



WA Presbytery Meeting – 16 March 2024 Presbytery Property Committee

Membership

Chairperson:	Heather Hamblin
Elected by Presbytery:	Rev Lorraine Stokes, Rhod Wright 2 vacancies
Appointed by PRC	Sandy Scott plus one vacancy
Appointed by Thrive	Rev Greg Ross plus one vacancy
Ex Officio:	Alison Xamon

Activities since the last Presbytery Meeting

The Presbytery Property Committee commenced work on January 1, 2024 after separation from Thrive at the end of 2023, and the workload has immediately validated the decision to separate the committees.

Following the state-wide inspection in 2023 of all property vested in the UCA Property Trust, a very large number of reports are coming in that need to be addressed by the individual congregations. Some contain work that has not been completed since being identified in the Houspect reports completed in 2019, and there are a number of new issues from the 2023 inspections. Some of the new issues are compliance related, while some are of a structural nature.

A major concern for the PPC is the ability of smaller congregations to be financially able to maintain the properties for which they are the responsible body. PPC will work with the congregations, in conjunction with the Pastoral Relations Committee and Thrive, to assist where able or to find solutions going ahead for the safety and ongoing missional work of our congregations.

Correctly valued insurance of our congregational properties is an issue of concern following a fire in a regional church last year. PPC urges congregations to ensure that their buildings are insured correctly. We will be in contact during this year to work together on a way forward.

Communication with our congregations shows us there is a lot of confusion about procedures and processes that our church seems to enjoy creating. The mandate of the Presbytery Property Committee is to work alongside our congregations to smooth out these pathways.

Heather Hamblin (Chair)

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