

MINUTES

Membership: Ex-officio Chair Sue Ellis - Moderator, Nigel Rogers-CEO/General Secretary, Deidre Palmer-Ex-Moderator, Peter Battersby Synod Property Officer & Presbytery Treasurer, Denise Champion-UAICC Regional Council appointment, Elected Members Tim Hein, Margaret Brown, Adam Dinham, Sandy Boyce, Bronte Wilson, Peter Morel, Susan Burt, Peter Gunn, Elizabeth Megaw, Anne Hewitt, Ian Dempster, Bruce Ind, Lauren Andris Co-opted members - Martyn Smith, Resourcing (non-voting) Members - Philip Gardner, Amelia Koh-Butler, Malcolm Wilson, Andrew Dutney, Rob Brown (Associate General Secretary),
(Minutes) Tracey Bost

Apologies: Anne Hewitt, Martyn Smith, Peter Gunn

Reference #	1.0 WELCOME
	The Moderator opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country: “We acknowledge the Kaurna people, whom God has placed as the original custodians of place on which we meet. We acknowledge the wisdom of their Elders, both past and present, honour their continuing culture, and pray that we might all work together for reconciliation and justice in this nation”.
	1.1 Devotions Rev Sandy Boyce led the meeting in devotions (Micah 6:8), spending a few moments with the group in a time of lament, concluding with love and thanks to God.
	1.2 Pastoral Matters The Moderator prayed for pastoral concerns.
	1.3 Attendance/Apologies As shown above
PSSC17.01	1.4 Conflict of Interest / Interest Declaration It was AGREED that the <u>Presbytery and Synod</u> Standing Committee resolve to: a. Note: i. Phil Gardner declared a conflict of interest in 5.1.1 (Attachment 2), re: Chair of PRC. ii. Resolve that he be permitted to remain to resource the meeting.

	<p>b. Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The CEO/General Secretary declared a conflict of interest in 5.6 re: General Secretary's Support Group ii. Resolve that he absent himself from the meeting.
PSSC17.02	<p>1.5 Approval of Agenda</p> <p>It was AGREED that the <u>Presbytery and Synod</u> Standing Committee resolve to approve the Agenda, noting the addition of two additional agenda items (3.1.2 and 5.4), provided to Standing Committee due to the need for decisions to be made quickly.</p>
	<p>1.6 Priority Order of Business</p> <p>Fixed order at 4.30 pm - 5.1.3 proposals and 5.1.4 – Mission and Leadership Development Report (re: KCO).</p> <p>Otherwise, as per Agenda.</p>
	<p>1.7 Process</p> <p>As part of the deliberative process, fully consider the budgetary and missional aspects in accordance with the Strategic Plan brought before Standing Committee.</p>
PSSC17.03	<p>1.8 Receive Reports</p> <p>It was AGREED that the <u>Presbytery and Synod</u> Standing Committee resolve to:</p> <p>RECEIVE all reports as provided (electronic and hard copy) in the Standing Committee business papers 10 February 2017.</p>
2.0 MINUTES AND ACTION LIST	
PSSC17.04	<p>2.1 Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <p>It was AGREED that the <u>Presbytery and Synod</u> Standing Committee resolve to:</p> <p>APPROVE the Minutes of the Presbytery and Synod Standing Committee Meeting 9 December 2016, noting the change from Tim Hein to Sandy Boyce for devotions.</p>
	<p>2.2 Action List (Actions Taken Since Previous Meeting)</p> <p>See action List.</p>
PSSC17.05	<p>2.2.1 Re: meeting 9/12/2016 (agenda item 3.2.6) NOTE the UCSA's procedure for the implementation of the National Framework for Interim Redress Measures for Survivors of Past Sexual Abuse was presented. The Royal Commission's public hearing that includes the Uniting Church will be held on Friday 10 March 2017.</p>

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE	
PSSC17.06	<p>3.1 Receive Correspondence</p> <p>It was AGREED that the <u>Presbytery and Synod</u> Standing Committee resolve to RECEIVE the correspondence, as listed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Memo from Dr Marelle Harisun, Secretary, Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee, re: financial support for 2 members to attend the 4th International Receptive Ecumenism Conference in Canberra, November 2017. 2. Email from Simon Dent, Coromandel Valley UC, re: financial support for Iranian family/Coromandel Valley UC.
PSSC17.07	<p>3.2 Action from Correspondence</p> <p>It was AGREED that the <u>Presbytery and Synod</u> Standing Committee resolve to:</p> <p>3.1 Noting the comments by Standing Committee in regard to the value of ecumenism within the UCSA, AGREE that the CEO/General Secretary discuss the request for funding with the Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee.</p>
PSC17.08	<p>3.2 AGREE the Pastoral Relations and Mission Planning Team will assist the Coromandel Valley Uniting Church with their request.</p>
4.0 STRATEGIC MOMENT	
	See 5.1.3
5.0 STANDING REPORTS	
Governance, Innovation and Communication	
	<p>5.1.1 CEO/General Secretary's Report</p> <p>The CEO/General Secretary presented a report for information/discussion in table groups; for future Standing Committee meeting discussion.</p>
	<p>5.1.2 Associate General Secretary's Report</p> <p>No report this meeting.</p>
SSC17.09	<p>5.1.3 UnitingCare Report</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Synod Standing Committee resolve to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NOTE the decision of 9 September 2016 (SSC16.147) whereby the Standing Committee determined:

