



Uniting Church in Australia
Presbytery of Western Australia



Minutes of the Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia at Rockingham Uniting Church on 20 June 2026

1. Constitution

On Saturday 20 June 2026 at 9:00 am, the Presbytery of Western Australia met at Rockingham Uniting Church with the Chairperson, Rev Ken Devereux, chairing the meeting.

There were 29 ministers, 4 pastors, and 57 lay members present, in person or online. Apologies were received from 5 ministers, 1 pastor and 8 lay members. There were 17 visitors who attended for the whole meeting or for part of it.

2. Welcome

The Chairperson, Rev Ken Devereux, welcomed members to our annual meeting and acknowledged the Whadjuk people as the traditional owners of the land we are meeting on. Ken then reminded us of the presence of Christ with us by lighting the Christ candle.

Simon Cartwright, chair of church council for Rockingham Uniting Church, welcomed members to the church and highlighted the relevant amenities.

3. Opening Worship

Rev Samuel Annan led the Presbytery in worship which began with a highlight of the activities of the Rockingham Uniting Church by Simon including a passion play that is held each Good Friday and a carols by candlelight. Both events are run in the local community with other local churches. Samuel then continued with prayer and Rockingham Uniting Church members offered music and singing. Dima read Acts chapter 2 verses 3 to 12 and verse 41. Samuel then preached about the Holy Spirit as an agent of change and growth, in the early church and in our church today. Samuel concluded his sermon with a prayer based on the Basis of Union.

Rev Ken Devereux then led a service of induction for Rev Ana Lea'aetua to the role of Presbytery Minister (Pastoral). Rev Luke Williams offered a prayer and blessing for Ana on behalf of the Presbytery staff. Rev Ana gave thanks for the trust of the Presbytery in calling her to this role.

Samuel Annan Jr. then led the Presbytery in prayer for our church and community. Rockingham Uniting Church members offered music and singing to conclude worship.

4. Meeting arrangements

The Secretary, Rev Reuben Edmonds, moved Proposal 1, which was seconded by Rev Ken Devereux.

That the WA Presbytery agrees:

- 1. To adopt the Roll of Presbytery as available on the Presbytery Meetings website as the members of Presbytery for the 2026-2027 year.***
- 2. To appoint the following as once off alternates for this meeting only***
 - ***Lee-Anne Burnett as lay representative for All Saints Floreat Uniting Church***
 - ***Ann-Brit Wasley as lay representative for Wagin Uniting Church***
- 3. Adopt the Order of Business for this meeting.***
- 4. Appoint Sue Whitworth as Returning Officer and Rev Craig Bosman 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.***

The proposal was approved by consensus.

5. Candidates for Ministries Committee

Rev Bev Fabb, chair of CMC, presented the report.

Bev gave thanks for the joy of her time chairing the CMC as she is stepping down after today's meeting. She also reminded all members to continue to have conversations with those who may be called to a specified ministry and also for members to consider becoming a mentor.

A member of Presbytery gave thanks on behalf of the Presbytery and the many ministers who have travelled through candidature with CMC for Bev's leadership and service. The Presbytery gave thanks with applause for Bev's service.

The report was received by consensus.

6. Recognition of Lay Preachers

Rev Bev Fabb spoke of the process of lay preacher training. Those considering being a lay preacher discern with their church council who then recommend them to CMC. Rev Andy Broadbent provides support and training for lay preacher candidates. Mentors are appointed for each lay preacher candidate who supports them as they offer services in congregations around the Presbytery. An independent person assesses three sermons by the candidate before a determination of their readiness for recognition is made by CMC. They are then presented to the Presbytery for final decision to be recognised as a lay preacher.

7. Proposal 2 Recognition of Gordon Smith as a Lay Preacher

Bev Fabb on behalf of the Candidates for Ministries Committee presented Proposal 2, which was seconded by Doug Burtenshaw, and invited Gordon to address the Presbytery. Gordon spoke of coming to faith as an adult and journeying with the Mount Pleasant Uniting Church. He reflected on his passion for interpreting the Bible and gave thanks for his mentors and the support of the church.

That the WA Presbytery agrees:

To recognise Gordon Smith as a Lay Preacher and request the Chairperson of Presbytery to arrange for this to be recognised in a service of worship, including presentation of a Certificate of Recognition as a Lay Preacher.

8. Proposal 3 Recognition of Sue Strutt as a Lay Preacher

Bev Fabb on behalf of the Candidates for Ministries Committee presented Proposal 3, which was seconded by Rev Andy Broadbent, and invited Sue to address the Presbytery. Sue reflected on her slow and steady growth of faith from childhood and her transition from the Congregational church to the Uniting Church at union. She spoke of the importance of commitment and being part of church councils since she was 18. She spoke of being part of St Peter and Emmaus Church and learning more of what the Uniting Church has to offer other denominations. Sue gave thanks for her mentor and the support of her sister and congregation.

