



# MINUTES

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## DAY 1

FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2019

### OPENING WORSHIP AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Moderator opened the final meeting of the Presbytery and Synod of SA in its current structure and the Moderator's (Rev Sue Ellis) last meeting; members of The Journey Band led the meeting in worship. The Moderator invited Mrs Rhanee Tsetsakos to bring the Acknowledgement of Country, who reminded the meeting that an Acknowledgement of Country is about building relationships and acknowledging diversity.

The Moderator welcomed all to the meeting including a special welcome to General Secretary, Rev Felicity Amery, to her first meeting and noting an apology from Dr Deidre Palmer, UCA President. Past Moderator, Rev Dr Graham Vawser will be sharing the role of Presbytery Chairperson with Moderator, Rev Sue Ellis as she recovers from knee surgery.

Opening worship included:

Bible reading - Matthew 13:24-33; sermon by the Moderator – “the parable of the wheat and the weeds is a well-known story and in the midst of it, is the story of the mustard seed bush, which grows so large, the birds of the air come and make their nests in it. This parable within a parable has been the key story behind my theme of Grown Nurture Flourish for my term as Moderator”.

The Moderator and General Secretary led the meeting in Holy Communion.

### BUSINESS SESSION

#### PROPOSAL 1

#### OPENING PROPOSALS

**PS19.26 It was AGREED (by consensus) that the Presbytery and Synod resolve to:**

1. a. **ADOPT Standing Orders and Rules of Debate as set out in 'A Manual for Meetings in the Uniting Church', as recorded in the Constitution and Regulations, 2018 edition. (Reg. 3.8.4)**
- b. **APPROVE that the style of voting shall be by the use of coloured cards unless a secret ballot is called for by the Moderator.**
- c. **AGREE that in the event that a procedural motion for the council to move into “Private sitting” is carried by a simple majority then ALL those who are not members of the**

**Council must leave the meeting. The required Uniting Technology and Presbytery/Synod staff will be able to remain to execute their respective tasks.**

- d. **DETERMINE that all discussions or decisions will be conducted in ways which comply with the Church's responsibilities under the "Synod Work Health and Safety Corporate Policy and Procedures" and the Work Health and Safety (WHS) Act 2012 (SA).**
  
2. **NOTE that at the beginning of each session the Moderator will deal with the business coming before the house in the following order:**
  - a. **Minutes of any meeting requiring to be approved or confirmed.**
  - b. **Letters or other communications to be received.**
  - c. **Reports from the Business Committee or other special committee appointed by the Presbytery & Synod.**
  - d. **Confirmation or variation of the proposed hours of session and order of the day.**
  - e. **Formal Business.**
  - f. **The order of the day.**
  
3. **RECEIVE all reports as provided (electronic and hard copy) in the 'Reports and Business Papers of the Presbytery & Synod of South Australia 28-29 June 2019 and Supplements thereto.**
  
4. **NOTE that:**
  - a. **Questions relating to the proposals brought before the Presbytery & Synod by the Business Committee will be answered at the time when the proposals are being considered by a plenary session of the Presbytery & Synod.**
  - b. **Comments and/or questions from the floor and replies to questions shall be limited to three (3) minutes unless otherwise determined by the house.**
  
5. **DETERMINE that the Roll shall only contain the names of those representatives listed on the roll of members of the last ordinary meeting of Presbytery & Synod or their replacement member.**
  
6. **DEFINE the boundaries of the house to be the seated area of the ground floor and the creche of Adelaide West Uniting Church.**
  
7. **ADOPT the Hours of Session as listed hereunder:**

<b>Sessions 1-5</b>	<b>Friday 28 June 2019</b>	<b>9:00am – 9:00pm</b>
<b>Sessions 6 – 7</b>	<b>Saturday 29 June 2019</b>	<b>9.00am- 11:30am</b>
<b>Transitional Presbytery of SA meeting</b>	<b>Saturday 29 June 2019</b>	<b>11:30am – 1:00pm</b>
<b>Generate Presbytery meeting</b>	<b>Saturday 29 June 2019</b>	<b>1:00pm – 2:30pm</b>
  
8. **APPOINT the following officers for this Presbytery meeting:**
  - a. **Assistant Secretaries:**  
**Rev Sue Page (Event Manager)**  
**Rev Linda Driver**