	<p>“as a matter of policy that the following processes be followed in dealing with proposals that would remove from the Synod altogether the responsibility of “approving authority”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. where the Standing Committee is supportive of any proposal that would have the effect of removing the Synod altogether from the responsibility of “approving authority” the Standing Committee will not make the decision in its own right but will bring the proposal with recommendations to the Synod in session, and b. where the Standing Committee is not supportive of any proposal for the final removal of the Synod’s responsibility as “approving authority” it is able to reject any such proposal but any appeal against that decision must be brought to the Synod in session for final decision.
SSC17.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. (a) ESTABLISH a task group to provide guidelines for the conversation about the relationship between the Synod and Seymour College should a request be made in 2017 by Seymour College to remove from the Synod the responsibility of “approving authority”. (b) AGREE that the Executive Officer, UnitingCare will approach people to join the Task Group.
SSC17.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. DIRECT the Task Group established to address the ongoing relationship between the Synod and Seymour College and report back to a future meeting of the Standing Committee with recommendations that will form the basis of initial conversations with Seymour College concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The processes to be followed in addressing any request from Seymour College to remove from the Synod the responsibility of “Approving authority”; b. The basic details of a statement of relationship or Memorandum of Understanding that the Standing Committee would use to start any process of negotiations with Seymour College that aim to remove from the Synod the responsibility of “approving authority”; c. What process of separation might be undertaken were a decision to be made to remove from the Synod the responsibility of “approving authority”? d. Under what terms the College may use the name of the Church should the Synod be removed from the responsibility of “approving authority”?
SSC17.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. APPROVE the amended constitution of Prince Alfred College (as attached to the minutes of the February 2017 meeting of the Standing Committee).
SSC17.13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. APPROVE the amended constitution of Westminster School (as attached to the minutes of the February 2017 meeting of the Standing Committee).
SSC17.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. APPOINT Mr James Martin to the Board of Lincoln College Inc for an initial term of three years commencing on 10 February 2017 and concluding on 31 December 2019.

SSC17.15	7. ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK Mr Phil Camens for his service to the Council of Scotch College.
SSC17.16	8. NOTE the resignation of Mr Gavin Moss from the Council of Scotch College on 31 December 2016.
SSC17.17	9. NOTE the appointment of Mr Philip Paterson, Mr Peter Tulla and Mrs Emma Ewer to the Council of Scotch College for a term of three years commencing on 1 February 2017 and concluding on 31 January 2020.
	<u>Associate General Secretary's (Planning and Management) Report</u> No report this meeting.
	<u>Resources Board Report</u> Report for information including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources Board Planning Meeting – 2 February 2017 • Audited Financial Reports for the year ended 31st December 2016 • Level 2, 212 Pirie Street Refurbishment • Brooklyn Park Refurbishment – Northern Section • UCA National Framework for Interim Redress Measures – Funding
	Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress
	<u>Congress Report</u> No report this meeting.
	Uniting College for Leadership & Theology
PSC17.18	Mission and Leadership Development Report Following discussion in table groups, Rev Tim Hein brought the following proposal. It was AGREED that the <u>Presbytery</u> Standing Committee resolve to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AGREE that the Standing Committee re-affirm the importance of KCO for the mission of the Church in SA. 2. NOTE the Report from the Mission and Leadership Development Board, re: KCO. 3. (a) REFER the Report and comments to the Executive Officers, Executive Director, Mission, Associate General Secretary (Planning and Management), to consider all possibilities for KCO 2017 to occur (b) REPORT to Standing Committee via the Moderator by 14 February 2017.

Pastoral Relations and Mission Planning	
PSC17.19	<p><u>Pastoral Relations & Mission Planning Report</u></p> <p>The Executive Officer, Pastoral Relations and Mission Planning spoke to the report including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Church Committee and Redress matters • Request for City Soul to revert to a Church Council. <p>It was AGREED that the <u>Presbytery</u> Standing Committee resolve to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WITHDRAW designation of City Soul UC as a Parish Mission from 10 February 2017. (Reg: 3.9.1e). <p>AGREE that City Soul remain a customer of the CBU.</p>
	<p><u>CEO/General Secretary's Support Group (from Ex-Moderator's Report)</u></p> <p>The CEO/General Secretary left the meeting for this agenda item. The Associate General Secretary, Rev Rob Brown took the Chair.</p> <p>Report for information only; for discussion at future Standing Committee meeting.</p>
PSSC17.20	<p><u>2016 Annual Presbytery and Synod Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>It was AGREED that the Presbytery and Synod resolve to:</p> <p>AGREE the Minutes of the 2016 Annual Presbytery and Synod Minutes are a true and accurate record.</p>
Other Business	
	<p>The Moderator spoke about preliminary planning for the UCA's 40th Birthday on 22nd June 2017.</p>
Adjournment	
	<p>Next meeting: Friday 10 March 2017</p> <p>Devotions: Philip Gardner</p>