan said the reports were confidential but an overview of key themes could be presented in PRC reports.

The report was received.

10. Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL) report

Dr Karen Flowers reported that CEDAL was now fully staffed. She expressed her thanks to Rev Claire Pickering the previous Chair. The Review of CEDAL had gathered a lot of information both from WA and from interstate. Collaboration with interstate colleges was developing and a Learning Hub in partnership with Pilgrim College was happening later this year.

In response to a question about training for Pastors and Lay Presiders at the sacraments, Rev David Kriel indicated that courses were being set up, but that CEDAL was waiting for information from PRC about who needed to do these courses. In relation to the Core Competencies for Pastors, they were advised to undertake the Basis of Union course being held in September. Courses for lay presiders and Pastors will be available soon on line. PRC have developed a Profile to get more information about Pastors so CEDAL can develop a Learning Agreement appropriate for each of them.

The report was received.

11. Proposal 2- Ordination of Ana Lea'aetoa

Rev Bev Fabb presented the following proposal to Presbytery and Ana Lea'aetoa spoke to the Presbytery.

That the Presbytery of WA agrees to ordain Ana Lea'aetoa as a Deacon, subject to her receiving a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Studies from the Assembly and being called to a placement.

12. Secret Ballot on Ordination Proposal

After the proposal was presented, 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 placement opportunities for Deacons. She indicated that there were difficulties in finding placements for Deacons as many chaplaincies were no longer considered placements and congregations were sometimes not interested in calling a minister whose main focus would be on leading them into mission in their own communities.

There being no further questions or comments, Presbytery then voted on Proposal 2 via secret ballot.

After the votes had been counted the Chair of Presbytery announced that Proposal 2 had received the two thirds majority needed and congratulated Ana.

Rev Sophie Lizares (Deacon) led the meeting in prayer for Ana.

13. Candidates for Ministries Committee report

Rev Bev Fabb raised concerns about the placements process for exit candidates, which created anxiety and distress to them. She also indicated that there were now a larger number of candidates for Lay Preacher and that CEDAL was now clarifying the education requirements for them. She thanked members of CMC for their hard work.

The report was received.

14. Uniting Generations Network report

Rev Kim Francis and Pastor Julie Ridden presented the report. The Uniting Generations Network is small and fragile. The development of children's and youth ministries is an urgent area needing attention. Passing on the faith to the next generation should be a top priority. We need to nurture and encourage each other in this ministry. This needs long term development.

Kids Hope was highlighted as a means by which congregations can link with local schools. The need for making sure that all people in children's ministry have a Working with Children Check was emphasized. Playgroups are one of the strongest children's ministries that our congregations were providing.

A question was asked whether more use should be made of online technology. While this is useful, we also need to provide places where young people can meet with each other and older generations. We need to make sure that our buildings provide a welcoming environment for families.

A further question was asked about what models were being used for ministry with young adults. Julie responded that the Growing Young material from USA provided helpful guidance on this.

The report was received.

15. Rural and Remote Ministry Network report

Yuko Tonai-Moore celebrated God's work happening in many small rural and remote churches. She also thanked John van den Berg for the weekly worship resources he provided.

The report was received.

16. Multicultural Network report

Rev Dr Katalina Tahaafe- Williams highlighted the multicultural commitment of the Uniting Church. She said the top priorities of the Network were to empower youth, grow migrant congregations into a cohesive whole, not in silos, and equip members for ministry and mission. Migrant congregations need space to be themselves but also spaces where they can be together with other members of the Uniting Church.

The report was received.

17. Thrive Mission Committee report

Rev Greg Ross invited questions but there were none. The report was received.

18. Presentation of 25 Year Mission and Property Strategy Report

Rev Greg Ross, Yvonne Robinson, Heather Hamblin and Rev Rob Douglas presented the report. The aim of this report was to highlight what we need to do now to make sure the Uniting Church is here in 25 years' time. The Act 2 report indicates that similar conversations are happening all over Australia.

The report proposes that we develop new models of being church, based on clusters which are flexible, diverse, collaborative and recognize our need of one another. We are at a crossroads and important decisions need to be made.

19. Table group discussion

Table group discussion was facilitated by Thrive around the following questions

- *Briefly share your response to the reading of this report.*
- *What excites you the most about the potential of this strategy in your local community?*
- *What are your fears and concerns about this strategy?*
- *Can you see an opportunity to start new partnerships and/or new ministry opportunities in your area?*

20. Mic Minute

Members of Presbytery gave notice of coming events during a time of Mic Minute.

