



Presbytery Restructure

Information Circular No. 4 for congregations, faith communities and ministers

Purpose of Circular No.4

This circular has been prepared to provide members of the Uniting Church SA with a progress report on the work of the Restructuring Task Group (the Synod task group undertaking the work of the restructure). The previous three Circulars are available on the Presbytery restructure web page [here](#)).

This Circular provides:

- Information about the newly formed presbyteries: Generate Presbytery and the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia
- Update on consultations with the Transitional Presbytery of SA
- Possible timeline for formation of future presbyteries
- Information on making a decision about which presbytery to join

New Presbyteries

At the Synod meeting in June, the Presbytery of South Australia was dissolved, and two new presbyteries were formed: A non-geographic Presbytery, called Generate Presbytery, and an interim Presbytery that will operate until future presbyteries are formed, called the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia. The June 2019 Synod meeting, in accordance with Reg.3.4.6, determined the initial congregations and faith communities to form Generate Presbytery and the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia. This was based on the decisions made at a meeting of each congregation or faith community. 91 congregations and faith communities formed Generate Presbytery, and 165 congregations and faith communities formed the Transitional Presbytery of SA.

Generate Presbytery

The officer bearers elected at the inaugural meeting of the Presbytery on 29 June 2019 are:

- Chairperson: Rev Dr Graham Humphris
Secretary: Rev Steph Tai
Treasurer: Rev David Hoffman

You can read an update from Generate Presbytery [HERE](#).

The next Presbytery meeting for Generate will be held on **Saturday 14 September at the Journey Uniting Church (1063 North East Road, Ridgehaven) from 9:30am – 3:30pm.**

If you would like more information about Generate Presbytery, you can visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Generate-Presbytery-2514140745266850/> or webpage <https://generate.ucasa.org.au> or email info@generate.uca.sa.org.au,

Transitional Presbytery of South Australia

The officer bearers elected at the inaugural meeting of the Presbytery on 29 June 2019 are:

Chairperson: Malcolm Wilson

Secretary: Susan Burt

Treasurer: Barry Atwell

You can read an update from the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia [HERE](#).

The next Presbytery meeting for the Transitional Presbytery of SA will held on **Saturday 21 September at Burnside City Uniting Church (384 Portrush Road, Tusmore) from 9:30am – 12:30pm.**

If you would like more information about the Transitional Presbytery of SA, you can visit their FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/Transitional-Presbytery-of-SA-510792516334553/> and Webpage <https://transitional.ucasa.org.au/> or email transitional.chair@sa.uca.org.au or transitional.secretary@sa.uca.org.au

Update on Consultations with Transitional Presbytery of SA

The Restructuring Task Group is working with the Transitional Presbytery of SA to consult with congregations & faith communities, ministers and those in non-congregational settings who have made an initial choice to be part of the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia (or who were undecided in June, or those who didn't respond about which presbytery they wanted to join) to explore what they need and what shape further Presbyteries might take that meet the needs of these congregations, faith communities, and other ministry contexts.

So far over 380 people from over 70 congregations, faith communities and other ministry contexts (like chaplaincy in aged care, university, hospitals, schools, prison, defence, community service organisations) have participated in 12 consultations that have been held around the state. We still have 9 more consultations planned in the next month. For a full list of consultation dates and venues click [HERE](#)

Possible timeline for formation of future presbyteries out of the Transitional Presbytery of SA

The Restructuring Task Group will feedback the key directions, and offer proposals about the potential shape of future presbyteries gleaned from the Consultations at a meeting of the Transitional

Presbytery of SA **on 21 September 2019**. Members of the Presbytery will work on the information and then a further (more brief) round of consultations will take place before another presbytery meeting will be held in **late October 2019**. At this meeting, final proposals will be formed to go to the Synod meeting in November.

At the November 2019 meeting of the Synod of SA, a decision will be made to form new presbyteries, out of the Transitional Presbytery of SA, and dates set for the inaugural presbytery meetings. These meetings will most likely be held in **mid to late January 2020**. The Transitional Presbytery will be dissolved when the last of the inaugural new presbytery meetings are held.

Information on making a decision about which presbytery to join

Some congregations and faith communities have not made a decision about which presbytery they would like to join. You may be ready now to make this decision. If that is the case, the Synod Standing Committee needs to affirm the decision of the congregation for it to be effected. The next Synod Standing Committee meeting will be on 11 October 2019.

Some are waiting for the information about what presbyteries will come out of the Transitional Presbytery to make this decision. This information will be available in late October.

You are invited, when your congregations or faith community is ready, to hold a congregational meeting to make this decision. In order to join Generate Presbytery, a two-thirds majority is required.

Please communicate your decision to the Associate General Secretary, Rev Sue Page via email: assocgensec@sa.uca.org.au, or post GPO Box 2145, Adelaide SA 5001.

If there are any issues covered in this circular that raise questions for you, please feel free to contact me on the above email address, or phone: 8236 4217.

Rev Sue Page

Associate General Secretary