



Standing Committee Report

1. Introduction

The Synod Standing is empowered to act on behalf of the Synod in between full meetings (November 2019 and February 2021). As per the “Manual for Meetings”, Standing Committee meetings include devotions, pastoral prayers, discussion and times for prayerful discernment. The Committee faithfully and diligently deals with a myriad of matters and continue to gather and discern God’s will in the life of the Church. The business that is presented, discussed and discerned often involves honest and robust conversation. As with almost every other part of our lives, the Synod Standing Committee meetings have been adjusted to comply with restrictions due to COVID-19. Standing Committee meetings are held mostly in the Synod Office at 212 Pirie Street although over the last 12 months one meeting was held at the Brooklyn Park campus and another at Westbourne Park Uniting Church and for several meetings this year, due to the pandemic, via Microsoft Teams. The Synod Standing Committee adapted to the new online format well.

2. Membership 2019/2020

Members of Standing Committee for the 2019/2020 membership term - *See Attachment A.*

As per the By-laws, the Standing Committee Nominating Committee will bring to the full meeting of the Synod the names and profiles of nominees, for at least the number required to be elected. Please note that members of the Synod can also make additional nominations at or prior to the meeting where the election will take place. The By-laws also allow for up to two (2) members to be co-opted by the Committee. Standing Committee has agreed that these co-options will be on an annual basis and will be made following the elections to enhance the gifts and skills of the elected Standing Committee.

3. Meetings

The Synod Standing Committee met on the following occasions since the Annual Meeting in 2019:

- 6th December 2019 and 7th February in person before the pandemic response to move to video stream meetings;
- 3rd April and 24th April, 15th May and 26th May, 12th June and 3rd July via Microsoft Teams;
- 14th August, 25th September and 27th November in person or via Microsoft Teams.

Additional meetings were called so that the business could be spread out over shorter online meetings. Online Working Groups were arranged before the meeting to that part of the discussion that would normally be held in a face to face Synod Standing Committee meeting, could be held before the meeting, thereby hoping to shorten the duration of the online meetings.

The Synod Standing Committee had to adapt quickly to this new online environment; using Microsoft Teams had its challenges for the Moderator in that applying consensus procedures was problematic in the early meetings with Microsoft Teams. Members were very patient and did their best to adapt. Microsoft Teams

has come a long way since then and remains the preferred mode of conducting online Synod Standing Committee meetings.

4. Minutes

All Minutes from Standing Committee meetings are available on the Uniting Church in South Australia website - <https://sa.uca.org.au/about-us/synod-standing-committee/>

MAJOR DECISIONS ARE SHOWN BELOW:

6th DECEMBER 2019

- The General Secretary's report included appointments to the General Secretary's Liaison Group and the Moderator's Support Group. The General Secretary talked about the Strategic Plan, 212 Pirie Street and UCLT office matters, provided an update from the Assembly Standing Committee and discussed future Synod Standing Committee meetings.
- The Associate General Secretary's report included appointments to the Synod Admission of Ministers from Other Denominations Committee; Burnside City UC moved to the Generate Presbytery and Robert Backhouse was co-opted to the Synod Standing Committee for his specialist skills (finance). The Associate General Secretary spoke about the recent 2019 Annual Synod meeting, the Parkin Mission SA Inc. Deed of Settlement, announced the date for the 2020 Annual Synod Meeting and discussed the Presbytery restructure and Presbytery decisions by congregations.
- The UnitingCare report included entity appointments for approval, including an acknowledgement and thanks to Mr Brian Hern for his many years of service as a Board member and Chair of Clayton Church Homes Inc., introduced members to the UnitingCare Governance and Relationships document, spoke about the Royal Commission (Redress) – agencies and organisations associated with the Uniting Church, The Royal Commission (Disability – “Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability”) and the Task Group, the UnitingCare Australia Board and Strategic Priorities 2019-2022 and presented the Ethos Document for organisations.
- The Resources Board report included minutes from the most recent Resources Board meeting, the Mission & Service Fund Financial Report to 30 September 2019 and the 5 year rolling forecast, Uniting Venues SA By-law, Report and Budget 2020, Assembly Funding Model 2021-2023, the WHS Incident Report and appointments to the Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Ltd.
- The UAICC report included capital fund expenses, staff changes, UAICC SA Regional Council Chairperson Robert Taylor, UAICC SA State Executive Team and thank you to Rev Ross Honey for his assistance with setting the budget.