- b. **Minute Secretary:** Tracey Bost  
Bev Freeman
  
- c. **Chief Scrutineer:** Anne Wilson  
**Ballot Scrutineers:** Chris Jaensch  
Bev Freeman  
Evangeline McAllan
  
- d. **Chaplains** Rev Judi Hartwig  
Rev Rob Williams

9. **DECLARE that proposals be dealt with in the following order:**
- a. Those which must be dealt with by Presbytery & Synod in full session which cannot be referred (in an order decided by the Business Committee).
  - b. Those which arrive at least a fortnight before Presbytery and Synod (in an order decided by the Business Committee).
  - c. All others (in an order decided by the Business Committee).
10. **ADOPT the following procedure in respect of nominations, understanding that the roll will close at 10:00am on Friday 28 June 2019:**
- a. Ballot papers for Moderator are to be issued by scrutineers at 11:30am, to those who have been recorded on the roll of the meeting.
  - b. The Ballot for Moderator will be declared on Friday 28 June 2019. If a second ballot is required, it will be held at 2:00pm on Friday 28 June 2019.
11. **ASK that proposals with costing implications:**
- a. include a process for raising new revenue and/or
  - b. be submitted to the next year's budget process to be determined by Synod/Presbytery and/or
  - c. be submitted to annual Presbytery/Synod grant processes.
12. **CO-OPT the following persons:**  
Mr Peter Russell, Rev Dr Tony Nancarrow, Rev Steph Tai

## **MODERATOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr Malcolm Wilson, Convenor of the Committee, spoke to his report expressing his thanks to the Committee and all the nominees with three nominees being brought to the meeting today. Each of the nominees, Rev Bob Hutchinson, Rev Alison Whish and Bronte Wilson spoke to the meeting with their vision for the role of Moderator in SA. A ballot for the Moderator elect was held Friday morning.

## RESTRUCTURING TASK GROUP REPORT

The Moderator asked members to recognise Mr Barry Atwell, Restructuring Task Group Project Officer, to speak and inform the meeting.

Rev Dr Graham Vawser is the Restructuring Task Group (RTG) Chairperson. Rev Sue Page, Associate General Secretary, spoke to the RTG Report. From 29 June 2019, two new Presbyteries will be established. Two Task Groups, the Non-Geographic (Generate) Presbytery Task Group and the Restructuring Task Group have been working towards the establishment of these new Presbyteries. Sue spoke to decisions the Standing Committee have agreed to in preparation for dissolving the current Presbytery SA and the establishment of the two new Presbyteries, including funding the Presbyteries, referral of Presbytery responsibilities to the Synod, nomination and election processes and membership of the RTG.

Members acknowledged Mr Barry Atwell and Rev Rob Brown for their work on the Restructuring Task Group along with Synod staff and Restructuring task Group members.

Members were given opportunities to discuss the new Presbyteries at a lunchtime gathering and in table groups.

## PROPOSAL 7 PRESBYTERIES

**S19.27 It was AGREED (by consensus) that the Synod of SA resolve to:**

1. **FORM two Presbyteries:**
  - a) **Generate Presbytery, with the bounds of the Presbytery to be coterminous with the bounds of the Synod of South Australia, and the first meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Brooklyn Park on the afternoon of June 29, 2019 at a time to be determined by the Business Committee of the Presbytery and Synod of SA. (Regulation 3.4.6)**
  - b) **the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia, with the bounds of the Presbytery to be coterminous with the bounds of the Synod of South Australia, and the first meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Brooklyn Park on the afternoon of June 29, 2019 at a time to be determined by the Business Committee of the Presbytery and Synod of SA. (Regulation 3.4.6)**
2. **NOTE that it is the intention of the Synod Restructuring Task Group that the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia will be dissolved at the Annual Meeting of the Synod of South Australia in November 2019 to enable the formation of other Presbyteries within the Synod of South Australia.**