21. Update on Act 2 Project

Mark Brisbane reported on behalf of the Act 2 project. The summary of the consultation had been distributed to members and he highlighted that we were now in the time of Uniting in Prayer. A fuller report is now on the website and there will be consultation with all Synods about this. Go to

<https://www.act2uca.com/act2report>

22. Presentation of Certificates

Dr Karen Flowers presented Certificates of Satisfactory Completion of Studies from the Assembly to Reuben Edmonds and Samuel Annan

23. Congregational Selfies

A video was shown with news of new mission developments in some of our congregations.

24. Proposal 3- CEDAL- Collaboration with UCA colleges

Dr Karen Flowers and Rev Dr Cathie Lambert presented this proposal. There were no questions or comments.

The Presbytery of WA agreed by consensus:

That CEDAL (Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership) establishes a collaborative arrangement under the University of Divinity for theological education, particularly but not exclusively, working towards a Memorandum of Understanding with Pilgrim Theological College in the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

25. Proposal 4- PSC- Separation of Thrive Mission Committee and Presbytery Property Committee

Rev Bev Fabb presented this proposal. Rev Greg Ross indicated that Thrive had only taken on the property role at the request of Presbytery and because they believed the mission and property went hand in hand. Thrive did not oppose the proposal but had asked for time to implement this decision. A question was asked about the ability of the Presbytery to get sufficient members for both committees.

The Presbytery of WA agreed by consensus:

- 1. To revoke the delegation made at the October 2018 Presbytery meeting to refer all the powers and responsibilities of the Presbytery Property Committee to the Thrive Mission Committee.***
- 2. That this change will take place on 1 January 2024.***
- 3. That elections for the separate Thrive Mission Committee and Presbytery Property Committee be held at the November 2023 Presbytery meeting.***

26. Proposal 5- Church Law- Rules for Thrive Mission Committee

Rev Des Cousins spoke to the first two proposals from Church Law. He highlighted that Regulations required the Presbytery to have a Property Committee and it was the view of Church Law that there should be separate Rules for Thrive Mission and Property Committees. Shared membership between the two committees was proposed to enable sharing of corporate knowledge. He indicated that the proposed changes needed the approval of the Church Law Committee.

The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus to approve and enact the following Rules for the Thrive Mission Committee, subject to approval being given by the Church Law Committee

NAME

- P15.1 The name of the Committee is the "Thrive Mission Committee" (hereinafter called the Committee), a committee appointed by and responsible to the Presbytery of Western Australia.

MEMBERSHIP

- P15.2 The Committee shall be appointed by the Presbytery and consists of:
- (a) the Chairperson elected by the Presbytery for a two year term; and
 - (b) a maximum of 8 other members elected for two year terms so that there are always two groups of members of nearly equal size, one group retiring each year.
- P15.3 The Committee may co-opt up to two further members for a term 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.
- P15.4 A majority of the membership of the Committee shall be members of the Presbytery.
- P15.5 The Presbytery Minister (Mission) will attend and resource the Committee but not vote. The Committee may invite other persons to attend and participate in its meetings on a non-voting basis to assist the Committee in fulfilling its purpose and responsibilities.
- P15.6 The Chairperson of the Presbytery may, at their own discretion, attend and speak at any meeting of the Committee but is not eligible to vote.

MEETINGS

- P15.7 The Committee will meet at least six times each year.
- P15.8 The meetings of the Committee will be conducted in accordance with the principles and procedures of the *Manual for Meetings*.

QUORUM

- P15.9 The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be the whole number next above one-half of the current members.

REPORTING

- P15.10 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 the Presbytery Standing Committee.

ROLE

P15.11 The role of the Committee is to:

- (a) encourage, support, assist and resource the Presbytery, congregations, faith communities and other church bodies to discern and actively participate in the Mission of God in their community;
- (b) encourage, support, assist and resource the Presbytery, congregations, faith communities and other church bodies to give prayerful consideration and action to the Presbytery's current strategic directions and the current Presbytery Goals;
- (c) encourage, support, assist and resource congregations, faith communities and other church bodies to implement and operate a congregational community service activity for the benefit of those in need of welfare or supportive services; and
- (d) arrange training programs and provide resources that assist in the achievement of these roles.