- The Mission & Leadership Development report including thank you to the retiring Chair of the M&LD Board, Rev Jenni Hughes, a presentation about the M&LD Board and its sub-committees including new members, an update from Mission Resourcing including thank you to Rev Sue Ellis retiring as Co-Chair of the Covenanting Committee, partnerships update including the integration of the ATL – Adelaide Theological Library into the UCLT – Uniting College for Leadership & Theology, Emmaus Christian College opening 24 November 2019 at Brooklyn Park, resignation of Dr Liz Boase and approval of a Position Description for Academic Dean, ACD and Lecturer UCLT and appointment of a JNC, Minutes of the M&LD Board and the Centre for Aboriginal Spirituality, Walking on Country and the Writers' Retreat.
- The Pastoral Relations and Mission Planning (PR&MP) report included a staffing update, the impact of multiple Presbyteries including the Pastoral Relations Committee, Rev Deane Meatheringham - withdrawal of recognition as a Minister of the Word in the UC at this request, Safe Church Committee membership and By-laws, Placements Committee membership, Church Planting Task Group, collaboration between the PR&MP Team and Presbyteries, change of name from the Uniting Church Northern Suburbs Dinka Speaking congregation to the South Sudanese Uniting Church.
- Application for a Parish Mission Council – the General Secretary spoke to the background to the application; it was agreed that a Parish Mission Council be formed at the Hare Street Uniting Church.
- The 14 – 16 November 2019 Annual Synod Minutes were approved

7th FEBRUARY 2020 – last face to face meeting until August 2020

- Rev Simon Dent resigned from the Synod Standing Committee (SSC) membership due to competing priorities; appointment a replacement from the pool of nominations at the 2019 Annual Synod meeting.
- The General Secretary's report included a pastoral visit to Kangaroo Island with the Moderator post bushfires, the Strategic Planning process for 2020, the Communications and Events Review Report including the new Engagement Team and roles and appointments to the Strategic Plan Facilitation Group.
- The General Secretary presented the Associate General Secretary's report which included post event report – Annual Synod Meeting, Amendments to the Synod By-law 12.1.2 – 40, 12.1.1 – Synod membership to be discussed at a later time and the Presbytery Restructure update.
- The Uniting Care report included entity appointments for approval, acknowledged the efforts of Uniting Country SA and Uniting Communities during the bushfires, an update on Uniting Church organisations and the Redress Scheme and a presentation and a presentation from UnitingCare Wesley Bowden.

- The Mission & Leadership Development report included an explanation of the Ministry Centre in detail – the Synod Standing Committee meeting was held at Brooklyn Park.
- The Placements and Safe Church (new name) report included Placements Committee membership, review of the Position Descriptions of the General Secretary, Moderator and Associate General Secretary, National Safe Church Meetings, the Pastor Appointment & Competency Assessment Team membership, on advice from Presbytery B, receive the resignation and withdrawal of recognition of Rev Bill Reddin, at his request, Safe Church Committee membership and Church Planting Committee membership.

