

Transitional Presbytery of South Australia



What is it?

The Transitional Presbytery of South Australia will be formed by **1 July 2019** as a result of decisions made at the November 2018 Presbytery and Synod meeting. At that meeting, voting members agreed that the existing structure of one Synod and one Presbytery in South Australia (existing since 2006) be modified to allow for more than one Presbytery. The meeting further agreed to form a non-geographic Presbytery (NGP) by 1 July 2019. This Presbytery will be called Generate Presbytery.

The Transitional Presbytery of South Australia will exist from **July 2019 to November 2019**. During that time, work will be done to discern the further shape of Presbyteries in South Australia. It is likely that two geographic presbyteries, with a mix of urban and rural congregations will be formed out of the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia. It is called the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia because that describes the nature of the presbytery – it will transition from the current structures into new presbytery structures, probably based on geography.

The purpose of the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia is to:

- *“have such oversight as is necessary to the life and mission of the Church in the area committed to it; it shall stimulate and encourage the Congregations within the bounds, providing them with opportunities for counsel in the strengthening and assistance of one another and in their participation in wider aspects of the work of the Church”.* (Paragraph 26 of the UCA Constitution)

There will be further work needed in the second half of the year to discern the shape of the presbyteries that will emerge from the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia. The Restructuring Task Group will provide leadership working with congregations and ministry agents in this discernment.

It is an exciting time to reflect on our life as a church and to imagine and discern together how we are being led as we worship God, witness to Christ and serve God and our neighbour through the Uniting Church in South Australia.

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