



PROPOSAL 10

PROPERTY TRUST

Proposal

The Uniting Church in Australia (WA) Property Trust propose that the Synod resolve:

1. in order to enable the membership of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (W.A.) to conform to sections 12 and 16 of the *Uniting Church in Australia Act 1976*, to appoint at this Synod three members of the Trust for a two year term and three members for a one year term.

2.
 - (a) upon application of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (W.A.), pursuant to s. 25 of the Act, to approve the transfer of the Ada Purnell Bequest to the Uniting Church in the City Congregation for the benefit of the Trinity Church Congregation on the grounds that the amount in the Fund is inadequate for the purpose and beneficiary has agreed to this proposal.
 - (b) upon application of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (W.A.), pursuant to s. 25 of the Act, to approve the usage of the **John Brickhill Memorial Prize** for the general support of theological education on the grounds that the original purpose of the Fund is impossible.
 - (c) upon application of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (W.A.), pursuant to s. 25 of the Act, to approve the usage of the **Sampson Bequest** for the Christian Education of young people on the grounds that the original purpose of the Fund is inexpedient.

- (d) upon application of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (W.A.), pursuant to s. 25 of the Act, to approve the usage of the **Margie Patullo Bequest** for the Christian Education of young people on the grounds that the original purpose of the Fund is uncertain.
- (e) upon application of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (W.A.), pursuant to s. 25 of the Act, to approve the usage of the **Gibbs Bequest** towards meeting the Redress claims of former residents of Sister Kate's Children's Home on the grounds that the original purpose of the Fund is impossible.
- (f) upon application of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (W.A.), pursuant to s. 25 of the Act, to approve the usage of the **Ian Marshall Memorial Fund** for the purpose of providing fellowships for ministers for study or research in an area of theology on the grounds that the original purposes are impractical.
3. (a) upon application of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (W.A.), pursuant to s. 26 of the Act, to approve the administration of the **Fairbairn Trust** being facilitated by incorporating these funds in the Indigenous Ministries and Programs Endowment (to be created).
- (b) upon application of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (W.A.), pursuant to s. 26 of the Act, to approve the administration of the **Dorothy Green Memorial Fund** being facilitated by incorporating these fund in the Indigenous Ministries and Programs Endowment (to be created).
4. Upon application of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (W.A.), pursuant to s. 26 of the Act, agree to vary the mode of administering the trusts listed below by grouping them into common purpose "endowments" with the original capital, accumulated income and annual income to be used except where the original donor has stipulated that only the income can be used:

(a). Theological Education Endowment

Purposes:

- To provide financial support to candidates for ordained ministries.

- To provide funding to maintain Uniting Church theological education in WA, including costs of staffing and facilities.

Recommending Body:

- Presbytery Standing Committee

Funds to be grouped into this Endowment:

- John Brickhill Memorial Prize (\$29,119) – following its re-allocation to the general support of theological education in WA.
- Emma Leake Bequest (\$66,930) -- designated for theological education.
- Noall Fund (\$86,170) -- allowances for theological students preparing for ordination.
- Marcia Thorpe Memorial Fund (\$27,925) -- assistance to men and women in training for full time Christian service.
- 50% of Claremont Memorial Fund (\$577,568) -- designated for theological education.

Capital amount that must be retained:

- Claremont Memorial Fund \$340,496
- Noall Fund \$11,760

(b) Post Graduate Theological Education Endowment

Purposes:

To provide grants to ordained ministers who wish to:

- undertake post graduate studies in theology; or
- engage in practical field experiences which will expand their skills for ministry, either in Australia or overseas.

Recommending Body:

- Presbytery Standing Committee on the recommendation of CEDAL
- Funds to be grouped into this Endowment:
- Roland Giese Memorial Study Fellowship (\$28,197) -- funding for ministers undertaking further studies, including practical field experience and other non-academic training in Australia or overseas.

- Ian Marshall Memorial Fund (\$47,999) – following its re-allocation to the sole purpose of providing fellowships for ministers for study or research in an area of theology.

Capital amount that must be retained:

- Ian Marshall Memorial Fund \$11,000

(c) Children's and Youth Ministries Endowment

Purpose:

- To provide funding for the promotion of Christian education of children and young people.

