



Transitional Presbytery of South Australia

The Transitional Presbytery is a busy, active and effectively functioning Presbytery filling its roles and responsibilities. To guide, shape and focus its work we have developed three key objectives:

COMMUNITY

To build community through effective communication strategies and platforms.

2020 & BEYOND PRESBYTERY

Seek the thoughts and views of Transitional Presbytery South Australia participating congregations and ministry agents as we build an understanding of what makes a great Presbytery in 2020 and beyond.

DISTINGUISH ROLES

Clearly distinguish the roles of the Transitional Presbytery SA from the work of the Synod Restructuring Task Group as we work collaboratively.

To facilitate the Community Key Objective the following resources have been developed with a range of information and links as shown below:

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Transitional-Presbytery-of-SA-510792516334553/> and

TPSA Webpage <https://transitional.ucasa.org.au/>

There are numerous TPSA events happening. These include inductions, commissionings and Congregation sponsored events.

The Executive Team (Office Bearers) have been busy attending to a range of Presbytery matters, in addition to attending Restructuring Task Group meetings, consultation meetings and Presbytery events.

A priority is to attend the consultation gatherings occurring across the Synod. These are collaboratively convened with the Synod RTG and TPSA. These gatherings offer an opportunity to reflect on our life as a Church, 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. To date the numbers attending these consultations and the level of engagement has been excellent and really encouraging.

At these gatherings we take the opportunity to remind people that, while the Transitional Presbytery is expected to have a very short life, during that time it seeks to be a functioning Presbytery fulfilling the responsibilities and purpose of a Presbytery which 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)

Transitional Presbytery will be meeting on Sept. 21st 2019 to consider a range of Presbytery matters and a suite of recommendations from the RTG regarding future structures.

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