

47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Synod in Western Australia  
Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September 2023  
Scotch College Dickinson Centre  
76 Shenton Rd, Swanbourne

Opening Worship and installation of the new Moderator, Rev Dr Ian Tozer to be held at  
All Saints Floreat Uniting Church commencing at 7pm

## Order of Business: Saturday, 9 September 2023

Time	Item	Presenter/s
8.00am	Registration	Margaret Johnston and Heather Hamblin
9.00am	Housekeeping	Rev Dr Andrew Williams (General Secretary)
9.02am	Welcome by the Moderator	Rev Dr Ian Tozer (Moderator)
9.15am	Welcome to Scotch College	Dr Alec O'Connell, (Headmaster)
<b>9.25am</b>	<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	Julie Ridden (Candidate for Ministry)
9.35am	Meeting Procedure <b>Proposals #1</b> 1(a) Order of Business 1(b) Confirmation of Minutes 2(a) Roll of Synod 2(b) Appointment of Minute Secretary 2(c) Ballots and Nominations 3(a) Appointment of Chaplains 3(b) Appointment of Others 3(c) Reception of Reports	Rev Dr Andrew Williams (General Secretary)
9.45am	Ex Moderators <b>Report # 13</b>	Susy Thomas (Ex Moderator)
10.05am	Synod Commission Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Committee <b>Report # 2</b></li> <li>• Bridging Entities <b>Report # 3</b></li> <li>• Church Law <b>Report # 5</b></li> <li>• Committee for Discipline <b>Report # 6</b></li> <li>• Committee for Counselling <b>Report # 7</b></li> <li>• Covenanting Commission <b>Report # 8</b></li> <li>• Ecumenical Affairs Network <b>Report # 9</b></li> <li>• Nominating Committee Listing <b>Report # 11</b></li> <li>• Nominating Committee Proposal # 5</li> <li>• Placements Commission <b>Report # 14 including</b></li> <li>• Ministerial Benefits <b>Report # 12</b></li> <li>• Uniting Church Adult Fellowship <b>Report # 20</b></li> <li>• Uniting Church Mission Fellowship <b>Report # 21</b></li> <li>• Uniting Aboriginal &amp; Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) # <b>Report 34A</b></li> </ul>	Rev Dr Andrew Williams (General Secretary)  <b>*Consent Agenda</b> These reports will be taken as read and presented en bloc. Opportunity will be given to separate any reports for discussion if requested. Please notify the General Secretary by 5 September 2023.  <b>Note:</b> Consent Agenda can approve all reports in one action rather than filing motions on each item separately.
10.20 am	Nominating Committee nomination update	Heather Hamblin (Chair) Nominating Committee
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	
11.00 am	Nominating Committee Ballots for Synod Bodies and Assembly <b>Proposal # 6</b>	Heather Hamblin (Chair) Nominating Committee

