



# Minutes of the Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia at St Peter & Emmaus Church on 8 November 2025

### 1. Constitution

On Saturday 8 November 2025 at 9.00 am, the Presbytery of Western Australia met at St Peter and Emmaus Church with the Chairperson, Rev Steve Francis, chairing the meeting.

There were 27 ministers, 3 pastors, and 44 lay members present. Apologies were received from 12 ministers, 2 pastors and 19 lay members. There were 3 visitors who attended.

### 2. Welcome & Lighting Christ Candle

The Chairperson, Rev Steve Francis, welcomed members particularly those attending their first meeting.

Steve began the meeting by lighting the Christ candle.

### 3. Welcome to Country

Rev Steve Francis led an acknowledgement of country.

### 4. Opening Worship

The Opening Worship was led by Rev Ana Lea'aetoa. Ps Julie Ridden led the prayer of adoration and confession. Senirewa Nawanawa read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. Ana preached on the theme of our meeting "Gifts of the Spirit". She reflected on her work at King Edward Memorial Hospital and the challenging pastoral care for parents and staff as they face the death of such young lives. She highlighted that the gifts of the Spirit are not just for our church pews but also out in the world. These gifts are for today and for benefiting others. She encouraged us not to bury our gift, to seek the giver and not just the gift, and to be a church that moves in the Spirit.

Rev Steve Francis continued worship with a service of admission for Rev Craig Bosman. Ana then led the prayer for others and concluded the service with a benediction. Thanks also to Rev Luke Williams for playing keyboard for our service.

### 5. Community Building and Prayer Together

Members of Presbytery met in small groups to share about congregational life and praying together.

After the community building. Sue Strutt introduced members to the St Peter & Emmaus Church building and highlighted relevant amenities. Reuben refreshed the Presbytery on the meeting procedures.

### 6. Meeting arrangements

The Secretary, Rev Reuben Edmonds, moved Proposal 1, which was seconded by Rev Steve Francis.

### The Presbytery agreed by consensus:

1. To amend the Roll of Presbytery adopted at the Presbytery meeting on 21 June 2025 as follows:

### 1.1 Ministers in Active Service

- Change Rev David Jackson to Moderator
- Remove Rev Dr Andrew Williams ceased placement
- > Remove Rev Dr Ian Tozer ceased placement
- Remove Rev Sophia Lizares ceased placement
- Change Rev Ana Lea'aetoa to King Edward Memorial Hospital Pastoral Care/PM Strategic Priorities Supply
- Change Rev Luke Williams to Presbytery Minister Mission
- > Add Rev Susan Lord St Peter & Emmaus

### 1.2 Ministers Co-opted

- Add Rev Sophia Lizares Member of Presbytery Standing Committee
- > Add Rev Dr Ian Tozer Ex Moderator

### 1.3 Pastors

> Remove Ps Cameron Harries - Ceased Placement

### 1.4 Congregational Lay Representatives

- > Add Bethwyn Joy as rep for Uniting Church in the City
- > Replace Colleen Taylor with Mary Elton as rep for Margaret River
- > Replace John Lawrence with Dr Evelyn Ashley as rep for South Mandurah

### 1.5 Faith Community Lay Representatives

Replace Etonia Delana with Tevita Naroba for Hedland Fijian Faith Community

### 1.6 Co-opted Lay Members

- > Remove Susan Lord ordained.
- Add David Beards member of SSC.

Members of the Presbytery should note that the approval of these appointments (apart from once off alternates) will confer membership of Presbytery to the person until the next AGM.

- 2. To appoint the following as once off alternates for this meeting only:
  - Mataiasi Vakacabe as rep for Hedland Fijian Faith Community
- 3. Adopt the Order of Business for this meeting.
- 4. Appoint Rev Dr Cathie Lambert and Rev Craig Bosman as Chaplains for this meeting of the Presbytery.
- 5. Appoint Sue Whitworth as Returning Officer and Graham Wasley and Mary Riley as scrutineers for this meeting of the Presbytery.
- 6. Authorise the Presbytery Standing Committee to confirm the minutes of this meeting of the Presbytery.

### 7. Chairperson's Report

Past chairperson, Alison Xamon, took the chair.

Rev Steve Francis presented his verbal report. He expressed his joy at serving as the chair of Presbytery for the last four and a half months. He gave thanks for the work of the Presbytery and the many people who volunteer on our committees and networks. He gave thanks for the Presbytery staff and their ministry. He reflected on the congregations who are thriving, in particular he spoke of attending GKI for Rev Roy's admission service. Steve also expressed appreciation for those who lead smaller communities that are the salt of the earth and continue to proclaim the Word of God. He also reflected on the difficulties that some congregations are facing and the difficult choices that lay ahead. He finished his report with Hebrews 10:23.

