



S2.4 Ecumenical Affairs Network By-Law

STATUS

- S2.4.1 These By-Laws provide for the exercise of the powers of the Synod in regard to relationships with other denominations and other faiths.

ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS NETWORK

- S2.4.2 In accordance with Constitution Paragraph 32, the Synod has established the Ecumenical Affairs Network, hereinafter referred to as “the Network”.

MEMBERSHIP

- S2.4.3 The Network is appointed by each ordinary Synod and consists of:
- (a) a Convener;
 - (b) the General Secretary; and
 - (c) up to eight other persons.
- S2.4.4 The Network may co-opt up to two further members to ensure balanced representation or to provide the Network with knowledge, abilities or experience not otherwise available to the Network.

PURPOSE

- S2.4.5 The purpose of the Network is to promote the Church’s commitment to Christian Unity and ecumenicity by:
- (a) keeping the ecumenical question before the Church;
 - (b) providing resources for local discussion regarding ecumenical co-operation;
 - (c) keeping the Church informed of ecumenical activities locally, nationally and internationally;
 - (d) representing the Synod in ecumenical activities and discussions as requested;
 - (e) liaising with the Assembly’s dialogues with other denominations;
 - (f) promoting and supporting the activities of the World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches of Australia and the Council of Churches of Western Australia;
 - (g) encouraging dialogue with other faiths; and
 - (h) maintaining links with the Council of Christians and Jews.

RESPONSIBILITIES

S2.4.6 The Network will:

- (a) provide representatives for, and encourage the initiation of, inter-church and inter-faith dialogues;
- (b) regularly produce reports for presbyteries;
- (c) encourage the sharing of news of ecumenical activities; and
- (d) be responsible to the Synod Standing Committee for the appointing of representatives to:
 - (i) Council of Churches of Western Australia.
 - (ii) World Day of Prayer Commission.
 - (iii) Bible Society.
 - (iv) Australian Church Women State Unit.
 - (v) any other group, as requested by the Synod Standing Committee.

MEETINGS AND REPORTING

S2.4.7 The Network will:

- (a) meet at least four times each year;
- (b) report to the Synod at each ordinary meeting and to the Synod Standing Committee as requested or when necessary.