RESPONSIBILITIES

P15.12 The responsibilities of the Committee include:

- (a) sourcing, developing or adapting appropriate training and resources (in collaboration with CEDAL) to enable greater participation by congregations, faith communities and other church bodies in the Mission of God in their communities or locations;
- (b) assisting congregations, faith communities and other Church bodies to develop Mission Plans and providing feedback on those plans;
- (c) keeping informed of trends and developments in mission nationally and internationally mission-focused forums and sharing the insights and information obtained from such participation throughout the Presbytery;
- (d) assisting the Presbytery in the development of short-term and long-term mission-focused strategies and goals and bringing recommendations and proposals to the Presbytery for determination;
- (e) encouraging, supporting, resourcing and assisting congregations, faith communities and other Church bodies to develop and pioneer new models of Church and to regenerate inherited forms of Church life so that they may become intentional intergenerational and intercultural missional communities; and
- (f) working collaboratively with all other Presbytery committees particularly CEDAL, PRC and PSC to ensure knowledge is shared and approved goals are jointly progressed.

27. Proposal 6- Church Law- Rules for Property Committee

The General Secretary asked if consideration could be given at a later stage of the Presbytery deferring its powers and responsibilities in relation to property and PRC to the Synod so that we have one committee dealing with property and a combined PRC and Placements Commission. He argued that at the moment we had a duplication of powers, delays in decision making and it was getting harder to find people to serve on a range of committees. His comments were noted.

The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus to approve and enact the following Rules for the Presbytery Property Committee, subject to approval being given by the Church Law Committee

P16	PROPERTY COMMITTEE
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NAME

- P16.1 The name of the Committee is the Property Committee, a committee appointed by and responsible to the Presbytery of Western Australia in accordance with Reg 4.3.1 (a).

MEMBERSHIP

- P16.2 The Property Committee is appointed by the Presbytery and consists of:
- (a) a Chairperson elected for a two year term;
 - (b) up to two nominees each of the Pastoral Relations Committee and the Thrive Mission Committee; and
 - (c) up to four members elected for two year terms so that there are always two groups of members of nearly equal size, one group retiring each year.
- P16.3 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.
- P16.4 All members of the Committee will be members of the Church and a majority of the members of the Committee shall be members of the Presbytery.
- P16.5 The Committee may invite Presbytery or Synod staff or other persons to attend and participate in its meetings on a non-voting basis to assist the Committee in fulfilling its role and powers.
- P16.6 The Chairperson of the Presbytery may, at their own discretion, attend and speak at any meeting of the Committee but is not eligible to vote.

MEETINGS

P16.7 The Committee will meet at least six times each year.

P16.8 The meetings of the Committee will be conducted in accordance with the principles and procedures of the *Manual for Meetings*.

QUORUM

P16.9 The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be the whole number next above one-half of the current members.

REPORTING

P16.10 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 the Presbytery Standing Committee.

ROLE

P16.11 The role of the Committee is:

- (a) to consider all property matters requiring input or decision from or on behalf of the Presbytery with particular attention being given to the pastoral, missional and strategic aspects of the matter; and
- (b) to provide advice to Church Councils and other bodies within the Presbytery with respect to property matters for which they are responsible.

POWERS

P16.12 The powers of the Committee, in accordance with Reg 4.3.1, are to:

- (a) receive and consider applications from Church Councils and other bodies within the bounds of the Presbytery with respect to property matters having regard to:
 - ***the mission of the Church within the bounds of the Presbytery.***
 - ***the policies of the Synod and Presbytery;***
 - ***financial feasibility;***
 - ***design and location; and***
 - ***any other relevant matter;***
- (b) submit proposals from any Church Council or other body within the bounds of the Presbytery to the Synod Property Board with recommendations for final decision;
- (c) initiate proposals with respect to property matters within the bounds of the Presbytery;
- (d) inspect or arrange for the inspection every three years of the properties for which the Presbytery and Church Councils and other bodies within the Presbytery are responsible and report to the Presbytery including any action

that seems desirable to ensure that the Properties are maintained in good and safe condition.

P16.13 The Committee shall make recommendations to the Presbytery in regard to:

- (a) the closure of worship sites; and
- (b) when any recommendation or decision of the Committee is opposed by a Church Council or other body.

28. Proposal 7- Church Law- Rules for Pastoral Relations Committee

Rev Des Cousins explained that there was no real change to the role of PRC but commented that this committee was under resourced to do the work assigned to it. He also outlined a difficulty in complying with Regulations which were written for a Synod with multiple Presbyteries and the current Rule was the best compromise we could come up with which complied with Regulations.