That the WA Presbytery agrees:

To recognise Sue Strutt as a Lay Preacher and request the Chairperson of Presbytery to arrange for this to be recognised in a service of worship, including presentation of a Certificate of Recognition as a Lay Preacher.

9. Proposal 4 Recognition of Fiona Bentley as a Lay Preacher

Bev Fabb on behalf of the Candidates for Ministries Committee presented Proposal 4, which was seconded by Rev Andy Broadbent, and invited Fiona to address the Presbytery. Fiona reflected on the faith of her family and growing up in the church and attending national church youth events. She gave thanks for those who have supported, mentored, and challenged her throughout her life in the church. Fiona gave thanks for the opportunity to learn, listen and grow through the lay preacher training.

That the WA Presbytery agrees:

To recognise Fiona Bentley as a Lay Preacher and request the Chairperson of Presbytery to arrange for this to be recognised in a service of worship, including presentation of a Certificate of Recognition as a Lay Preacher.

10. Proposal 5 Recognition of Evelyn Ashley as a Lay Preacher

Bev Fabb on behalf of the Candidates for Ministries Committee presented Proposal 5, which was seconded by Doug Burtenshaw, and invited Evelyn to address the Presbytery. Evelyn reflected on being a follower of Jesus from her earliest memories and the influence of her parents who were both missionaries. She reflected on her career and how the call of God has remained throughout. Evelyn spoke of the importance of the formal recognition of being a recognised lay preacher and the trust that it brings. She gave thanks for the opportunity to be part of the preaching team at South Mandurah Uniting Church.

That the WA Presbytery agrees:

To recognise Evelyn Ashley as a Lay Preacher and request the Chairperson of Presbytery to arrange for this to be recognised in a service of worship, including presentation of a Certificate of Recognition as a Lay Preacher.

11. Proposal 6 Recognition of Mark Hackling as a Lay Preacher

Bev Fabb on behalf of the Candidates for Ministries Committee presented Proposal 6, which was seconded by Bob French, and invited Mark to address the Presbytery. Mark reflected on growing in faith through the Church of England and then emigrating to Australia where he joined the Uniting Church with his family. He reflected on meeting God through nature with its new growth and beauty. Mark gave thanks for his mentors, family, and the Beldon/Northway Uniting Church. Mark especially gave thanks on behalf of all the candidates for Rev Andy Broadbent and his training leadership. He then concluded with prayer.

That the WA Presbytery agrees:

To recognise Mark Hackling as a Lay Preacher and request the Chairperson of Presbytery to arrange for this to be recognised in a service of worship, including presentation of a Certificate of Recognition as a Lay Preacher.

12. Community Sharing

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

The meeting then broke for morning tea.

13. Secret Ballot on Proposal 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

No questions were asked of CMC in relation to the proposals. The Presbytery voted on the proposals via secret ballot.

While we waited, Doug Burtenshaw highlighted the upcoming National Lay Preacher's Conference being held in Melbourne in September 2026.

After the scrutineers counted the votes, it was announced that the proposals had received the two thirds majority required and Proposal 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 were passed. Rev Ken Devereux led the Presbytery in prayer for our newly recognised lay preachers, Gordon, Sue, Fiona, Evelyn, and Mark.

14. Naval Defence Force Chaplaincy

Rev Lyall Reid and Rev Toby Keva spoke about their experiences of being Navy Defence Force Chaplains. Lyall reflected on being in the Navy for 30 years and his recent training and call to become an ordained minister and subsequently a Navy Defence Force chaplain. He reflected on the wide diversity of religious and Christian chaplains in the defence force and the changes being experienced by the demographic shifts in the navy. He reflected on the isolation that can be experienced as a deployed navy chaplain and the pastoral needs of the serving members of the force.

Rev Toby Keva, a reservist Navy chaplain, spoke about Commander Reid who recently orbited around the moon and how moved he was on his return when he engaged with a US Navy chaplain. Toby reflected on his role and its calling to a ministry of presence. Chaplains build trust and relationships through being part of the life of the serving members as they serve.

15. Assembly Update Act2 – Stream A Local Communities

Rev Dr Sunny Chen from the Assembly presented an update on the work of the Assembly related to Stream A of the Act2 project via pre-recorded video. Information about the work be found on their website www.act2uca.com.

He summarised the work of Stream A to provide more flexibility for local communities and greater capacity for Presbyteries to support congregations in varying their responsibilities. He spoke about the proposed amendments to the UCA Constitution and Regulations to enable this flexibility. He highlighted that the regulations related to Faith Communities will be grandfathered so no new faith communities will be created, instead the Presbytery can vary the responsibilities of a congregation. Amendments to the constitution will require a vote by all Synods and Presbyteries to be approved. Once the amendments are approved the amended regulations and existing regulations would run in parallel for a period of time to give synods and presbyteries time to make the transition.

Sunny also reflected on proposed changes to membership and the additional time being taken by the Assembly Standing Committee to get any proposed amendments to membership regulations right.