3. **WITHDRAW** the delegations made to the Presbytery of SA at the Annual Synod meeting in 2005.
4. **DETERMINE** that the following congregations will constitute the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia at its inauguration on June 29, 2019 (see Transitional Presbytery SA Minutes).
5. **DETERMINE** that the following congregations will constitute Generate Presbytery at its inauguration on June 29, 2019 (see Generate Presbytery Minutes).
6. **DISSOLVE** the Presbytery of South Australia at the rise of the Synod meeting on June 29, 2019 to enable the formation of new Presbyteries.
7. **THANK AND DISCHARGE** the Non Geographic Presbytery Task Group.
8. **THANK** Mr Barry Atwell for his contribution as Project Officer working with the Restructuring Task Group commencing immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Presbytery & Synod in November 2018.
9. **RECORD A MINUTE OF APPRECIATION** for Rev Rob Brown for his leadership of the Restructuring process from November 2018 until May 2019.
10. **DETERMINE** that the membership of the Synod Standing Committee will be that of the 2018/19 Presbytery and Synod Standing Committee until the Annual Meeting of the Synod in November 2019 when a new Synod Standing Committee will be appointed.
11. **ACCEPT** Presbytery Referrals of responsibility for property matters within Regulation 4.3.1. [Constitution cl 70(a)]
12. **ACCEPT** Presbytery referrals of responsibilities for the counselling and discipline of Ministers as per Regulation 3.1.3(a)(i). [Constitution cl 70(a)]
13. **REQUEST** Presbyteries to **APPOINT** two members from each Presbytery to the Restructuring Task Group from 1 July – 31 December 2019.
14. **REQUEST** Presbyteries to **APPOINT** all lay congregational members of each Presbytery as members of the Synod 2019-2020.
15. **REQUEST** Presbyteries to **ENSURE** that Regulation 3.3.7 is followed for the appointment of lay members of the Synod for the Annual Meeting of the Synod in 2020 and beyond.

16. **REQUEST the Mission and Leadership Development Board to ensure that two candidates for the Ministry of the Word and Ministry of Deacon be elected for membership of the 2019 -2020 Synod and to notify the Associate General Secretary of the names of those chosen.**
17. **DIRECT the Restructuring Task Group to bring a report with recommendations concerning the separation of the Presbyteries and the Synod to the annual meeting of the Synod in November 2019.**
18. **DIRECT the Synod Standing Committee to establish a Review Group to include at least two past Moderators to:**
  - a. **evaluate the effectiveness of the change of structures;**
  - b. **identify where further changes are necessary;**
  - c. **comment on the impact of the changes on the missional focus of the Uniting Church in SA;**
  - d. **bring an interim report to the Annual Meeting of the Synod in 2020 and a final report to the Annual Meeting of the Synod in 2022.**
19. **NOTE that it is anticipated that the suite of resolutions involved in the formation of the Presbyteries and the separation of the Presbytery and Synod will continue until a formal review of the process is conducted.**

#### **MEDIACOM PRESENTATION**

Rev Dr Ian Price spoke to the meeting in regard to new titles at Mediacom including a new Lectionary. See <http://www.mediacom.org.au/> for more information.

#### **BALLOT FOR MODERATOR**

The result of the first ballot for the role of Moderator necessitated a second ballot to be held

The Moderator, on advice from the Chief Scrutineer, declared Mr Bronte Wilson, elected Moderator elect, commencing his term at the November 2019 Synod meeting.

The Moderator elect spoke to the meeting, honoured to have been elected to the role and thanking the other nominees for their willingness to put themselves forward. Mr Wilson said that he is “looking forward to serve and learning from you all as you share your wisdom with me, thank you for entrusting me with this role”.

The Moderator prayed for Bronte, Bob and Alison and vacated the Chair for Rev Dr Graham Vawser.

## RESOURCES BOARD REPORT

Mr Peter Battersby, Executive Officer, Resources, spoke to the Resources Board report, including;

Brief overview of 2018 Financial Statements  
Presentation of 2018 Audited Financial Statements  
Mission and Service Fund  
Good governance  
Audited financial statements bearing an audit report  
2018 Key Financial Results - finished within 2% of budget

Future outlook:

2019 – balanced budget - positive result for the first quarter  
\$62,000 needed for the National Safe Church Unit – unbudgeted expenditure  
UAICC – small deficit  
Uniting Foundation – reduced equity  
Uniting Fund SA – Solid outlook – 3% return on its investment  
Uniting Venues SA – building outlook

The Moderator requested permission for John Fong, Building Officer, to speak to the meeting.

### **Presbytery Property Review**

Basically a risk assessment

What's it about? How are properties are travelling – safety, risk assessment, asbestos safety, accessibility, Asset Condition (Building), electrical, fire and egress safety.