In response to a question, Des clarified that “minister” meant an ordained Minister of the Word or Deacon. A comment was also made that when PRC and Placements were previously combined it was found that the work of PRC was lost with the major focus being on placement issues.

The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus to approve and enact the following Rules for the Pastoral Relations Committee, subject to approval being given by the Church Law Committee

P12 PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

NAME AND STATUS

P12.1 The name of the Committee is the “Pastoral Relations Committee”, a committee appointed by and responsible to the Presbytery of Western Australia.

MEMBERSHIP

P12.2 The Committee is appointed by the Presbytery and consists of: [Reg 3.7.3 (a)]

- (a) a Chairperson, who must be a member of Presbytery [Reg 3.7.3 (c)], elected by the Presbytery for a two year term;
- (b) up to six other persons elected by the Presbytery for a two year term.
- (c) the five Presbytery’s representatives on the Placements Commission with two elected by the Pastoral Relations Committee from among those elected under P12.2 (a) and (b), and three elected by the Presbytery Standing Committee.

- P12.3 The membership of the Committee must include at least two ministers and two lay persons. [Reg 3.7.3 (a)]
- P12.4 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.
- P12.5 A majority of the membership of the Committee shall be members of the Presbytery.
- P12.6 Presbytery or Synod staff may be invited to attend and speak to assist the Committee in fulfilling its role and powers but are not eligible to vote.
- P12.7 The Chairperson of the Presbytery may, at their own discretion, attend and speak at any meeting of the Committee but is not eligible to vote.

MEETINGS

- P12.8 The Committee will meet at least six times per year.
- P12.9 The meetings of the Committee will be conducted in accordance with the principles and procedures of the *Manual for Meetings*.

QUORUM

- P12.10 The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be the whole number next above one-half of the members elected under Rule P12.2 (a) and (b).

REPORTING

- P12.11 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

- P12.12 The role of the Committee is:
- (a) to assist the Presbytery fulfil its duties in regard to the pastoral and administrative oversight of all ministries, Congregations and Faith Communities within the Presbytery;
 - (b) to assist the Presbytery fulfil its duties in regard to the oversight of all Congregations and Faith Communities within the Presbytery;
 - (c) to consult with the Synod Placements Commission on placements.

- (d) to consult regularly with the other continuing Presbytery committees.

POWERS

P12.13 The Committee shall have the power to fulfill all the responsibilities of the Pastoral Relations Committee as prescribed in Regulation 3.7.3 (b) and is authorised to act on behalf of the Presbytery to:

- (a) provide support and oversight of congregations including Life and Witness consultations and reviews;
- (b) maintain the Presbytery roll of Ministers in conjunction with Synod Placements Commission and dealing with the enrolment of Ministers on Congregational rolls;
- (c) maintain the Presbytery roll of Lay Preachers;
- (d) arrange, in conjunction with the Presbytery Chairperson, the induction of Ministers, the commissioning of Pastors and services to mark the commencement of a placement or appointment of other persons within the bounds of the Presbytery and to mark the termination of such placements or appointments;
- (e) consult with the Candidates for Ministries Committee, the Placements Committee and CEDAL in relation to the placement, ordination and induction of exit students ;
- (f) the appointment of Presbytery representatives on a Joint Nominating Committee for a Congregational placement and designating the chairperson of such Joint Nominating Committees;
- (g) grant approval to a Joint Nominating Committee of any recommendation to issue a call and the terms of placement of that call;
- (h) the extension of a placement in a Congregation beyond the tenth year in conjunction with the Thrive Mission Committee;
- (i) designating a ministry location as appropriate for the ministry of a Pastor, and making arrangements, in conjunction with the Presbytery chairperson, for the commissioning of Pastors once they have demonstrated the core competencies;
- (j) determine applications for persons other than Ministers of the Word or Deacons to preside at the celebration of the sacraments;
- (k) recognise and provide on-going support for Lay Ministry Teams; and
- (l) provide oversight and support to congregations without an ordained minister in placement.