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11.10 am	<b>Information Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resources Commission <b>Report # 17</b></li> <li>- Resources Commission <b>Proposal # 8</b></li> <li>- Review of Resources Commission <b>Report # 17A</b></li> <li>- Resources - Minutes of Appreciation</li> <li>- Property Trust <b>Report # 16</b></li> <li>- Property Trust <b>Proposal # 10</b></li> <li>- Budget <b>Report # 4</b></li> <li>- Budget <b>Proposal # 2</b></li> </ul>	Yvonne Robinson (Deputy Chair, Resources Commission)  Rev Des Cousins  Rev Dr Andrew Williams (General Secretary), Peter Hollins (CFO), David Beards (Resources Commission)
<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>DINING ROOM</b>
1.00 pm	Bible Study	Rev Dr Cathie Lambert (Education Co-ordinator (Ordained Ministries and PTH Principal))
1.30 pm	<b>Assembly Report #1</b> <i>Invitation for the President to lead the WA Synod in prayer in this National Weekend of Prayer, Reflection and Meditation 8-10 September 2023</i>	Rev Sharon Hollis (President, Assembly),
1.50 pm	Presbytery <b>Report # 15</b>	Alison Xamon (Chair) Presbytery
2.00 pm	General Secretary <b>Report # 19</b> including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Synod Standing Committee report</li> <li>- Archives report</li> <li>- Culture of Safety report</li> <li>- Disaster Relief &amp; Community Recovery Working Group report</li> <li>- Insurance/Risk report</li> </ul>	Rev Dr Andrew Williams (General Secretary)
2.30 pm	Professional Supervision <b>Proposal # 7</b>	Rev Ivan Clark – Professional Supervision Working Group
2.50 pm	Nomination Committee nomination update	Heather Hamblin (Chair) Nominating Committee
<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>	<b>DINING ROOM</b>
3.30 pm	Nominating Committee Results of Ballots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synod Standing Committee</li> <li>• Synod Bodies &amp; Commissions</li> </ul>	Heather Hamblin (Chair, Nominating Committee)
3.45 pm	Election Results of Ballot for Assembly Members 2024	Heather Hamblin (Chair, Nominating Committee)
4.00 pm	International Partnership & Development Commission (IPDC) <b>Report # 10</b>	Kerry Povey (Chair, IPDC)
4.10 pm	Social Justice <b>Report # 18</b>	Rev Gordon Scantlebury (Chair, Social Justice)
4.25 pm	Covenanting Commission <b>Report # 8 Proposal # 3</b>	Rev Robert Jetta/Rev Suzy Thomas (Co Chairs)/Rev Dr Alison Longworth (Associated for this session)
4.40 pm	Deliberation/decision making session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resources Commission</li> <li>- Property Trust</li> <li>- Budget</li> </ul>	
5.30 pm	<b>Fixed Order of the Day</b> - Celebration of Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of Certificate to Ana Leaaetoa</li> <li>• Recognition of Retired Minister</li> <li>• Recognition of Ministers who have died</li> </ul>	Rev Dr Ian Tozer (Moderator)
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>DINING ROOM</b>
7.00 pm	Devotion	Susan Sydney-Smith (Candidate for Ministry)
7.10 pm	<b>Church Futures including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">ACT 2 (Link)</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">25 Year Presbytery Plan (Link)</a></li> </ul>	Andrew Johnson, ACT2 Project Lead, (Assembly) and Rev Sharon Hollis (President, Assembly), Alison Xamon (Chair, Presbytery)
8.25pm	Closing Prayer	Rev Lorraine Stokes (Moderator's Chaplain)

## Order of Business: Sunday, 10 September 2023

Time	Item	Presenter/s
9.00 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion	Rev Dr Ian Tozer (Moderator) and Rev Sharon Hollis (President, Assembly)
<b>10.00</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>DINING ROOM</b>
10.30 am	Introduction of Schools and Agencies	Rev Dr Andrew Williams (General Secretary)
10.30 am	<b>Schools and Colleges</b> Methodist Ladies College <b>Report # 22</b> Penrhos College <b>Report # 23</b> Presbyterian Ladies College <b>Report # 24</b> Scotch College <b>Report # 25</b> St Stephens School <b>Report # 26</b> Tranby College <b>Report # 27</b> Trinity Residential College <b>Report # 28</b> Wesley College <b>Report #29</b> <b>Caring Agencies</b> Beananging Kwuurt Institute (BKI) <b>Report # 30</b> Good Sammy Enterprises <b>Report # 31</b> Juniper <b>Report # 32</b> Uniting WA <b>Report # 33</b>	Table Groups.  Each School/Agency will be placed at a table where they will speak on their report. Synod members are invited to engage with the school/agency representative about their report and discuss: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. what are the opportunities for agencies/schools to connect with congregations?</li> <li>2. how can the congregations connect with the agencies and schools?</li> <li>3. how can we promote (communicate) the work of the agencies and schools across the congregations and synod.</li> </ol>
11.15 am	UnitingCare WA Forum <b>Report # 34</b>	John Berger (Executive Officer Caring Agencies)
11.25 am	Minutes of Appreciation Schools and Agencies	Rev Dr Andrew Williams/John Berger
11.50 am	Disability Royal Commission Access Inclusion Policy & <b>Proposal #4</b>	Michael Chester (Co-CEO) Disability Royal Commission Synod Task group
<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>DINING ROOM</b>
1.00 pm	Bible Study	Rev Dr Cathie Lambert (Education Co-ordinator (Ordained Ministries and PTH Principal))
1.20 pm	Nominating Committee <b>Proposal #5</b>	Heather Hamblin (Convenor) Nominating Committee
1.30 pm	Deliberation/decision making session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resources Commission</li> <li>- Property Trust</li> <li>- Budget</li> </ul>	
3.30 pm	Acknowledgements	Rev Dr Andrew Williams (General Secretary)
3.45 pm	Closing Devotions	Rev Dr Ian Tozer (Moderator)
4.00pm	Close of Meeting	