John thanked the people he has met and the people he will meet in the future; thank you to Catherine Stock and Wayne Booth for their support.

Peter Battersby thanked Astrid Kuivasaari – General Manager Resources, for her years of outstanding service. Astrid has accepted a new role at Lutheran Homes.

## PROPOSAL 2

### **A JUST AUSTRALIA**

Rev Sandy Boyce and Rev Dr Paul Goh spoke to the meeting in regard to writing to the Prime Minister outlining the Uniting Church's commitment to justice.

Our Vision for a Just Australia booklet - <https://www.assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2982-our-vision-for-a-just-australia>

Although the proposal comes from a decision by the Assembly, not all members agreed with the proposal and therefore it was approved by agreement.

**S19.28 It was AGREED (by agreement) that the Synod of SA resolve to:**

**REQUEST the President of the UCA Assembly Dr Deidre Palmer and the Moderator of the SA Synod Rev Sue Ellis write to the Prime Minister, Hon Scott Morrison MP, to:**

- 1. Welcome the Prime Minister's commitment to lead a government that will 'burn for the Australian people every single day'.**
- 2. Offer prayers for those who lead our country.**
- 3. Affirm the positive measures outlined in the 2019 Budget.**
- 4. Urge the Prime Minister to address issues affecting the poor, vulnerable and marginalised in Australia, and commitments as a regional partner.**
- 5. Express commitment to work co-operatively with the government of the day for the well-being and flourishing of those who call Australia home and in line with the values and priorities expressed in the Uniting Church statement, 'Our vision for a just Australia' referencing biblical imperatives.**

### **PROPOSAL 3 AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN ISRAEL**

Rev Sandy Boyce and Rev Dr Vicky Balabanski spoke to the proposal. Following discussion, the proposers agreed to bring Proposal 3 back with alternate wording.

Rev Dr Graham Vawser vacated the Chair for the Moderator, Rev Sue Ellis.

**S19.29 It was AGREED (by agreement) that the Synod of SA resolve to:**

- 1. AGREE that a letter from the UCA President would highlight the UCA's long held commitment to a peacefully negotiated resolution of the conflict between Israel and Palestine, with the support of the international community through the United Nations, and a two-state solution whereby Israel and Palestine can live peacefully side by side, within secure internationally recognised borders.**
- 2. REQUEST the UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer to write to the Prime Minister, Hon Scott Morrison MP, to reaffirm our commitment to a two state solution and to express concern that he is considering moving the Australian embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.**



## STANDING COMMITTEE

The General Secretary, Rev Felicity Amery, spoke to the privilege it is for her to be in this role and the strong sense of call she has to be here during this time of transition - thank you for your welcome and for inviting me to take this journey with you.

Some of the decisions from Standing Committee, since the last Presbytery and Synod meeting are:

### December

Appointed Rev Sue Page as Associate General Secretary

Appointed the Restructuring Task Group

Joined the UC Redress Scheme

### February

Update on the Task Groups

Membership - co-option

Update on Redress

Called a Special Meeting of the Synod to appoint a new General Secretary

Readiness for ordination - Lynne Aird and Peter Morton

Appointed new members to Boards and Committees

### April

The General Secretary's Liaison Group was appointed

Update on the Task Groups

The name "Generate Presbytery" was approved

The Restructuring process was beginning to take shape

Appointed a new Covenanting Committee

Said goodbye to Mr Sitiveni Rogoimuri

Discussion on the SA Abortion Bill and Nuclear Waste policies

Referred the UAICC Review to the UAICC SA Regional Council

### May

Further decisions in regard to the Restructuring including the Funding Models – approved the Blended Pool and Flow model and Administrative Functions – Presbyteries

## MISSION RESOURCING TEAM

Rev Mark Schultz and members of the Mission Resourcing Team each spoke about their ministries, including:

- UCAF name change – Fellowship and Mission Support - SA forms the National Committee - Janet Woodward

- Youth and Young Adults - Tim Littleford - including Live, Life, Loud Events – Lionheart - SAYCO – youth and leaders numbers have dropped - decision to compress SAYCO into a one day festival - launch pad for something new - Like to hear your thoughts – please respond to the survey.
- Children and Families – David Buxton - KCO March 2019 – Adare – A Place to Belong - numbers have dropped significantly - want to hear your thoughts.
- Intern Year Partnerships – trip to the Philippines - Philippines Partnership Support Group and Korean Partnership Support Group – asking for expression of interest now.
- Rev Dr Paul Goh – Social Justice and International Mission
- Sam Chan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Ministry.