P12.14 The Committee shall make recommendations to the Presbytery in regard to:

- (a) ***the withdrawal of the recognition of a Minister;***

- (b) *determining any limitations on the exercise of any or all of functions of ministerial office;*
- (c) *the withdrawal of the recognition of a Lay Preacher;*
- (d) *the recognition and the withdrawal of recognition (including closure) of a Congregation;*
- (e) *the amalgamation of and the organisational structures between congregations; and*
- (f) *the recognition and the withdrawal of recognition (including closure) of a Faith Community.*

29. Proposal 8- PRC- Closure of Waterman's Bay Congregation

Rev Ivan Clark explained that this congregation had chosen to amalgamate with Scarborough congregation last year, but this had been overlooked by PRC until recently. A comment was made that the amalgamation had led to some increased vitality at Scarborough.

The Presbytery of WA agreed by consensus to:

1. *dissolve the Waterman's Bay 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 Waterman's Bay Congregation.*
3. *note that*
 - a) *all remaining members of the congregation have transferred their membership to Scarborough congregation.*
 - b) *All rolls and other records have been placed in the custody of Synod Archives*
 - c) *And that the Synod will be notified of this decision.*

30. Proposal 9- PSC- Election of Members of Synod

Rev Bev Fabb presented this proposal which was passed without comment.

The Presbytery of WA agreed by consensus:

1. *All Ministers (Deacons and Ministers of the Word) who are members of the Presbytery, whether in Active Ministry or co-opted, shall be ministerial members of the Synod.*
2. *All commissioned Pastors and Community Ministers who are members of the Presbytery shall be lay members of the Synod.*
3. *To elect the following confirmed lay members of the church as lay members of the Synod.*

- **Denise Adams**
- **David Beards**
- **John Berger**
- **Kerrie Birch**
- **Annette Bryant**
- **Elizabeth Burns**
- **Frances David**
- **Carolyn Ebell**
- **Reuben Edmonds**
- **Mary Elton**
- **Joshua Fotu**
- **Karen Flowers**
- **Shirley Francis**
- **Bob French**
- **Marg Garrett**
- **David Gray**
- **Mark Hackling**
- **Heather Hamblin**
- **Anne Hammer**
- **Helen Harmer**
- **Richard Hugman**
- **Maggie Johns**
- **Elaine Ledgerwood**
- **Doug Lincoln**
- **Bob Lockley**
- **Deborah Marshall**
- **Janine McDonald**
- **Tim Milnes**
- **Natalie Norman**
- **Paul Olney**
- **Mary Riley**
- **Yvonne Robinson**
- **Shelby Robison**
- **Vic Richards**
- **Tom Stokes**
- **Susan Strutt**
- **Trevor Thomas**
- **Sue Thompson**
- **Yuko Tonai-Moore**
- **Hanamoia Vaitogi**
- **Graham Wasley**
- **Graham Whitworth**
- **Sue Whitworth**

- *Liliani Williams*
- *Bruce Wilson*
- *Judy Wilson*
- *Elizabeth Woods*
- *Alison Xamon*
- *Marie Yuncken*

31. Elections Committee

The ballot papers for elections for Presbytery committees and officers were distributed.

32. Feedback from Table Groups

Thrive Mission Committee presented the feedback they had received from the earlier table group discussion.

33. Proposal 10- Thrive- Adoption of 25 Year Mission and Property Strategy

Rev Greg Ross moved Proposal 10 and the following comments were made in debate.

- Why are we adopting this report rather than receiving it? Thrive believes the Presbytery needs to adopt it so as to give congregations some direction for the future. This will then be the basis for the Presbytery to engage congregations in conversations.
- There had been no consultation about what financial resources were available to the church to help us move in new directions. The Property Trust which holds all property held by the UCA, believes that the funds donated to the church were given by people who wanted us to use these resources for the mission of the church. A proposal is coming to Synod that the Council for Mission be replaced by a Committee of Mission Resourcing, which will determine how funds currently held by the Foundation and some Trust and Special Purpose Accounts can be used for the mission of the church. Congregations or regions are encouraged to work out what they want to do in mission, and come with well thought out plans to this new body so that funds can be released for new mission and ministry.
- It is not enough to adopt this report- are we committed to take action on it? Congregations and faith communities must be willing to engage in the process and Thrive need to report regularly on the listening journey.
- The day of isolated congregations is over. We must find ways to resource, support and encourage each other. New possibilities will emerge as we listen to one another.