16. Fijian National Conference

Laitia Vuniwaqa, chair of the conference organising committee, read from Psalm 131 and then introduced Josaiah Turagava, deputy chair of the conference organising committee, who presented an overview of the upcoming Fijian National Conference being held on the 1st to the 4th of October in Fremantle at the Esplanade Hotel. They are currently expecting 700 delegates will be attending from around the country. Josaiah spoke about the purposes of the conference including worship of our Lord, networking, sharing in culture and language, and future directions for the community. He gave an overview of the venue and the program being offered during the conference. Josaiah spoke of the mission of the conference to engage with Fijians around our state and encourage them to participate in the worshipping life of Uniting Church congregations near them.

Josaiah requested support of the Presbytery through prayer and volunteers for logistical support for the conference.

17. Uniting WA

Michael Chester and Jen Parks, Co-CEO's of Uniting WA, presented an overview of the work of Uniting WA to the Presbytery. Michael reflected on the changes and current trends in our society and the impact this is having on the demand for the services of Uniting WA. He highlighted the objectives of the Uniting WA strategic plan and its focus on housing. Jen spoke about the range of ways that Uniting WA is growing its property portfolio to enable further housing support to the community. Jen outlined the many ways that congregations can engage with Uniting WA including sock donations and participating in Uniting WA appeals.

The Presbytery then broke for lunch and fellowship after Rev Ken Devereux said grace.

18. Distribution of Ballot Papers

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

19. Chairperson's Report

Past chairperson, Alison Xamon, took the chair.

Rev Ken Devereux presented his report.

Ken reflected on his work since the March Presbytery meeting and the opportunities to witness the work of the many committees and networks of the Presbytery. He also highlighted the ongoing work of the Synod and Presbytery towards reducing our environmental footprint. Almost 30 congregations and faith communities have responded to the Environmental Stewardship Survey thus far. More responses are welcome.

The report was received by consensus.

The chairperson, Rev Ken Devereux, resumed the chair.

20. Treasurer's Report

Janine McDonald, Presbytery Treasurer, needed to leave during the meeting, so Rev Reuben Edmonds, Secretary of Presbytery, presented her report.

Reuben highlighted that the budget is on track while mission and service giving is a continued challenge. He also highlighted that the ministerial benefits committee have released the stipend rates for 2027.

A presbytery member asked about the funding contributions of the Uniting Church in the City (UCIC) to the Synod and Presbytery for next year and commented on the challenges of funding ministry with increasing stipends. Reuben explained that the funding contribution from UCIC for next year was still unknown.

A presbytery member highlighted the challenge of the late notice of the stipend rates and requested more notice if possible. David Beards responded that the stipend was linked with the Fair Work Commission minimum wage decision which results in a tight turn around for discerning the stipend rates.

The report was received by consensus.

21. Strategic Priorities Working Group 1 Report

Rev Claire Pickering, Presbytery Minister (Strategic Priorities), presented the report. Claire highlighted the priority of the working group to listen to congregations and faith communities including through the Health and Vitality Toolkit responses, forums, and through Presbytery and Synod meetings. Members are encouraged to get in contact if they have more for the working group to hear.

A member of Presbytery reflected on the feedback from the minister's forum and suggested a forum for chairs of church councils could be beneficial.

A member asked about the Health and Vitality toolkits and how congregations can hear back about them. Claire responded that congregations and faith communities that have completed the toolkit can request an analysis of their response to the toolkit. Claire hopes to have a 'state of the Presbytery' analysis of the toolkit results for the November Presbytery meeting.

The report was received by consensus.

22. Pastoral Relations Committee report

Sue Strutt, chair of PRC, presented the report.

Sue gave thanks for the support of the committee and the Presbytery Minister (Pastoral) during her time as chair, as she is stepping down at the conclusion of this meeting. She reflected on the challenges of the workload of the committee and the support provided to the wider Presbytery.

A member of Presbytery asked about the role of the PRC in the appointment of Pastors and extensions of ministers beyond ten years. Sue highlighted that both areas are part of the work of the PRC and support has been provided to South Mandurah Uniting Church in appointing Tim Atkinson as pastor and the extension of Judy Sanderson at St Stephen's Uniting Church.

The report was received by consensus.

23. Committee for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL) report

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Dr Karen Flowers was unable to attend the meeting in person and so Rev Andy Broadbent presented the report instead.

Andy highlighted the ongoing engagement with the Assembly review of theological education. He asked for prayer for the ongoing JNC process for the Formation and Learning Culture Coordinator and gave thanks for Rev Ruth Vertigan's supply ministry.

Andy highlighted the upcoming mentoring workshop on Wednesday 1st July, the season of creation thinktank on the 5th of August, and the mission in the margins gathering on the 9th to the 11th of October.

Andy invited people to make contact about the free lay preacher training which can be accessed even by those not undertaking lay preacher candidature.

The report was received by consensus.

24. Thrive Mission Committee report

Yvonne Robinson, chair of Thrive, presented the report.

