Getting a Head Start for November

The Transitional Presbytery of South Australia Standing Committee is keen that there are gatherings of congregations before the November 2019 Synod meeting in order to:

- Gain a better understanding of the tasks required to form a Presbytery
- Meet your Presbytery colleagues and commence building community
- Identify the values, directions and the likely resources available to your Presbytery
- Identify a pool of people who can provide strong leadership in all facets of your Presbytery life
- Look forward and start to shape and create your emerging Presbytery.

At the Transitional Presbytery meeting held 21 September a report and recommendations were presented by the Restructuring Task Group for discussion and comment. While a decision was not sought, those present had opportunity to indicate their level of support for each of the recommendations. The recommendation to establish two geographic presbyteries with a ‘soft’ presbytery border from St Vincents Gulf along Henley Beach Rd, Currie St, Grenfell St, East Tce, Bartels Rd, Flinders St, The Parade, over the hills, north of Norton Summit, Woodside, Harrogate, Mannum, Bowhill, Sandalwood, Kringin and Peebinga to the Victorian Border is strongly supported. This gives a slightly larger number of congregations north of the line, however the proposed presbyteries will have similar capacity for financial and missional sustainability. The RTG, after some minor tweaking of the recommendations, will present proposals at the Nov. 2019 Synod meeting.

Anticipating that the proposals will be adopted at the November Synod meeting, the Transitional Presbytery Standing Committee invites congregations in the proposed emerging Presbyteries to attend “Informal gatherings”.

### Gathering for congregations located in proposed Presbytery A
**(congregations north of the suggested boundary)**

**Saturday 26 October, 2019**
10.30 am – 3.00 pm.

**Two Wells Uniting Church**
34 Gawler Road, Two Wells SA 5501

Please bring your own lunch (which could be purchased at the Two Wells Bakery before the gathering.) Tea and coffee provided.

### Gathering for congregations located in proposed Presbytery B
**(congregations south of the suggested boundary)**

**Saturday 2 November, 2019**
10.30 am – 3.00 pm.

**Murray Bridge Uniting Church**
1 Narooma Blvd, Murray Bridge SA 5253

Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee and morning tea provided.

**ALL welcome to attend**

Note: These are NOT formal meetings of the Transitional Presbytery SA.

*Malcolm Wilson, Susan Burt, Barry Atwell*