- Why is Act 2, schools and Congress not included in the report? The May Act 2 report did not become available until after the Thrive report was finalized but in fact it is taking the same direction as in this report. Schools who are open to work with the UCA in new directions are welcome to participate but not all schools are open to this possibility. The importance of the covenantal relationship with Congress was affirmed.
- Is 2 years too long for implementation? Can this be reduced? Thrive hopes that congregations will be proactive in seeking to form clusters and hope to hear back soon from congregations how they are moving forward. Please take the message back to your congregation and start work immediately.
- Start the conversation in your congregation- where do we fit in? Are we a Hub church, palliative or what? Who can we work with- is there an agency or school or congregation we can collaborate with. Congregations can take steps immediately. The process needs to be self-directed- talk among yourselves and be honest.
- It would be more helpful if Proposal 10 and 11 are taken as two parts of the one proposal.
- Should clusters be regional, or could there be other clusters which are relational? The aim is to have clusters which are not mono cultural, with just one theological perspective.
- Why 25 years, make it 10 years? Make it tight. God is calling us to a new future with the next generation. We must take active steps in the journey towards this goal. Presbytery can initiate new directions.
- The best way for unity is when trust exists. Unity rather than uniformity.
- There will be a report back to future Presbytery meetings. This report provides a basis to guide us, but future clusters will be determined as we go along. The Presbytery Minister Mission is available to help congregations work out the next steps.
- It was agreed that Proposal 10 and 11 should be taken together and several amendments were proposed and agreed to by the movers and the meeting.

The Presbytery of WA agreed by consensus to:

1. ***Commit to the implementation of the 25-year Mission & Property Strategy for the WA Presbytery of the Uniting Church in WA as a resource for congregations and faith communities within the Presbytery to enable us to continue playing our part in the mission of God in sustainable ways; and***

2. ***Request Thrive mission Committee to develop and implement a 2-year process of mutual listening with our congregations and faith communities, with other Presbytery committees and networks, schools, agencies and with the UAICC to explore together how this strategy can be implemented with regular reporting to Presbytery on progress, feedback and outcomes.***

34. Proposal 11- Election of Further Member to Synod

The Presbytery of WA agreed by consensus to elect Iliapi Taoi as a lay member of the 2023 Synod.

35. Declaration of Ballots

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

- Rev Bev Fabb as Secretary of Presbytery until June 2024
- Janine McDonald as Treasurer of Presbytery until June 2024.
- Sue Strutt as Chair of PRC until June 2025
- Dr Karen Flowers as Chair of CEDAL until June 2025
- Rev Ivan Clark, Reuben Edmonds as members of PSC until June 2025 and Mary Riley as member of PSC until June 2024.
- Rev Ivan Clark and Sandy Scott as members of PRC until June 2025
- Reuben Edmonds, Pastor Lindsay Ginn, Mary Riley, Rev Dr Geoff Lilburne and John van den Berg as members of CEDAL- term to be determined by new Rules
- Bob French, Doug Burtenshaw and Rev Anne McAndrew to the Candidates for Ministries Committee until June 2025
- David Gray, Heather Hamblin and Monika Cowell to Thrive Mission Committee (term to be reviewed in November 2023)
- Rev Dr Katalina Tahaafe- Williams as Convenor of Multicultural Network until June 2024
- Yuko Tonai Moore as Convenor of Rural and Remote Ministry Network until June 2024
- Rev Kim Francis as Convenor of the Uniting Generations Network until June 2024

It was noted that there was still a vacancy in membership of PRC.

36. Commissioning of Chairs, Convenors and Committee Members

The Chair led a Commissioning Service for the Chairs and members of Presbytery committees and Convenors and members of Networks.

37. Closing Reflections and Thanks

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

- Kalamunda for hosting the meeting and providing hospitality.
- Janine McDonald and Bev Fabb for staffing the registration desk
- Chris Crause and Bev Fabb for preparing Opening worship and Commissioning Service
- Fiona Bentley for preaching at opening service
- All the committees and networks for their dedicated work on behalf of the Presbytery
- Chairs and members of committees who work so hard for the Presbytery, especially to Rev Ivan Clark who has stood down as Chair of PRC
- Members of Thrive for their work on the 25 Year Property and Mission Strategy and organising the Table Group discussion
- Steve Francis and Claire Pickering for being chaplains
- Rob Douglas for the Congregational Selfies.
- Mary Riley and Elaine Ledgerwood for providing music
- Sue Whitworth, the Returning Office and Ken Devereux and John Berger for being Scrutineers
- For all those willing to stand for election.
- Cathie Lambert for her Closing Prayers
- Steve Francis for being Spare Chair
- Bruce Wilson- timekeeper
- Members of PSC for their hard work on behalf of the Presbytery.
- Other Presbytery Officers- Secretary and Treasurer
- Amanda Badenhorst- for behind the scenes organising, handling registrations, organising catering, printing of materials, data projection, time keeper.