Yvonne thanked Yuko Tonai-Moore for her ten years of service on Thrive as she steps down after today's meeting. She encouraged congregations who are developing their mission plan to reach out and seek assistance.

The report was received by consensus.

25. Property Committee report

Heather Hamblin, chair of Property Committee, presented the report.

Heather highlighted the importance of the working relationship between the PPC and the Synod property services. She gave thanks for the members of the committee and their work.

The report was received by consensus.

26. Uniting Generations Network report

Rev Sione Lea'aetoa, convenor, and Pastor Julie Ridden, Children, Families, Youth and Young Adult Co-ordinator, presented the report.

Sione highlighted the challenges of retaining young people in our church and that the network does not have all the answers but seeks to walk alongside congregations as they seek to engage in intergenerational ministry. Julie highlighted the importance of giving opportunities to younger members and that training and development of young people is reliant on relationships.

An upcoming intergenerational workshop is being held at Kalamunda Uniting Church in September. Members are encouraged to get in touch with Julie if they are interested in attending.

The report was received by consensus.

27. Rural and Remote Ministry Network report

Yuko Tonai-Moore, convenor, and Rev Craig Bosman, Rural Resource Minister, presented the report.

Yuko gave thanks for the intercultural workshop held at St Stephen's Uniting Church led by Rev Judy Sanderson and the experiences that were shared by members from a wide range of cultures for the benefit of members of the rural network and beyond. Craig gave thanks for the leadership of Yuko as convenor of the network and for Judy and her leadership and organisation of the intercultural workshop. Craig reminded members that congregations can get in contact with him if they wish to receive the monthly congregational resource email.

The report was received by consensus.

28. Intercultural Network report

Rev Judy Sanderson, convenor, presented the report.

A member of the Presbytery gave thanks for Judy's leadership of the intercultural network and the way she has supported and built relationships with our culturally diverse congregations.

The report was received by consensus.

29. 2026 National Church Life Survey (NCLS)

Rev Luke Williams and Yvonne Robinson presented on the upcoming NCLS this year. Yvonne spoke about the benefits the survey results provide for congregations and the wider church and encouraged all congregations to participate. Luke highlighted to members that Thrive is offering to cover all costs of the survey and only asks for a \$200 contribution to help offset some of the costs, although if this is a challenge please get in contact with Luke. Congregations are asked to get in touch with Luke and he will sign up a congregation.

A member of the Presbytery asked about support for congregations for analysing the results. Luke highlighted that the NCLS provide a great analysis of the results and is willing to assist with understanding the results if required.

A member of Presbytery called for congregation leaders to better share the survey results with congregations.

A member of Presbytery asked if a congregation completed the full NCLS survey recently did they need to do it again. Luke said he would check.

A member of Presbytery highlighted that a children's survey is also available to congregations participating in the NCLS upon request.

30. Declaration of Ballots

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

Rev Reuben Edmonds as the Presbytery Secretary until June 2028.

Rev Alan Jeffrey as chair of the Pastoral Relations Committee until June 2028.

Yvonne Robinson as chair of the Thrive Mission Committee until June 2028.

Bob French as chair of the Candidates for Ministries Committee until June 2028

Michael Roberts as a member of the Thrive Mission Committee until June 2028.

Rev Stephen van Schalkwyk as a member of the Thrive Mission Committee until June 2027.

Rev Bev Fabb as a member of the Candidates for Ministries Committee until June 2027 and approved her extension beyond the ten-year limit on a committee.

Susanne Somerville as a member of the Candidates for Ministries Committee until June 2028.

Mark Hackling as a member of the Committee for Education for Discipleship and Leadership until June 2028.

Mary Riley as a member of the Committee for Education for Discipleship and Leadership until June 2028.

Guy Lambert as a member of the Presbytery Property Committee until June 2028.

Christine Bundell as a member of the Pastoral Relations Committee until June 2028.

Sue Strutt as a member of the Pastoral Relations Committee until June 2028.

Richard Hugman as a member of the Pastoral Relations Committee until June 2028.

Yuko Tonai-Moore as Convenor of the Rural and Remote Network until June 2027.

31. Property Use and Maintenance

Heather Hamblin, chair of the Presbytery's Property Committee, spoke about the property use and maintenance guidelines for congregations. Electronic copies and paper copies have gone out to every congregation and faith community. Lora Brown, Executive Officer of Property for the Synod, highlighted the simplified processes for congregations to undertake property work and the simplified forms available on the website. Lora and Heather are available to support congregations; members are encouraged to get in touch if they need help.

A member of Presbytery asked about the annual manse inspections and whether these should be provided to the Presbytery. Heather is seeking to develop a form for congregations to use and to easily enable them to provide this inspection report to the Presbytery Property Committee.

A member of Presbytery highlighted the challenges of long-term leases of manses as the wider church seeks to remain flexible about the potential of providing housing for ministers in the future.