The report was received by consensus.

The chairperson, Steve Francis, resumed the chair.

### 8. Treasurer's Report

Janine McDonald, Presbytery Treasurer, presented her report.

Janine highlighted that the current financial position of the Presbytery is favourable and thanked those congregations who have contributed to mission and service.

The report was received by consensus.

### 9. Presentation of Chair of Presbytery Nominee

Rev Steve Francis as chair of the nominating committee that sought nominees for the position of chair of Presbytery presented on the work of the committee. He informed the Presbytery that one nomination was received from Rev Ken Devereux. Rev Ken Devereux presented to the Presbytery on his call to the position of the chair of Presbytery.

The meeting then broke for morning tea.

### 10. Distribution of Ballot Papers and voting on Chair of Presbytery

Sue Whitworth, the Returning Officer, explained the voting procedures and then distributed the ballot.

After the scrutineers counted the votes, it was announced that Rev Ken Devereux was elected as Chair of the Presbytery of WA.

Rev Steve Francis led the Presbytery in prayer for Ken's ministry.

### 11. Recognition of Completion of Phase 3

Rev Dr Cathie Lambert congratulated Rev Mitchell Garlett on completing his Phase 3 of ministry. Unfortunately, Mitchell could not be at the meeting so his certificate will be sent to him. Cathie also highlighted that Rev Susan Lord has now joined the Phase 3 cohort.

### 12. Strategic Priorities Report

Yvonne Robinson gave an overview of the Strategic Priorities of the Synod and Presbytery of WA and some of the work that has been undertaken in the past two years. She highlighted the creation of the Presbytery Strategic Priorities Working Group which includes the chairs of Thrive, PRC, and PPC along with Presbytery staff and recently has been joined by Synod Priorities consultant Michael Barr.

# 13. Presentation and Discussion – Ongoing work of Presbytery towards the Strategic Priorities

Rev Ana Lea'aetoa led the presentation, beginning with an introduction to the work of Presbytery staff towards the strategic priorities and was followed by a video showing an example of an alternative ministry model in Orange, NSW. It reflected on the amalgamation of 3 churches and the new mission projects that have developed.

Presbytery members then broke into small groups to discuss and record their reflections on alternative models of ministry.

### 14. Good Sammy Enterprises Presentation

Kane Blackman, CEO of Good Sammy Enterprises, spoke about the work of the agency and its connections with our congregations. He included a video of staff from Good Sammy giving a lived experience of Disability statement. He reflected on the

importance of employment for people with disabilities and the challenges many people with disabilities face when trying to find work. Kane gave an overview of the range of services that Good Sammy provides to enable a large variety of different job opportunities.

The meeting broke for lunch after Rev Toby Keva said grace.

### 15. Distribution of Ballot Papers

Sue Whitworth, the Returning Officer, thanked those who had nominated for vacant positions. The ballot papers for the election of the nominees were distributed and collected.

### 16. Pastoral Relations Committee report

Sue Strutt presented the report.

Sue corrected the report stating that the name of the member of PRC is Laurie Dyer (not Daly) and that the GKI report is still being finalised.

The report was received by consensus.

### 17. Committee for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL) report

Dr Karen Flowers presented the report.

Karen highlighted that Rev Dr Cathie Lambert will be taking up another position in South Australia. Processes are underway to find the next person called to this placement.

The report was received by consensus.

### 18. Thrive Mission Committee report

Yvonne Robinson presented the report.

Yvonne expressed her thanks to Ana and the excitement of Thrive at having a full time Presbytery Minister with Rev Luke Williams beginning in August. She also encouraged congregations to create mission plans as soon as possible rather than waiting until making a grant.

The report was received by consensus.

### 19. Presbytery Property Committee report

Heather Hamblin presented the report.

Heather acknowledged that her report was blunt, but it is critical that this advice reaches congregations, their councils, and their property committees.

A question was raised about current spending authorities for congregations. Heather replied that it is currently at \$5000, above which congregations need approval. This is impractically low, and a process is underway to revise the policy and raise that limit.

A question was raised about asbestos and what amount warranted an inspection. Heather reminded members that if a church or any church building has any asbestos at all, it is a requirement that an inspection occurs regularly.

The report was received by consensus.

### 20. Candidates for Ministries Committee report

Rev Bev Fabb presented the report.