A presentation was given to Amanda Badenhorst who is leaving after 12 years in her administration support role with Presbytery.

38. Closing Worship

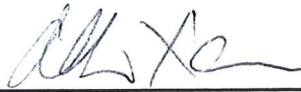
Rev Dr Cathie Lambert led the meeting in closing worship

39. Closure of the meeting

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

Approved by the Presbytery Standing Committee on 4/7/2023

As a true and correct record

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Xamon', written over a horizontal line.

ALISON XAMON (Chairperson)

Roll of WA Presbytery – 17 June 2023

40. OFFICE BEARERS

Alison Xamon	Chair
Rev Bev Fabb	Secretary
Janine McDonald	Treasurer

MINISTERS IN ACTIVE SERVICE

Mark Bell	Star Street
Dianne Bertolino	SCGH Chaplain
Ivan Clark	Noranda
Rob Douglas	Presbytery Minister - Mission
Mitch Fialkowski	Remote Area Ministry (Meekatharra)
Kim Francis	Maylands/Mt Lawley
Steve Francis	Tranby College Chaplain
Mitchell Garlett	Maaman 'O' Miya and Congress
Hannes Halgryn	Associate General Secretary
Mark Illingworth	South Perth
David Jackson	Midwest WA DR Chaplain
Alan Jeffrey	UCIC (Ross Memorial)
Toby Keva	Rockingham
David Kriel	Education Co-ordinator (Lay and Continuing Education)
Cathie Lambert	Education Co-ordinator (Ordained Ministers and PTH Principal)
Sione Lea'aetoa	St Andrew's
Sophia Lizares	Kalamunda

John Marshall	Mandurah
Rick Morrell	Industry Chaplain
Herman Nienaber	Nedlands
Claire Pickering	Mt Pleasant
Nalin Perera	Presbytery Ladies' College Chaplain
Sonny Rajamoney	NorthWay
Greg Ross	Wellington Regional Mission
Judy Sanderson	Applecross
Manie Strydom	Wesley College Chaplain
Roy Alexander Surjanegara	GKI
Katalina Tahaafe-Williams	UCIC (Trinity)
Gary van Heerden	Scotch College Chaplain
Corina van Oostende	Albany
Stephen van Schalkwyk	Baylife
Ruth Vertigan	Star Street
Andrew Williams	General Secretary
Luke Williams	The Billabong
Hollis Wilson	UCIC (Wesley)
ASSOCIATE MINISTERS - <i>Open to all ministers on leave of absence, retired or awaiting placement who are not otherwise Presbytery Members. We "enrol" them only on request and non-voting</i>	
Ken Devereux	UCIC
Anne McAndrew	Osborne Park
Gemmel Sherwood	Wanneroo Crossways
MINISTERS CO-OPTED	
Mervyn Anderson	Congress Ministry
Raymond Clee	Supply (St Peter & Emmaus)

Des Cousins	Church Law
Chris Crause	Presbytery Executive Officer (Supply)
Sungeun Jang	Pulpit Supply (Korean UC)
Zak Cronje	Placements Commission
Cyrus Kung	Assembly (Act 2 Project)
Erica Payne	Dongara (Associate)
Lorraine Stokes	Presbytery Minister – Pastoral (Supply)
Ian Tozer	Moderator Elect
Marie Wilson	Regional Pastor
PASTORS	
Chelsie Bunter	Lighthouse Geraldton
Lindsay Ginn	Kalgoorlie Goldfields
Marilyn Price	Mandurah
Julie Ridden	Children, Families, Youth and Young Adult Co-ordinator
Simone Smalley	Methodist Ladies' College Chaplain
John Tomkins	Carnarvon
Paul Whitfield	Penrhos College Chaplain
LAY PREACHERS <i>(up to 10 elected by Presbytery)</i>	
Doug Burtenshaw	Lay Preacher
Shirley Francis	Lay Preacher
Jonathan Haslam	Lay Preacher
COMMUNITY MINISTERS - <i>Community Ministers, Lay Pastors and Youth Workers were specific ministries in the past, now discontinued but people who held that classification at the time the ministries were discontinued, keep that status.</i>	
Uto Fotu	Beth Shalom
Valda Knott	Central Wheatbelt (Trayning, Tammin)