32. Proposal 7 Presbytery Rule Amendments

Rev Reuben Edmonds, moved Proposal 7, which was seconded by Rev Ken Devereux.

That the WA Presbytery agrees:

To approve and enact the following amendments to the Rules of the WA Presbytery.

Amendment
P1 Introduction
P1.5 – add the following definition “honorary basis” means an appointment which may include payment of an ex-gratia honorarium payment.
P3 Membership of the Presbytery
P3.2(d) – delete “or Pastor” and correct the grammar of the sentence.
P6 Presbytery Standing Committee
P6.2(b) – Change the word Commission to Committee in the name of CEDAL.
P6.2(e) – add the words in red “up to two other persons co-opted by the Standing Committee for a term of up to two years to help ...” & “available to the Standing Committee. The appointment of co-opted members shall be subject to endorsement by Presbytery.”
P6.5 – delete “and co-opted”
P6.6 – delete “.1.2 (d)”

Amendment
P6 – add the following clauses under Membership “P6.7 The Presbytery Officer will attend and resource the Committee but not vote. P6.8 The Committee may invite any person to attend and participate in its meetings on a non-voting basis to assist the Committee in fulfilling its purpose and responsibilities.” Renumber subsequent clauses accordingly.
P6.11(b) – insert ‘ of ’ before ‘the Standing Committee’.
P6.12 change P3.1.11 to P6.13 & add the following words in red the next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery
P7 Election of Presbytery Bodies
P7.2 (d) – Change the word Commission to Committee in the name of CEDAL.
P7.4 (b) – capitalise “ C hairperson” and “ S ecretary”
P.7.5 – change the clause to the following: The Presbytery Standing Committee shall appoint members to a Presbytery Elections Committee at its first meeting of each year, for a one year or two year term. Membership of the Presbytery Elections Committee shall consist of a Returning Officer (who shall be the Committee Chairperson) and at least two other persons. At least one of these persons shall be a member of the Standing Committee.
P7.9 (a) – add the words in red All ballots for the appointment of persons to any role shall be conducted in writing, whether by paper ballot or by electronic ballot for members participating in person or by electronic means.
P7.11 (a) – capitalise “ C hairperson”

Amendment
P12 Pastoral Relations Committee
P12.1 – add the words in red The name of the Committee is the “Pastoral Relations Committee” (hereinafter called the Committee).
P12.2 – change the wording to the following The membership of the Committee shall be in accordance with Reg 3.7.3 (a) and (c), and shall consist of
P12.2 (a) – change the wording to the following “a Chairperson, shall be elected by the Presbytery for a two year term.”
P12.2 (c) – delete
P12 – add the following clause under Membership “P12.6 The Committee may appoint from among its members a Secretary on an honorary basis for such period up to two years as the Committee determines. The appointment of a Secretary shall be subject to endorsement by Presbytery or Presbytery Standing Committee.” Renumber subsequent clauses accordingly.
P12 – add the following clause under Membership “P12.7 The Presbytery Minister (Pastoral) will attend and resource the Committee but not vote.” Renumber subsequent clauses accordingly.
P12.7 (under current rules) – change the clause to the following “P12.8 The Committee may invite any person to attend and participate in its meetings on a non-voting basis to assist the Committee in fulfilling its purpose and responsibilities.”
P12.12(a) - add the words in red “to assist the Presbytery fulfil its duties in regard to the pastoral and administrative oversight of all lay and ordained ministries ...”

Amendment
P12.13 – add the following power “(m) promote and monitor adherence to the professional standards and policies of the Church by lay and ordained ministry agents, including participation in professional supervision and other practices that support healthy and effective ministry.”
P13 Candidates for Ministries Commission
P13.1 – add the words in red The name of the Committee is the “Candidates for Ministries Committee” (hereinafter called the Committee).
P13.2 – delete “Candidates for Ministries”
P13.2 (b) – delete Re-letter subsequent listing
P13.5 – replace wording with “The Uniting Centre for Education and Formation teaching staff will attend and resource the Committee but not vote.”
P13 – add the following clause under Membership P13.6 The Committee may invite any person to attend and participate in its meetings on a non-voting basis to assist the Committee in fulfilling its purpose and responsibilities.” Renumber subsequent clauses accordingly.
P14 Committee for Education for Discipleship and Leadership
P14.1 – add the words in red The name of the Committee is the “Committee for Education for Discipleship and Leadership” (hereinafter called the Committee).
P14.1 change “body” to “committee”
P14.4 (a) – capitalise “Chairperson”

Amendment
P15 Thrive Mission Committee
P15.3 - add the words in red “The Committee may co-opt up to two further members for a term of up to two years , to ensure balanced ...”
P16 Property Committee
P16 - add “ Presbytery ” before the word Property in the name
P16.1 – add the words in red The name of the Committee is the “ Presbytery Property Committee” (hereinafter called the Committee).
P16.2 (b) – delete Re-letter subsequent listing
P16.2 (c) change “four” to “ six ”
P16.4 remove “All members of the Committee will be members of the Church and”
P16.12 – change the wording to the following “ The powers of the Committee, in accordance with Regulation 4.3 ”
P16.13 (a) – replace wording with “ 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 ”
P21 Networks
P21.3 – change the wording to the following “ The Presbytery shall appoint a Convenor to each Network for a two year term in each instance. ”

The proposal was approved by consensus.