Bev reported that an updated version of the 'Called By Name' booklets is now available and was distributed to all members. She encouraged all members to read the booklet then carefully consider who they could pass it on to for them to read and then discuss it with them. Bev gave thanks to all those who contributed their stories to the booklet, Wendy Hendry for preparing the booklet, and the Presbytery for preparing it.

The report was received by consensus.

### 21. Uniting Generations Network report

Pastor Julie Ridden presented the report.

Julie highlighted the process that is underway to review the model of Uniting Generations and how we engage in the wider church. She also highlighted the intergenerational practices workshop and a workshop focused on parents managing technology with their children that are available for congregations upon request.

Responding to a question, Julie highlighted the changing demographics and the opportunities to engage with children and young adults who haven't had any previous experience of faith. She also spoke about the opportunities that can be found through engaging with school chaplains.

The report was received by consensus.

### 22. Rural and Remote Ministry Network report

Yuko Tonai-Moore and Rev Craig Bosman presented the report.

Yuko highlighted the work of the network meetings and the in person gathering in June this year. She gave thanks for the work of Craig in supporting the many rural congregations.

A question was raised about whether the Rural Network had considered speaking with the Intercultural Network. Yes, they are keen to meet as soon as possible.

The report was received by consensus.

### 23. Intercultural Network report

Rev Judy Sanderson presented the report.

A question was raised about advice for how congregations can be more inclusive of people from many different cultural backgrounds. Judy responded the best first approach is to listen and not assume what people of diverse cultural backgrounds want or need as part of worship and community.

A question was raised about how the Presbytery meetings can be more inclusive of diverse cultures. Judy responded that this is challenging but again suggested that we ask people of diverse backgrounds in our Presbytery membership how the meeting could reflect differing cultural methods of discussion and discernment.

The network was commended for its efforts to translate Presbytery information into additional languages.

The report was received by consensus.

### 24. Future Mission Fund Grants – update

David Beards, as the General Secretary of the Synod of WA for November, presented on the efforts to make applying for grants simpler and more accessible.

He highlighted the Future Mission Fund grants overview document and encouraged members to ensure it goes back to church councils. David spoke about the three categories of grants that congregations can apply for: Seed Grant, Feasibility Grant, and Full Future Mission Fund Grant. He gave an overview of the projects that the fund has supported so far.

David spoke about the new Missional Property Fund that was approved at the last Synod meeting and takes effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2026. It has the potential to fund expenditure on property (improve, develop, purchase, and or lease) for

missional purposes. There is also the possibility of grants for feasibility studies for further larger grants.

David spoke about the importance of completing the Health and Vitality Toolkit to enable the Synod and Presbytery to have up to date information about our congregations and faith communities. Mission Plans are also required as part of grant applications.

### 25. Proposal 2 – Adoption of 2026 Budget

The Treasurer, Janine McDonald, moved Proposal 2, which was seconded by Rev Reuben Edmonds.

A request was made for the information in the rationale of the proposal to be better connected with the budget tables and graphs (ideally in one document) to make it clearer for members.

A question was raised about how sustainable this level of deficit is. Janine and members of the Presbytery spoke about the reduction of funding from the Synod for 2026 which has contributed to deficit but that there is optimism that this funding support will return in 2027.

A comment was made that more information in the rationale explaining the budget would be appreciated, including for example the explanations about the Synod funding expected for 2027.

The Presbytery agreed by consensus:

To adopt the 2026 Presbytery budget as presented with the use of Presbytery Reserves to cover any deficit.

### 26. Proposal 3 – 2026 Meeting Dates

The Secretary, Rev Reuben Edmonds, moved Proposal 3, which was seconded by Rev Steve Francis, about the arrangements for this meeting.

The Presbytery agreed by consensus to meet in 2026 on:

- Saturday 21 March,
- Saturday 20 June,
- and Saturday 7 November.

### 27. Declaration of Ballots

Sue Whitworth the Returning Officer informed the Presbytery that the following people had been elected:

Simon Cartwright as a member of PRC until June 2027.

Senirewa Nawanawa as a member of PRC until June 2027.

Trevor Thomas as a member of PPC until June 2026.

### 28. Thank Yous

Steve thanked St Peter and Emmaus Church for hosting today's meeting, and the staff and many volunteers who helped enable today's Presbytery meeting.

### 29. Commissioning of Chair of Presbytery

Rev Steve Francis led the Presbytery in a service commissioning the newly elected Chair of Presbytery, Rev Ken Devereux.

Ken took the chair of the meeting.

### 30. Proposal 4 Thanks to Steve Francis

The Secretary, Rev Reuben Edmonds, moved Proposal 4, which was seconded by Rev Lorraine Stokes.

