

P16 Presbytery Property Committee

NAME

- P16.1 The name of the Committee is the “Presbytery Property Committee”, (hereinafter called the Committee) a committee appointed by and responsible to the Presbytery of Western Australia in accordance with Reg 4.3 (a).

MEMBERSHIP

- P16.2 The Committee is appointed by the Presbytery and consists of:
- (a) a Chairperson elected for a two year term;
 - (b) up to six members elected for two year terms so that there are always two groups of members of nearly equal size, one group retiring each year.
- P16.3 The Committee may co-opt up to two further members for a term of up to two years to ensure balanced representation or to provide the Committee with knowledge, abilities or experience not otherwise available to the Committee. The appointment of co-opted members shall be subject to endorsement by Presbytery or Presbytery Standing Committee.
- P16.4 The majority of the members of the Committee shall be members of the Presbytery.
- P16.5 The Committee may invite Presbytery or Synod staff or other persons to attend and participate in its meetings on a non-voting basis to assist the Committee in fulfilling its role and powers.
- P16.6 The Chairperson of the Presbytery may, at their own discretion, attend and speak at any meeting of the Committee but is not eligible to vote.

MEETINGS

- P16.7 The Committee will meet at least six times each year.
- P16.8 The meetings of the Committee will be conducted in accordance with the principles and procedures of the *Manual for Meetings*.

QUORUM

- P16.9 The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be the whole number next above one-half of the current members.

REPORTING

- P16.10 The Committee shall report to the Presbytery at least annually, to the Presbytery Standing Committee when requested and forward the minutes of each Committee meeting to the Presbytery Standing Committee.

ROLE

P16.11 The role of the Committee is:

- (a) to consider all property matters requiring input or decision from or on behalf of the Presbytery with particular attention being given to the pastoral, missional and strategic aspects of the matter; and
- (b) to provide advice to Church Councils and other bodies within the Presbytery with respect to property matters for which they are responsible.

POWERS

P16.12 The powers of the Committee, in accordance with Regulation 4.3, are to:

- (a) receive and consider applications from Church Councils and other bodies within the bounds of the Presbytery with respect to property matters having regard to:
 - (i) the mission of the Church within the bounds of the Presbytery;
 - (ii) the policies of the Synod and Presbytery;
 - (iii) financial feasibility;
 - (iv) design and location; and
 - (v) any other relevant matter;
- (b) submit proposals from any Church Council or other body within the bounds of the Presbytery to the Synod Property Board with recommendations for final decision;
- (c) initiate proposals with respect to property matters within the bounds of the Presbytery;
- (d) inspect or arrange for the inspection every three years of the properties for which the Presbytery and Church Councils and other bodies within the Presbytery are responsible and report to the Presbytery including any action that seems desirable to ensure that the Properties are maintained in good and safe condition.

P16.13 The Committee shall make recommendations to the Presbytery in regard to:

- (a) property matters, including but not limited to the change or cessation of use, or the future use of, Church property within the bounds of the Presbytery; and
- (b) when any recommendation or decision of the Committee is opposed by a Church Council or other body.