33. Proposal 8 Election of Synod Members for 2026/2027

Rev Reuben Edmonds, moved Proposal 8, which was seconded by Rev Ken Devereux.

1. ***All Ministers (Deacons and Ministers of the Word) who are members of the Presbytery, whether in Active Ministry or co-opted, shall be ministerial members of the Synod.***
2. ***All commissioned Pastors and Community Ministers who are members of the Presbytery shall be lay members of the Synod.***
3. ***To elect the following confirmed lay members of the church as lay members of the Synod:***

Fiona Bentley	Siutaisa Fifita	Kathleen McAndrew
John Berger	Paasi Fine	Janine McDonald
Kerrie Birch	Kaleb Fleay	Helen McMillan
Neville Blesing	Karen Flowers	Manasa Nawanawa
Annette Bryant	Chiara Funaki Fotu	Natalie Norman
Lee-Anne Burnett	Michael Fotu	Sofia Palu
Simon Cartwright	Summah Fotu	Vic Richards
Daniel Cleminson-Burke	Tupou Fotu	Mary Riley
Edmund Cleminson-Burke	Shirley Francis	Vika Sina
Gail Cresswell	Bob French	Sue Strutt
Stephen Davies	Marg Garrett	Michael Sutton
Bob Durbin	David Gray	Iliaapi Taoi
Laurie Dyer	Mark Hackling	Rhondra Tilbrook
Carolyn Ebell-Taylor	Heather Hamblin	Yuko Tonai-Moore
Lotomoua Faleafa	Ann Hammer	John van den Berg
Meleane Faleafa	Steve Higgins	Neville van Wyk
Netane Faleafa	Deborah Marshall	Graham Wasley
Ngalanoa Fifita	Connie Martin	Elizabeth Woods
Pepa Fifita	Margaret Martin	Alison Xamon

The proposal was approved by consensus.

34. Proposal 9 – 2027 Meeting Dates

Rev Reuben Edmonds, moved Proposal 9, which was seconded by Rev Ken Devereux, proposing Presbytery meeting dates for 2027.

The Presbytery agreed by consensus to meet in 2027 on:

- ***Saturday 13 March,***
- ***Saturday 19 June,***
- ***and Saturday 13 November.***

The proposal was approved by consensus.

35. Congregational Support: Funds for Mission available

David Beards, General Secretary of the Synod, presented an overview of the grants available to congregations through the Future Mission Fund and Missional Property Fund.

David offered for congregations to reach out to Synod Property Services and Presbytery Property Committee for assistance in renovating their congregation buildings to enable more tenants to use the facilities.

David highlighted that the Future Mission Fund can offer financial support for minister placements but grant applications must come from the Presbytery. Congregations are encouraged to get in contact with the Presbytery if they wish to consider this option.

There are new Missional Property Fund grants for upgrades to enable congregations to work towards becoming Net Zero greenhouse gas emitters. Up to \$12000 for worship spaces and up to \$6000 for manses, with the grant paying up to 80% of the cost of the upgrade for worship spaces and up to 50% for manses.

36. Mic Minute

Trinity North Uniting Church gave an update on the ongoing renovation of the Greenwood church.

Rev Luke Williams highlighted the upcoming Building a Discipling Culture training and an upcoming workshop to give participants an idea of what the full training includes.

37. Thanks

Rev Ken Devereux thanked Rockingham Uniting Church for hosting today's meeting, and the staff and many volunteers who helped enable today's Presbytery meeting.

38. Commissioning of Officers, Chairs, and Convenors

Rev Ken Devereux led a service of commissioning for Rev Reuben Edmonds as Secretary of the Presbytery, Rev Alan Jeffrey as chair of the Pastoral Relations Committee, Bob French as chair of the Candidates for Ministries Committee, Yvonne Robinson as chair of the Thrive Mission Committee, and Yuko Tonai-Moore as convenor of the Rural and Remote Ministry Network. Ken also acknowledged and prayed for all those elected to Presbytery roles.

39. Closing Prayer

Rev Sione Lea'aetua led the Presbytery in prayer to close the meeting.

40. Closure of the meeting

The meeting was closed at 4:10 pm.