The Presbytery of WA expresses its gratitude for the service of Rev Steve Francis as Chair of the Presbytery from June 2025 to November 2025.

The proposal was passed by acclamation.

### 31. Closing Prayer

Rev Simone Smalley led the Presbytery in prayer to close the meeting.

### 32. Closure of the meeting

The meeting was then closed at 3:26pm

Confirmed by the Presbytery Standing Committee on

8 December 2025 as a true and correct record

Signed by Rev Ken Devereux - Chairperson

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## **Attendance Record of WA Presbytery - 8 Nov 2025**



OFFICE BEARERS		
Steve Francis	Chair/Tranby College	Attended
Rev Reuben Edmonds	Secretary/All Saints Floreat	Attended
Janine McDonald	Treasurer	Attended
Alison Xamon	Past Chair	Attended
REPRESENTATIVES OF BODIE	S	
Robert Jetta (Chairperson)	WA Regional Committee of UAICC/Waroona	
Lenny Yarran	WA Regional Committee of UAICC	
MINISTERS IN ACTIVE SERVIC		
Samuel Annan	Rockingham	Attended
Dianne Bertolino	HOD Chaplaincy and Spiritual Services- SCGH & OPH	Apology
Craig Bosman	Rural Resource Minister/Margaret River/Augusta	Attended
Andrew Broadbent	CEDAL Education and Resources Coordinator	Attended
Ivan Clark	Trinity North	Attended
Mitch Fialkowski	Remote Area Ministry (Meekatharra)	Apology
Kim Francis	Maylands/Mt Lawley	Attended
Mitchell Garlett	Maaman 'O' Miya and Congress	
Mark Illingworth	South Perth	Attended
David Jackson	Moderator	Apology
Sugeun Jang	Korean UCA	Apology
Toby Keva	Willetton	Attended
Cathie Lambert	CEDAL Formation and Learning Culture Coordinator	Attended
Ana Lea'aetoa	KEMH Pastoral Care/PM Strategic Priorities Supply	Attended
Sione Lea'aetoa	Mt Pleasant	Apology
Elaine Ledgerwood	St Aidan's Claremont	Attended
Susan Lord	St Peter & Emmaus	Apology
Rick Morrell	Industry Chaplain	
Herman Nienaber	Nedlands	
Erica Payne	Frontier Services (Mid West Disaster Chaplaincy) & Dongara	Attended
Claire Pickering	Presbytery Minister Pastoral	Attended
Nalin Perera	Presbytery Ladies' College Chaplain	
Sonny Rajamoney	NorthWay	Attended
Lyall Reid	Naval Chaplain	
Greg Ross	Wellington Regional Mission	Apology
Judy Sanderson	Applecross	Attended
Simone Smalley	Methodist Ladies' College Chaplain	Attended
Lorraine Stokes	Presbytery Officer	Attended
Manie Strydom	Wesley College Chaplain	
Roy Alexander Surjanegara	GKI	
Gary van Heerden	Scotch College Chaplain	
Corina van Oostende	Albany	Apology
Stephen van Schalkwyk	Baylife (Busselton)	Attended
Luke Williams	Presbytery Minister Mission	Attended
Hollis Wilson	UCIC (Wesley)	Apology
Anne Wright	Nedlands (Contract Ministry)	Attended
	to all ministers on leave of absence, retired or awaiting placement	
	Members. We "enrol" them only on request and non-voting	
Anne McAndrew	Osborne Park	Attended
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Mervyn Anderson	Congress Ministry	Attended
Raymond Clee	Retired Minister	Attended
Chris Crause	Noranda (Supply)	Apology
Ken Devereux	Retired Minister	Attended
Bev Fabb	Chair of CMC	Attended
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Sophia Lizares	Member of Presbytery Standing Committee	Apology
Ian Tozer	Ex Moderator	Apology
Marie Wilson	Regional Pastor	Attended
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Joshua Fotu	Beth Shalom	Apology
Lindsay Ginn	Remote Area Ministry (Kalgoorlie)	1 1 2 2 2 3 3
Jun Yi Kevin Koay	South Perth/Candidate Deacon	Attended
Marilyn Price	Mandurah	Attended
Julie Ridden	Children, Families, Youth and Young Adult Co-ordinator	Attended
John Tomkins	Remote Area Ministry (Carnarvon)	Apology
Paul Whitfield	Penrhos College Chaplain	7 (pology
LAY PREACHERS (up to 10 ele		
Doug Burtenshaw	Lay Preacher (Mandurah)	Attended
Shirley Francis	Lay Preacher (Leeming)	