Recommending Body:

- Presbytery Standing Committee

Funds to be grouped into this Endowment:

- Jean Ailsa Craig Bequest (\$89,800) -- care, maintenance and Christian education of young people.
- Sampson Bequest (\$6,145) – following its re-allocation to the Christian Education of young people.
- May Marshall Bequest (\$51,765) -- Christian education, mission and outreach to young people.
- Youth Development Fund (\$176,692) youth development and outreach.
- Margie Patullo Bequest (\$158,689) – following its re-allocation to the Christian Education of young people

Capital amount that must be retained:

- Jean Ailsa Craig Bequest \$28,512
- Sampson Bequest \$1,405

(d) Church Extension Endowment

Purposes:

- To provide funding for the establishment of new congregations or faith communities, including costs of

- Employment of ministers or other staff for pioneering ministries; and
- Purchase of land, erection of buildings or rental of appropriate premises.

Recommending Body:

- Presbytery Standing Committee on the recommendation of Thrive Mission Committee

Funds to be grouped into this Endowment:

- Roy Rowe Bequest (\$166,678) for Church extension and home mission work.
- Beverley McWhirter Bequest (\$191,780) for the erection of new Churches.
- Edward Smyth Bequest (\$110,811) for home mission work.
- Church Extension Fund (\$530,430) to provide for Church extension in new areas.
- CM Wilson Bequest (\$348,940) to augment the stipend of a minister or home missionary.
- East Fremantle Trust (\$17,907) to establish new work.
- 25% of Claremont Memorial Fund (\$288,784) for provision of new Church facilities and ministries.
- Trinity Strategy and Extension Fund (\$616,428) to assist with purchase of property or establishment of new congregations. (Subject to negotiation with UCIC Church Council).

Capital amount that must be retained:

- Edward Smyth Bequest \$69,266
- CM Wilson Bequest \$59,289
- Claremont Memorial Fund \$170,248
- Trinity Strategy and Extension Fund \$512,500

(e) Mission Support and Development Endowment

Purposes:

To promote and develop the mission of the Church by providing training, resources and support to congregations and faith communities to engage in mission in their local communities.

Recommending Body:

- Presbytery Standing Committee

Funds to be grouped into this Endowment:

- Blackwell Bequest (\$58,206) to help churches requiring assistance.
- 25% of Claremont Memorial Fund (\$288,784) funding for new mission programs.

Capital amount that must be retained:

- Claremont Memorial Fund \$170,248

(f) Indigenous Ministries and Programs Endowment

Purposes:

- To provide financial support for the work of the UAICC in WA

Recommending Body:

- Synod Standing Committee

Funds to be grouped into this Endowment:

- Fairbairn Trust (\$169,963) education of Aboriginal children and advancement of Aborigines. Consequent to the variation under s 26 of the UCA Act proposed above.
- Dorothy Green Memorial Fund (\$113,796) missionary programs with Aboriginal people or overseas, including preparation of people to serve in mission. Consequent to the variation under s 26 of the UCA Act proposed above.
- Phoebe Trust (\$628) projects to benefit Aboriginal communities in WA or in countries in the Indian Ocean Rim.
- Joy Devereux Bequest (\$113,190) enhance justice for Aboriginal people including UAICC and support ministry in rural WA where Churches cannot afford a minister.

- Church Extension Fund UAICC (\$90,650)
- UCA Foundation Trust UAICC (\$40,211)

(g) Remote Area Ministries Endowment

Purposes:

- Support of Remote Area Ministries

Recommending Body:

- Synod Standing Committee

Funds to be grouped into this Endowment:

- Margaret Alberta Hutchinson Bequest (\$331,565) with "the wish that this gift be used for the purposes of its Frontier Services Division in Western Australia and the Northern Territory".
- Betty Lorraine Johnson Bequest (\$299,152) for "the Frontier Services of the Uniting Church in the northwest of Western Australia".
- Remote Area Ministry Fund (\$372,087): a combination of two gifts from St Andrews Church and Forest Lakes Congregation for "ministry in the Kimberley, Gascoyne, Murchison and Pilbara regions of Western Australia".

5. (a) upon application of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (W.A.), pursuant to s. 25 of the Act, to approve the transfer of the real and personal property of the Uniting Church in Australia (WA) Foundation Trust into a new special purpose fund in the Uniting Church Investment Fund to be titled the "Future Mission Fund", to be managed by Resources Commission (or the Board of Finance and Investment if created by the 2023 Synod) and to be made available for grants according to the procedures of the proposed Mission Resourcing Committee on the grounds that the Foundation Trust is impractical or inexpedient.
- (b) upon application of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (W.A.), in view of the Uniting Church in Australia (WA) Foundation Trust now having

no assets and no purpose, consent to the Uniting Church in Australia (WA)
Foundation Trust being terminated.

Moved: Rev Des Cousins, Chairman of the Trust