LAY MINISTRY TEAM REPRESENTATIVES (Rule P2.1.4)

Trevor Thomas	Pinjarra
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CONGREGATIONAL LAY REPRESENTATIVES

Elizabeth Burns	Albany
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Margaret Martin	Applecross
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Sue Whitworth	Armadale
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	Augusta
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Joshua Fotu	Beth Shalom
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	Bicton
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Frances David	Billabong
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Yvonne Robinson	Baylife
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Ann Hammer	Claremont
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Graham Wasley	Darkan
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Judy Wilson	Denmark
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Gwyn Thornton	Dongara
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Marie Yuncken	Floreat
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Deborah Marshall	Floreat
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Robert Watson	Forrestfield
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Andrew Stokes	Fremantle
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Chris Atkinson	Geraldton
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Jeremy Beckett	Geraldton
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Kim Mouritz	Gingin
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Jan Alvin Gunawan	GKI
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Ian Wright	Glen Forrest
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Neville van Wyk	Gosnells
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Sue Thompson	Guildford
Carolyn Ebell-Taylor	Kalamunda
Betty Lewis	Kalgoorlie-Boulder
John van den Berg	Kardinya
Gun Seo Park	Korean
Mary Riley	Leeming
Alan Hortin	Lockyer
	Mandurah
Mary Elton	Margaret River
Averill Mackintosh	Maylands/Mt Lawley
Bob French	Merredin
Doug Lincoln	Mt Barker / Plantagenet
Brian Gluestein	Mt Pleasant
Ralph Moore	Mt Pleasant
Anne-Marie Adams	Mundaring
Christine Bundell	Nedlands
David Preece	Nedlands
	Nedlands
Helen McMillan	Noranda
Robert (Bob) Lockley	Northam
Mark Hackling	Northway
Helen Findlay	Osborne Park
Kerrie Birch	Pinjarra
Simon Cartwright	Rockingham
	Rowethorpe
Elizabeth Woods	Scarborough

John Lawrence	South Mandurah
John Berger	South Perth
Sandy Scott	Spearwood
Sue Arthurs	St Andrews
Sue Strutt	St Peter and Emmaus
Annette Bryant	Star Street
Bob Nicholls	Swan View
Darian Partington	Trinity North
Helen Harmer	Trinity North
	Trinity North
David Gray	UCIC
	UCIC
Liz Pederick	Wagin
Iliapi Toai	Wanneroo Crossways
Richard Hugman	Wellington Regional Mission
Marg Garrett	Wellington Regional Mission
Vic Richards	Wembley Downs
John Boon	Willetton
Kevin Trent	York
FAITH COMMUNITY LAY REPRESENTATIVES	
	Badgingarra
	Bencubbin
Yuko Tonai-Moore	Bridgetown
	Brookton
	Byford
Kathleen McAndrew	Capel

Shelby Robison	Cannington
	Carnarvon
	Carnamah
	Coolbellup (Maaman "O" Mia)
	Cuballing
	Cunderdin
	Dowerin
	Esperance
	Gidgegannup
	Hyden
Norma Hersey	Katanning
Malcolm Watson	Kojonup
	Kulin
	Manjimup
Jonathan Nelson	Moora
	Mukinbudin
Evan Maltby	Mundijong
	Narrogin
	Northampton
	Northcliffe
	Pemberton
Arthur West	Quairading
Steve Higgins	Southern Cross
	Tambellup
	Tammin
Pepe Liuvaie Halatau	Tapu Niue

	Three Springs
	Toodyay
	Trayning
	Waroona
REPRESENTATIVES OF BODIES	
Robert Jetta (Chairperson)	WA Regional Committee of UAICC
Lenny Yarran	WA Regional Committee of UAICC
CO-OPTED LAY MEMBERS	
Samuel Annan	Candidate MOW
Mark Brisbane	Synod Standing Committee
Karen Flowers	Chairperson of CEDAL
Reuben Edmonds	Candidate MOW
Heather Hamblin	Thrive Committee
Cameron Harries	Candidate MOP
Bob Hunt	Trinity North
Ana Lea'aetoa	Candidate MOD
Elaine Ledgerwood	Candidate MOD
Susan Sydney-Smith	Candidate MOW
Susy Thomas	Synod Standing Committee
Hanamoa Vaitogi	Samoan Devotional Group
Bruce Wilson	Presbytery Arrangements
Erin Lloyd	Youthful Member