### **SAFE CHURCH AND CHANGES TO POLICE CHECK PROCESS**

Rev Philip Gardner and Linda Vinall spoke to changes to Screening Services from 1 July 2019 – the SA Government is introducing new laws that were announced earlier in the year for people in contact with children, youth and vulnerable people in response to the Royal Commission. For more information go to <https://sa.uca.org.au/safechurch/screening>

### **PROPOSAL 5**

#### **THREE REGIONAL PRESBYTERIES**

Rev Sandy Boyce spoke to the proposal, “this proposal has the support of a broad spectrum of Uniting Church members, which have come together under the auspices of the *Looking Ahead* team, a grass roots response to the quest for new geographic presbyteries”.

The General Secretary responded that the Restructuring task Group will consult widely in July and August.

**S19.30 It was AGREED (by consensus) that the Synod of SA resolve to:**

**REFER to the Synod Restructuring Task Group (Transitional Presbytery SA), for consideration, the formation of three regional geographic presbyteries from the Transitional Presbytery SA when it is dissolved in November 2019, for approval at the November meeting of Synod. Each of those presbyteries to include urban and rural, large and small congregations as well as agencies within their bounds.**

### **SUICIDE: IT'S NO SECRET CAMPAIGN**

Rev Dr Paul Goh spoke to the initiative, encouraging conversations that can change the culture of silence and stamp out the stigma around suicide. Online resources can be found at <https://sa.uca.org.au/nosecret/>.

Paul invited congregations to create a safe space in their local community, in their church or garden, to create a remembering space - let people tie a yellow ribbon on your church's fence or gate.

Thank you to Scots Church for their generous contribution in preparing resources for this campaign.

## COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Bindy Taylor, Communications Manager, spoke about the More Than Just Sunday campaign – a banner has been placed on level 2, 212 Pirie Street building – a DVD, “Your perspective of More than Just a Sunday Church” was shown.

## NOMINATIONS

Nominations for office bearers were received.

### Transitional Presbytery SA

Chairperson – Malcolm Wilson

Secretary – Susan Burt

Treasurer : Barry Atwell, Dr Di Russell and John Geddie

### Generate Presbytery

Chairperson – Rev Dr Graham Humphris

Secretary – Rev Steph Tai

Treasurer – Rev David Hoffman

Nominations were called for Generate Presbytery Standing Committee nominations were received.

## FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAM

The Yeelanna Band led worship via video.

### Recognition of Ordinations

The ordination of Rev Lynne Aird and Rev Peter Morton was recognised; Peter was unavailable due to illness. The Moderator prayed for Lynne and Peter and also for Dr Mauro Meruzzi who was due to be commissioned into the role of Postgraduate Coordinator, Uniting College for Leadership & Theology but was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

The Moderator invited members to share ministry bright spots.

Rev Sue page spoke about the Presbytery roles; nominee profiles were displayed and are available on the YAPP App. Voting methods will be determined by the Presbyteries when they meet.

## PROPOSAL 4

### REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS ON NAURU AND MANUS ISLAND & IN ADELAIDE

Rev Christa Megaw and Rev Dr Paul Goh spoke to the proposal. Members discussed the 3 parts of the proposal with changes including:

1. – President and Moderator action – amend to “mainland Australia”. Agreed by consensus noting Mr Neil Andrew’s decision to stand aside preferencing a meeting in person to discuss the refugees on Nauru and Manus Island.

2. – Synod action – agreed by consensus to form an advocacy group
3. – Congregation action – to pray and advocate for refugees and asylum seekers - deferred to Saturday's morning session.

