



PROPOSAL 1

MEETING PROCEDURES BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Proposal

That the Synod adopt the meeting procedures as outlined.

1(a) ORDER OF BUSINESS

That the Synod:

- approve the order of business and the timetable submitted by the Business Committee, noting that the decisions to vary the order of business and timetable can be taken by the Synod at any time.

1(b) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

That the Synod:

- authorise the Synod Standing Committee to confirm the minutes of the 47th Meeting of the annual Synod of Western Australia.

2(a) ROLL OF SYNOD

That the Synod:

- adopt the roll of members, subject to any alternations advised to the General Secretary no later than 2.00pm Thursday 7 September 2023.

2(b) APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE SECRETARY

That the Synod:

- appoint Jane Brindley, staff member of the Uniting Church, as Minute Secretary.

2(c) BALLOTS AND NOMINATION PROCEDURES

That the Synod:

- appoint Heather Hamblin Convenor of the Nominating Committee, and John Berger and Ian Passmore as Assistant Returning Officers.
- appoint a Ballot Committee with responsibility for advising the Synod on any questions relating to the nominations and elections.
- appoint the following persons as members of the Ballot Committee: Heather Hamblin, Convenor, John Berger, and Ian Passmore (Assisting Returning Officers).
- endorse the decision by the Business Committee to close all nominations for Synod Board and Committee Chairs on 6 September 2023

2(d) NOMINATIONS

That the Synod:

- endorse decision by the business committee to close all nominations for Synod board and committee chairs to close on 6 September 2023

3(a) APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAINS

That the Synod:

- appoint the following:
 1. Rev Lorraine Stokes as Moderators Chaplain
 2. Rev Ruth Vertigan as Pastoral Support Chaplain
 3. Rev Gary van Heerden as Pastoral Support Chaplain

3(b) APPOINTMENT OF OTHERS

That the Synod:

- appoint the following:
 1. Screen Managers (Cindy Gorton and assisted by David Kriel)
 2. Timekeeper (Bruce Wilson)
 3. First Aid Officer (Jane Brindley)

3(c) RECEPTION OF REPORTS:

That the Synod:

- receive the following reports:
 1. Assembly Report,
 2. Synod Commissions & Committees,
 3. Schools & Colleges, and Caring Agencies,
 4. Revised Strategic Directions for the Uniting Church in WA
 5. Moderatorial Nominating Committee;
 6. Moderator report

Rationale

The reception of reports is implicit in the presentation of the report; and does not imply endorsement. Reports are provided to the Synod for its consideration and the opportunity to engage with the work that is included in the report. For reports discussed at Information Sessions, questions from members will be received prior to the session/meeting, or at the point when the verbal report is made.

Mover: Rev Dr Andrew Williams (General Secretary)