*Confirmed by the Presbytery Standing Committee on
13 July 2026 as a true and correct record*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "K Devereux". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Signed by Rev Ken Devereux - Chairperson

Attendance Record of WA Presbytery - 20 June 2026



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A WELCOMING
CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY

OFFICE BEARERS		
Rev Ken Devereux	Attended	Chair
Rev Reuben Edmonds	Attended	Secretary/All Saints Floreat
Janine McDonald	Attended	Treasurer
Alison Xamon	Attended	Past Chair
REPRESENTATIVES OF BODIES		
Daphne Bennell		WA Regional Committee of UAICC
Lenny Yarran		WA Regional Committee of UAICC
MINISTERS IN ACTIVE SERVICE		
Samuel Annan	Attended	Rockingham
Craig Bosman	Attended	Rural Resource Minister/Margaret River/Augusta
Andrew Broadbent	Attended	UCEF Education and Resources Coordinator
Ivan Clark	Attended	Trinity North
Kim Francis	Attended	Maylands/Mt Lawley
Steve Francis	Attended	Tranby College
Mark Illingworth	Attended	South Perth
David Jackson	Attended	Moderator
Sugeun Jang	Attended	Korean UCA
Toby Keva	Attended	Willetton
Ana Lea'aetoea	Attended	Presbytery Minister Pastoral
Sione Lea'aetoea	Attended	Mt Pleasant
Elaine Ledgerwood	Attended	St Aidan's Claremont
Sophia Lizares	Attended	Mandurah
Erica Payne	Attended	Frontier Services (Mid West-Disaster Chaplaincy-Dongara)
Claire Pickering	Attended	Presbytery Officer/PM Strategic Priorities
Sonny Rajamoney	Attended	NorthWay
Lyall Reid	Attended	Naval Chaplain
Judy Sanderson	Attended	St Stephen's (Applecross)
Stephen van Schalkwyk	Attended	Baylife (Busselton)
Luke Williams	Attended	Presbytery Minister Mission
Hollis Wilson	Attended	Uniting Church in the City
Dianne Bertolino	Apology	HOD Chaplaincy and Spiritual Services-SCGH & OPH
Chris Crause	Apology	Noranda
Robert Jetta	Apology	Waroona
Susan Lord	Apology	St Peter & Emmaus
Rick Morrell	Apology	Industry Chaplain
Herman Nienaber	Apology	Nedlands
Greg Ross	Apology	Wellington Regional Mission
Mitchell Garlett		Maaman 'O' Miya and Congress
Nalin Perera		Presbyterian Ladies' College Chaplain
Manie Strydom		Wesley College Chaplain
Roy Alexander Surjanegara		GKI Perth
Gary van Heerden		Scotch College Chaplain
Corina van Oostende		Albany
ASSOCIATE MINISTERS - Open to all ministers on leave of absence, retired or awaiting placement who are not otherwise Presbytery Members. We "enrol" them only on request and non-voting		
Anne McAndrew		Osborne Park

MINISTERS CO-OPTED		
Mervyn Anderson	Attended	Congress Ministry
Raymond Clee	Attended	Retired Minister
Bev Fabb	Attended	Chair of CMC
Ruth Vertigan	Attended	UCEF Formation and Learning Culture Coordinator - Supply
Marie Wilson	Attended	Regional Pastor
Lorraine Stokes	Apology	SSC, Property Trust, & Synod Property Board
Katalina Tahaafe-Williams	Apology	Wagin - Supply
Ian Tozer	Apology	Ex-Moderator
PASTORS		
Joshua Fotu	Attended	Beth Shalom
Jun Yi Kevin Koay	Attended	South Perth/Candidate Deacon
Marilyn Price	Attended	Mandurah
Julie Ridden	Attended	Children, Families, Youth and Young Adult Co-ordinator
John Tomkins	Apology	Frontier Services Remote Area Ministry (Gascoyne-Carnarvon)
Lindsay Ginn		Frontier Services Remote Area Ministry (Goldfields-Kalgoorlie)
Paul Whitfield		Penrhos College Chaplain
LAY PREACHERS (up to 10 elected by Presbytery)		
Doug Burtenshaw	Attended	Lay Preacher (Mandurah)
Shirley Francis	Attended	Lay Preacher (Leeming)
Mike Roberts	Attended	Lay Preacher (Fremantle)
Stephen Thiele	Attended	Lay Preacher (Nedlands)
COMMUNITY MINISTERS - Community Ministers, Lay Pastors and Youth Workers were specific ministries in the past, now discontinued but people who held that classification at the time the ministries were discontinued, keep that status.		
Valda Knott		Central Wheatbelt (Trayning, Kellerberrin)
LAY MINISTRY TEAM REPRESENTATIVES (Rule P2.1.4)		
Trevor Thomas	Apology	Pinjarra
CONGREGATIONAL LAY REPRESENTATIVES (Elected Members)		
Margaret Martin	Attended	Applecross
Sue Whitworth	Attended	Armadale
Grier Bannon	Attended	Baylife (Busselton)
Olivia Sina	Attended	Beth Shalom
Laurie Dyer	Attended	Billabong
Yuko Tonai-Moore	Attended	Bridgetown
Kathleen McAndrew	Attended	Capel
Ann Hammer	Attended	Claremont
Judy Wilson	Attended	Denmark
Robert Watson	Attended	Forrestfield
Neville van Wyk	Attended	Gosnells
Carolyn Ebell-Taylor	Attended	Kalamunda
John van den Berg	Attended	Kardinya
Mary Riley	Attended	Leeming
Coral Richards	Attended	Mandurah
Mary Elton	Attended	Margaret River
Deidre Kail	Attended	Maylands/Mt Lawley
Bob French	Attended	Merredin
Connie Martin	Attended	Mt Pleasant
Christine Bundell	Attended	Nedlands
Neville Blesing	Attended	Nedlands
Helen McMillan	Attended	Noranda
Bob Lockley	Attended	Northam
Mark Hackling	Attended	Northway
Helen Findlay	Attended	Osborne Park