Stephen Thiele	Lay Preacher (Nedlands)	Attended
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ministries were discontinued, ke	ep that status.	
Valda Knott	Central Wheatbelt (Trayning, Kellerberrin)	
LAY MINISTRY TEAM REPRES	SENTATIVES (Rule P2.1.4)	
Trevor Thomas	Pinjarra	Attended
CONGREGATIONAL LAY REP	RESENTATIVES (Elected Members)	
Elizabeth Burns	Albany	Apology
Margaret Martin	Applecross	Apology
Sue Whitworth	Armadale	Attended
Yvonne Robinson	Baylife (Busselton)	Attended
Olivia Sina	Beth Shalom	Apology
	Bicton	
Laurie Dyer	Billabong	Attended
Yuko Tonai-Moore	Bridgetown	Attended
Take Teliai Weere	Brookton	
Kathleen McAndrew	Capel	Apology
Shelby Robison	Cannington	Apology
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Ann Hammer	Claremont	Attended
Alli Hallinei	Cunderdin	7 ttoriaca
Ludy Wilson	Denmark	Apology
Judy Wilson		Apology
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Deborah Marshall	Floreat	Attended
Rhondda Tilbrook	Floreat	
Robert Watson	Forrestfield	Apology
Andrew Stokes	Fremantle	
Bianca Allen	Geraldton	
Ben Micke	Geraldton	
Kim Mouritz	Gingin	
Jan Alvin Gunawan	GKI	
	GKI	
	Glen Forrest	
Neville van Wyk	Gosnells	Attended
Sue Thompson	Guildford	
Carolyn Ebell-Taylor	Kalamunda	Attended
Betty Lewis	Kalgoorlie-Boulder	
John van den Berg	Kardinya	Attended
Malcolm Watson	Kojonup	
Gun Seo Park	Korean UC	
Mary Riley	Leeming	Attended
Alan Hortin	Lockyer	
	Maaman "O" Mia (Coolbellup)	
Coral Richards	Mandurah	
Mary Elton	Margaret River	Attended
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Bob French	Merredin	Attended
Jonathan Nelson	Moora	
Doug Lincoln	Mt Barker / Plantagenet	Apology
	Mt Pleasant	η
Ralph Moore	Mt Pleasant	Apology
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Christine Bundell	Nedlands	Apology
Neville Blesing	Nedlands	Attended
Helen McMillan	Noranda	Attended
Bob Lockley	Northam	Attended
BOD LOCKIEY	Northampton	Attended
	Northcliffe	
Mark Hackling	Northway	Attended
Helen Findlay	Osborne Park	Attended
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Kerrie Birch		Attended
	Pinjarra	Attended
Arthur West	Quairading	A11 1 1
Simon Cartwright	Rockingham	Attended
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Elizabeth Woods	Scarborough	Attended
Evelyn Ashley	South Mandurah	Apology
John Berger	South Perth	Attended
Monika Cowell	Spearwood	Apology
Sue Arthurs	St Andrews	Apology
Sue Strutt	St Peter and Emmaus	Attended
Annette Bryant	Star Street	Attended
Bob Nicholls	Swan View	Attended
Darian Partington	Trinity North	Attended
Helen Harmer	Trinity North	Attended
	Trinity North	
David Gray	UCIC	Apology
Bethwyn Joy	UCIC	Apology
Robyn Willey	Wagin	Attended
Litiani Lomalagi	Wanneroo Crossways	Attended
	Waroona	
Richard Hugman	Wellington Regional Mission	Attended
Marg Garrett	Wellington Regional Mission	Attended
Vic Richards	Wembley Downs	Attended
Bruce Read	Willetton	Attended
Kevin Trent	York	Apology
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Norma Hersey	*Katanning	
	Kellerberrin	
	*Kulin	
	Mukinbudin	
Evan Maltby	*Mundijong	Apology
	Narrogin	
	North Midlands (Carnamah, Coorow, Three Springs)	
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Steve Higgins	Southern Cross	
Steve Higgins Pepe Liuvaie Halatau	Southern Cross Tapu Niue	Apology

	Trayning	
	Waterloo	
ONCE OFF ALTERNATES		
Mataiasi Vakacabe	Hedland Fijian	Attended
CO-OPTED LAY MEMBERS		
David Beards	Member of Synod Standing Committee	Attended
Conrad Dixon	Candidate MOW	
Karen Flowers	Chairperson of CEDAL	Attended
Heather Hamblin	Property Committee	Attended
Sandy Scott	PRC & PPC	
Karl Sullivan	Candidate MOW	Attended
VISITORS		
Kane Blackman	Good Sammy	Attended
Seni Nawanawa	Rockingham	Attended
Tim Fay	St Andrews	Attended