**S19.31 It was AGREED (by agreement) that the Synod of SA resolve to:**

1. **REQUEST the UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer and the UCASA Moderator Sue Ellis write to urge the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Immigration Minister to evacuate refugees and asylum seekers from its off-shore facilities on Nauru and Manus Island and bring them to mainland Australia for prompt processing of their applications for refugee status.**

**S19.32 It was AGREED (by consensus) that the Synod of SA resolve to:**

2. **REQUEST that the Synod Standing Committee delegate to the Mission and Leadership Development Board the establishment of a Refugee Advocacy Group to advise, support and enhance the work of the Uniting Church SA in strengthening advocacy for refugees and asylum seekers in the South Australian community including families who are currently placed in community-detention houses in Adelaide. The Group is to collaborate with the Moderator and Justice Officer in the work of the Synod, assist congregations and Presbyteries in their advocacy, care and community engagement pertaining to asylum seekers and refugees. The Group is to assist in coordinating and networking interested parties across Uniting Church SA, South Australian Council of Churches and Multifaith Association of South Australia.**

## **CLOSE**

The Moderator adjourned the meeting until 9 am Saturday 29 June 2019.

## **DAY 2**

### **SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2019**

#### **OPENING WORSHIP**

The Moderator welcomed members to the second day of the Presbytery and Synod meeting. Rev Pete Riggs and Leanne Davis led opening worship.

The Moderator invited Rev Mark Dickens, Chaplain at Prince Alfred College, to speak to the meeting - Mark opened with an Acknowledgement of Country - PAC sits on Kaurana land and a reading from Matthew 7:24 and a DVD, celebrating the 150 years of PAC - <https://150.pac.edu.au/> - the launch of the sesquicentenary logo and website.

#### **BUSINESS SESSION**

Parts 1 and 2 of Proposal 4 were completed Friday evening. Part 3 was presented Saturday morning.

#### **PROPOSAL 4**

##### **REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS ON NAURU AND MANUS ISLAND & IN ADELAIDE**

**S19.33 It was AGREED (by consensus) that the Synod SA resolve to:**

- 3. ENCOURAGE presbyteries, congregations and members to support and pray for displaced people around the world and where possible, to advocate for them by contacting our local MPs and Federal members to voice our hope that we are a compassionate nation, where every person who seeks refuge here is treated fairly and made to feel welcome and safe – regardless of their country of origin or mode of arrival as expressed in our latest Uniting Church vision statement for a just Australia.**

#### **PROPOSAL 8**

Kerry Wilson and Rev Christa Megaw spoke to Proposal 8, formed following discussion (Proposal 4) in that, there have been many comments from the floor regarding the limited action of writing a letter expressing concerns to the Prime Minister. A meeting with leaders of other Churches would have more impact than a letter from the head of one church alone.

**S19.34 It was AGREED (by consensus) that the Synod SA resolve to:**

**REQUEST the UCA President, Dr Deidre Palmer, with as many leaders of other Churches as possible to seek a meeting with the Prime Minister, Opposition Leader and relevant Ministers to speak face-to-face regarding the concerns we have asked her to write about (refer Proposals 2, 3 and 4) arising from our June 2019 Synod meeting.**

The Moderator vacated the chair to allow Rev Dr Graham Vawser to take the Chair for this part of the meeting.

## **PROPOSAL 6**

### **2020 STIPENDS AND ALLOWANCES**

Mr Brian Hern (Chairperson) and Peter Battersby (member) of the Stipends Committee presented the Stipends Committee report including the proposed stipend, allowances and other payments for the 2020. Brian thanked Malcolm Wilson for his work on the Committee and welcomed Rev Sue Page, Associate General Secretary, to the Stipends Committee. Members discussed aspects of the allowances with the Chairperson agreeing to take comments and questions to the next Committee meeting.

**S19.35 It was AGREED (by consensus) that the Synod SA resolve to:**

**APPROVE the following stipend, allowances and other payments based on a full time equivalent, to commence from the 1 January 2020.**

