

22.1 MISSION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BOARD BY-LAW

22.1.1 The Synod shall establish a Mission and Leadership Development Board.

MANDATE

22.1.2 Support the development of healthy missional churches, life-long disciples and effective leaders to bear witness to the good news of Jesus to the world.

OUTCOMES

- 22.1.3
- a. The activities of the mission and leadership development board are guided by the Synod Strategic plan
 - b. New congregations are developed, established congregations are renewed.
 - c. The Uniting Church in South Australia offers timely, prophetic, public witness and advocacy in the wider community
 - d. A shared vision for ministry and leadership development consistent with the missional context of the church in the 21st century in South Australia is articulated and promoted.
 - e. Members of the church with a heart for mission are encouraged and equipped for their particular calling.
 - f. Ministers, leaders and faith communities are equipped to encourage members of the church to discern and respond to God's call to discipleship and ministry; including God's call to any of the church's specified ministries.
 - g. Members of the church who are called by God to be ministers of the Word and Deacons are identified and receive high quality, relevant education and training.
 - h. Members of the church are receiving high quality, relevant education and training for lay ministry and leadership within the Uniting Church and for Christian leadership in the wider South Australian community.
 - i. Ministers and leaders are fully engaged in appropriate continuing education and professional development.
 - j. The responsibilities of a Ministerial Education Board are fulfilled (reg. 3.7.4.3(c)-(d)).

OPERATION

The Mission and Leadership Development Board is empowered to establish any committees, task groups, consultancies or other instruments by which it may most effectively fulfil its mandate.

MEMBERSHIP

- 22.1.4 a. The membership of the Mission and Leadership Development Board shall comprise up to ten (10) members
- i. Chairperson appointed by the Synod Standing Committee
 - ii. Six (6) members elected by the /Synod being Three (3) women and three (3) men
 - iii. Executive Officer of the Mission and Leadership Development Ministry Centre
 - iv. Team Leader, Mission Resourcing
 - v. General Secretary of the Synod or his/her nominee
- b. The electing bodies shall note that the preferred composition of the Board includes at least four (4) women and at least four (4) men.
- c. Of the elected members, there shall be a representative from each presbytery.
- d. In addition, up to two (2) members may be co-opted by the Board.
- e. Terms of elected members shall be three (3) years. Elected members may be re-elected for not more than two (2) consecutive terms and will subsequently be eligible for election again after two (2) years.