



WA Presbytery Meeting- 16 March 2024 Pastoral Relations Committee Report

Membership

Chairperson:	Sue Strutt
Elected by Presbytery:	Chris Bundell Rev Luke Williams Trevor Thomas Sandy Scott Rev Ivan Clark
Non Voting:	Rev Lorraine Stokes (Presbytery Minister Pastoral)
Ex Officio:	Alison Xamon

Working it out

The Pastoral Relations Committee are a small but dedicated team who take their responsibility for care of the ministry agents and congregations in this presbytery seriously. There have been some limitations on our work as we have trialled some new administrative procedures for document handling.

We were very pleased to note that Rev Claire Pickering has accepted the role of Presbytery Minister (Pastoral) as a full time position, beginning in early April. With this position being filled it is hoped that some of the recent stress will be eased.

Presbytery Minister Pastoral

The committee continued to be blessed with the support of Rev Lorraine Stokes, who agreed to continue in a supply capacity in this role until the end of March. Lorraine will then move into the role of Presbytery Officer on the 1st April.

Life & Witness Reviews

The Life and Witness Review for Kalamunda Foothills was completed. Feedback from that review was considered by the committee to assist the process for further Life and Witness reviews and how the committee and Presbytery respond to any recommendations received.

The Life and Witness team to review the UCIC was sourced from appropriately experienced people from NSW to avoid any conflicts of interest. They have completed the information gathering part of the process and are preparing their

draft report.
<p>Placements</p> <p>The work that was being done with the Wagin congregation and the Presbytery has resulted in the Wagin group of congregations deciding to proceed to being considered for a full time placement.</p> <p>The JNC for Noranda UCA is continuing its work. Vacancies still remain at Geraldton, as well as Wagin and for a 0.5 Rural Resource minister. Consideration for how ministry at St Peter and Emmaus is to be filled is progressing.</p> <p>Supply agreements for congregations were approved and others are being considered, to ensure congregations that are without a ministry agent in place are appropriately supported.</p> <p>The arrangements for the support of faith communities and small congregations was referred to PSC for a wider review.</p> <p>Work is continuing on a guide for the process to be followed for calling a minister. This will prove to be a valuable resource for those Presbytery representatives who volunteer to assist in this important part of our work.</p> <p>We have assisted congregations seeking positions for the ministry of Pastor with their requirements for the position. It is exciting to see congregations considering different forms of ministry for their people.</p> <p>Please continue to pray that we will find solutions for Geraldton, Wagin, the Rural Resource minister and St Peter and Emmaus.</p>
<p>Supervision</p> <p>The interpretation of the requirements for professional supervision were amended and referred to PSC and SSC for decision.</p> <p>The office of Culture and Safety has the names of some organisations that can provide appropriate supervisors.</p>
<p>Joint Work with Thrive</p> <p>Listening Journeys have begun, with meetings coordinated by Rev Rob Douglas that include a PRC and Thrive member as part of each team that visits congregations. As matters from those meetings are raised, they are being referred to the appropriate presbytery bodies for consideration. Please consider if your congregation would like to participate in this important work of presbytery.</p>
<p>Ministry Movement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samuel Annan was ordained in a most joyous Ghanaian service and

inducted into ministry at Rockingham UCA

- Ana Leaaetoa was ordained and inducted into a chaplaincy placement in January in a glorious Tongan celebration.
- In February, Rev Ivan Clark was inducted into ministry at Trinity North and Rev Toby Keva was inducted into to ministry at Willetton UCA

Congregational Annual Reports

PRC are concerned to hear how congregations are travelling and the annual reports from congregations will assist in alerting us to problems or trends. Your congregation should have received a request for their report as have all ministers. The work of reviewing those reports will fall to the Presbytery Minister and any trends or issues brought to the committee.

Thanks

We must make time to thank Rev Lorraine Stokes for her generosity in extending her time in supply as the Presbytery Minister (Pastoral). She has provided great support both to the committee and to those from all parts of the Presbytery who have found her available either on the phone or for a visit.

We also extend our appreciation to Amanda Badenhorst who concluded her work for Presbytery at the end of the year. Her contributions to the work of Presbytery have been numerous and valued. We trust she is enjoying her new life in sunny Queensland.

Also to be thanked is the Rev Claire Pickering for answering the call to take on the Presbytery Minister (Pastoral) role. We are very aware this was a big decision that needed careful discernment and much discussion with her congregation at Mt Pleasant. This congregation have shown great grace in understanding that Presbytery will be blessed with Claire's skills and talents, though they are of course saddened to lose her.

Closing Comments

Once again, I trust the Presbytery can see that this committee is working very hard to fulfill its responsibilities to Presbytery. I really appreciate the generosity and willingness of all the members to volunteer for the extra roles that come with that responsibility.

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