Kerrie Birch	Attended	Pinjarra
Simon Cartwright	Attended	Rockingham
Elizabeth Woods	Attended	Scarborough
Evelyn Ashley	Attended	South Mandurah
John Berger	Attended	South Perth
Ian Gillis	Attended	Spearwood
Sue Strutt	Attended	St Peter and Emmaus
Annette Bryant	Attended	Star Street
Bob Nicholls	Attended	Swan View
Darian Partington	Attended	Trinity North
Bernadette Lhota	Attended	Trinity North
David Gray	Attended	UCIC
Litiani Lomalagi	Attended	Wanneroo Crossways
Richard Hugman	Attended	Wellington Regional Mission
Marg Garrett	Attended	Wellington Regional Mission
Vic Richards	Attended	Wembley Downs
Bruce Read	Attended	Willetton
Elizabeth Burns	Apology	Albany
Deborah Marshall	Apology	All Saints Floreat
Rhondda Tilbrook	Apology	All Saints Floreat
Shelby Robison	Apology	Cannington
Sue Thompson	Apology	Guildford
Doug Lincoln	Apology	Mt Barker / Plantagenet
Bethwyn Joy	Apology	UCIC
Robyn Willey	Apology	Wagin
		Bicton
		Brookton
		Carnarvon
		Cunderdin
		Dongara
Andrew Stokes		Fremantle
Bianca Allen		Geraldton
Ben Micke		Geraldton
Kim Mouritz		Gingin
Jan Alvin Gunawan		GKI
		GKI
		Glen Forrest
Betty Lewis		Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Malcolm Watson		Kojonup
Gun Seo Park		Korean UC
Alan Hortin		Lockyer
		Maaman "O" Mia (Coolbellup)
Jonathan Nelson		Moora
		Mt Pleasant
		Mundaring
		Northampton
		Northcliffe
		Pemberton
Arthur West		Quairading
		Rowethorpe
Sue Arthurs		St Andrews
		Waroona
Kevin Trent		York

FAITH COMMUNITY LAY REPRESENTATIVES (Elected Members) (*The status of some listed faith communities is still being investigated)

Graham Wasley	Attended	Darkan
Tevita Naroba	Attended	Hedland Fijian
		Augusta
		*Byford
		*Cuballing
		Dowerin
		Dumbelyung
		*Esperance
		*Hyden
Norma Hersey		*Katanning
		Kellerberrin
		*Kulin
		Mukinbudin
Evan Maltby		*Mundijong
		Narrogin
		North Midlands (Carnamah, Coorow, Three Springs)
		Southern Cross
		Tammin
Pepetafoou Liuvaie		Tapu Niue
		Toodyay
		Trayning
		Waterloo

ONCE OFF ALTERNATES

Ann-Britt Wasley	Attended	Wagin
Lee-Anne Burnett	Attended	All Saints Floreat

CO-OPTED LAY MEMBERS

David Beards	Attended	General Secretary
Karen Flowers	Attended	Chairperson of CEDAL
Heather Hamblin	Attended	Chairperson of PPC
Yvonne Robinson	Attended	Chairperson of Thrive
Karl Sullivan	Attended	Candidate MOW
Monika Cowell	Apology	Thrive

VISITORS

Michael Chester	Attended	UnitingWA
Jen Park	Attended	UnitingWA
Laitia Vuniwaqa	Attended	Chairperson FNC Sub-Committee
Josaia Turagava	Attended	FNC Sub-Committee
Ulaiasi Halofaki	Attended	FNC Sub-Committee
Lora Brown	Attended	Synod
Margaret Johnstone	Attended	Synod
Wendy Hendry	Attended	Synod
Fiona Bentley	Attended	Lay Preacher Candidate
Gordon Smith	Attended	Lay Preacher Candidate
Mataiasi Vakacabe	Attended	Hedland Fijian
Tim Atkinson	Attended	South Mandurah
Chris Ashley	Attended	South Mandurah
Shirley Munro	Attended	St Peter & Emmaus
Timothy Fay	Attended	St Andrews
Senirewa Nawanawa	Attended	Rockingham
Iliapi Taoi	Attended	Wanneroo Crossways
Rev Alan Jeffrey	Attended	Chairperson of PRC