



Presbytery Restructure Information Circular No. 3 for congregations, faith communities and ministers

Purpose of Circular No.3

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 (RTG). The previous two Circulars are available on the Presbytery restructure web page [here](#)).

This Circular provides details of:

- Decisions made by the Standing Committee on 5 April 2019 in relation to the Presbytery Restructure process
- Information regarding a letter sent to congregations and faith communities by the Interim General Secretary about making their decision on their preferred Presbytery choice
- A list of answers to frequently asked questions to provide further information about different aspects of the restructure process
- Revised timetable of the Presbytery restructuring process

Decisions of Standing Committee

At its meeting on 5 April 2019 the Standing Committee resolved that, on 1 July 2019, the Synod of South Australia will continue and two Presbyteries will be formed. These Presbyteries will be

1. A non-geographic Presbytery. This Presbytery will be called **Generate Presbytery**.
2. An interim Presbytery that will operate from July to November 2019. This Presbytery will be called the **Transitional Presbytery of South Australia**.

The June 2019 Synod meeting, in accordance with Reg.3.4.6, will determine the initial congregations and faith communities to form Generate Presbytery and the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia. This will be based on the decisions made at a meeting of each congregation or faith community.

During the transitional period of July to November 2019, the Restructuring Task Group (established to assist with forming the new Presbyteries) will work with congregations & faith communities who have made an initial choice to be part of the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia to explore and create further Presbyteries that meet the needs of these congregations & faith communities. It is likely that there will be two geographic Presbyteries.

At the November 2019 meeting of the Synod of SA, the Transitional Presbytery will be dissolved. It is likely that at that meeting there will be the Generate Presbytery and two geographic Presbyteries.

Letter to congregations re congregational choice of Presbytery

On 8 April 2019, the Interim General Secretary wrote to Church Council Chairpersons and Secretaries of congregations and faith communities requesting that they complete a proforma indicating which of the two Presbytery options listed above is their congregational or faith community choice. These

forms are due back to the Synod Office **by 7 June, 2019** and will form the basis of the initial membership of the two Presbyteries post 30 June.

Frequently asked questions

A list of frequently asked questions to provide further information about different aspects of the restructure process are available on the Presbytery restructure web page [here](#) .

Information Sessions

To find out more about the process of Presbytery restructure, come along to one of the following information sessions (supper provided):

7 May 2019 Murray Bridge Uniting Church

7pm – 9pm Narooma Blvd (off Monash Tce), Murray Bridge

14 May 2019 Spicer Uniting Church

7pm – 9pm 44A Fourth Ave, St Peters

21 May 2019 Balaklava Uniting Church

7pm – 9pm 29 Edith Tce, Balaklava

Please RSVP by Wednesday 1 May 2019 to Rev Sue Page, Associate General Secretary on spage@sa.uca.org.au or Ph: (08) 8236 4217

Revised timetable

Task	2019 Deadline
Form with decision about which Presbytery congregations will join to be returned to Secretariat	7 June
Proposals prepared for the June Presbytery and Synod meeting which reflects progress to date on restructure implementation	June
First meetings of Generate Presbytery & Transitional Presbytery of SA	by 1 July
RTG works with congregations in the Transitional Presbytery of SA to develop future Presbyteries	July to October
Proposals prepared by the Restructuring Task Group for presentation at the November Synod meeting, in order to implement future structure of multiple Presbyteries	November
Synod dissolves Transitional Presbytery of SA and new Presbyteries are formed	14-16 November
First meetings of future Presbyteries	By 1 December

If there are any issues covered in this circular that raise questions for you, please feel free to contact me at gensec@sa.uca.org.au or 08 8236 4232

Rev Rob Brown,
Interim General Secretary
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