- 1. A minimum stipend of \$59,778.00 payable to Ministers of the Word, Deacons, Lay Pastors, and accredited Youth Workers. A.1 of Schedule A.**
- 2. A minimum accommodation allowance of \$17,293.00 per annum where Ministers of the Word, Deacons, Lay Pastors and accredited Youth Workers provide their own accommodation. A.2 of Schedule A.**
- 3. A professional development allowance of \$1,965.00 per annum payable to Ministers of the Word, Deacons, Lay Pastors and accredited Youth Workers. A.3 of Schedule A.**
- 4. A candidate's resource allowance of \$2,280.00 per annum payable to each candidate in full-time training for the ministry, pro-rata allowance to be paid to candidates studying part-time. A.4 of Schedule A.**
- 5. A preaching fee for one service at \$85.00. A.13 of Schedule A.**
- 6. A preaching fee for two or more services on the same day at \$140.00. A.14 of Schedule A.**
- 7. The motor vehicle travel equalisation contribution per annum to be \$127.00. A.15 of Schedule A.**
- 8. That \$2,391.00 per annum be paid to the Ministers Benefit Fund for each Minister of the Word, Deacon, Lay Pastor, and accredited Youth Worker in a congregation(s), Presbytery, Synod, Assembly or other approved placement. A.16 of Schedule A.**
- 9. That \$1,959.00 per annum, be paid to the Long Service Leave Fund by the congregation(s) or appointing body for each Minister of the Word, Deacon, Lay Pastor and accredited Youth Worker in placement. A.17 of Schedule A.**

10. **The remote allowances of ‘moderately accessible’ \$1,648.00, A.18 of Schedule A, ‘remote’ \$2,472.00 A.19 of Schedule A and ‘very remote’ \$3,298.00, A.20 of Schedule A.**

## **CMLA**

### **Worship in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – Conversations and explorations with friends by the sea**

Neryl McCallum and Rev Jenni Hughes introduced the upcoming event - October 8 – 10 – St Andrew’s by the Sea, Glenelg. Acknowledging the difficulty for rural members to participate in urban events, a special price has been set for rural people.

## **NOTICES**

### **Membership of the Presbyteries**

Rev Sue Page spoke to the meeting about the upcoming Presbytery meetings, including:

- Congregations were asked to nominate by 7 June 2019 which Presbytery their congregation had agreed to belong to; Congregations that did not nominate a Presbytery before 7 June 2019 default to the Transitional Presbytery SA. The next opportunity to advise the Synod of a congregation’s choice of Presbytery is the 2 August 2019 Synod Standing Committee meeting
- Ministers and lay congregational representatives are members of the first Presbytery meetings. Synod Standing Committee members and Synod co-options do not need to stay for the Presbytery meetings as they are members of the Synod. Presbyteries will have the opportunity at future meetings to co-opt additional members.
- Ministers in more than one congregation and in different Presbyteries are able to choose the Presbytery they wish to belong to however they can only vote in one Presbytery; the other Presbytery they may attend as a visitor.

## **CLOSING SERVICE OF THE PRESBYTERY AND SYNOD**

The Moderator spoke to the members at the conclusion of the meeting of the Presbytery and Synod of South Australia. “It is a time for us to think about where we have come from and where we are going. We praise and worship God for the past 15 years that has marked by the missional support and pastoral care of Mission Networks. We will honour the contributions of the Mission Networks as their work now concludes”.

The Burnside City Uniting Church Band led the meeting in worship; bible reading from Genesis 16:1-15 -  
8 And he said, “Hagar, maid of Sar’ai, where have you come from and where are you going?”

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKSGIVING FOR MISSION NETWORKS AND THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

The Moderator invited the representatives of the Mission Networks to share their stories and light a candle for their Network:

3Dnet, Community Outreach, Grace Connections, Gulf, Hope, Northern Rural, Urban and Western.

The Moderator led the meeting in a Communal Prayer to give thanks to the life and witness of the Mission Networks and for the fruitful ministries they have empowered among their congregations and for those who have undertaken leadership roles.

### **DISSOLVING THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Rev Philip Gardner spoke about the past 15 years; the work of the Uniting Church has been undertaken through the Presbytery and Synod of South Australia. The Presbytery of South Australia ceases to exist under our new structures. To mark the dissolution of the Presbytery by the Synod of South Australia, Rev Philip Gardner took the Scarf of the Chairperson of the Presbytery of South Australia, concluding with prayer.

### **CLOSE**

The Moderator held a shell that came from the old Parkin Wesley-College site. It was most likely a gift from a Pacific Islander partner church. While the life of the Parkin-Wesley College has concluded, we remember its life and purpose; it inspires us in where we are going as we create new Presbyteries.

The Moderator led the meeting in Holy Communion, asking members to give thanks for all the ways they have grown, been nurtured and flourished in ministry through the work of the Mission Networks and the Presbytery of South Australia.

The Moderator thanked all those who have helped make this meeting possible.