3rd APRIL 2020 – MS Teams

- Ashlee Littleford commenced on the Synod Standing Committee (replacing Simon Dent)
- Correspondence was received from the SA Dept. of Health regarding COVID-19 distancing restrictions for staff and congregations and from Rev Dr Tony Nancarrow regarding ACHA membership; Rev Dr Ian Price was appointed as the SA Synod's representative on the ACHA Board following the retirement of Rev Dr Tony Nancarrow. Outgoing correspondence included a letter to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee regarding the National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment Bill.
- The General Secretary's report included thanks to the Crisis Management Team, staff and congregations for adapting to the distancing restrictions and speaking about the impact of the bushfires and now the pandemic, an update on the many meetings the General Secretary has attended recently, Strategic Planning and the Climate Survey.
- The Associate General Secretary's report included Presbytery decisions for endorsement or approval, the Synod By-law, COVID-19, an update from the Presbytery B meeting, the new name of Wimala Presbytery for Presbytery A and a 0.4 FTE Chairperson role as a placement.
- The UnitingCare report included entity appointments and spoke about the work of the Emergency Relief Centres, the bushfire response, Redress update and the Disability Royal Commission.
- The Property Trust and Resources Board report included the Mission and Service Fund Financial Statements for the quarter ended 31 December 2019, Resources Board and Executive Meeting Minutes, the Property Review Project, Uniting Venues SA Report, UC properties including the Noarlunga Uniting Church and the Ethical Investment Working Group.
- The UAICC report included National Congress matters including Mark Kickett's appointment as Interim National Chairperson UAICC, an update from local UAICC Ministry Centres, the UAICC 2019 financial result, Reconciliation Week and the Pilgrimage of Healing Appeal and the Finance and Administration Officer Position being developed.

- The Mission and Leadership Development report included an update on activities within UCLT and Mission Resourcing, appointing a new Chairperson of the M&LD Board (Mrs Jan Trengove), Appointment a new Academic Dean and Lecturer in Biblical Studies (OT), Rev. Assoc. Prof. Matthew Anstey.
- The Placements and Safe Church report included Safe Church matters – the National Child Safe Collaboration Framework 2019, the UCA National Child Safe Policy Framework, the Person of Concern Policy Framework and the Safe Church Committee By-law, the Review Report regarding Rev. Prof. Andrew Dutney and follow-up from the Report, affirming the placement and recommend that Rev. Prof. Andrew Dutney continue for a further five years.

24th APRIL 2020 – MS Teams

No formal reports were prepared for this meeting, presenting a series of proposals instead, including:

1. For the 2020 round of grants, the Uniting Foundation Grants Committee would, after allocating additional funding to existing projects which it deems in need of further funding (estimated at approximately \$100,000), be allowed to consider allocating all remaining funding to assist congregations in responding to the COVID-19 ministry challenges and consider re-allocating \$50,000 from the 2019 commitment to the Uniting Leaders Project, to this COVID-19 response and be released from the requirement made by the Synod Standing Committee to allocate 50% of the 2020 allocation to support leadership development.
2. Approve the Presbytery of Southern SA's (Presbytery B) request for a 0.2 FTE Chairperson role as a placement.
3. Endorse the name of Presbytery of Southern SA for Presbytery B
4. Resources Board Executive decision to:
Reduce the Synod portion of the M&SF congregational contribution rate by 50% 1 April – 30 June 2020; Review any agreed reduction by June 2020 and invite congregations to contribute the full amount if they have sufficient resources.
6. (previously 5) – Declaration of Interest – members of Presbytery B may contribute to the conversation re: 2. And 3. above, but not vote.

15th MAY 2020 – MS Teams

- The Synod Standing Committee Minutes 3rd April and 24th April were approved.
- The General Secretary explained what an interest/declaration of interest in regard to the business of the meeting might be.

- The General Secretary's report affirmed the work of the Emergency Relief Centres (ERCs) and requested that the Moderator write to the ERCs and congregations providing emergency relief, thanking them for their dedication, commitment, care and support.
- The UnitingCare report included the work of the ERCs and provided an update on the Disability Royal Commission.
- Working Groups discussed the role, in principle, of the Theologian in Residence; the Synod Standing Committee endorsed the concept of a placement in the Centre for Aboriginal Spirituality of a Theologian in Residence within the faculty of the UCLT.
- The Placements and Safe Church report included placement conversations have been put on hold at the moment because of physical distancing restrictions – they will resume when able, the SA Screening and Authority Process, an update on the National Collaboration on Child Safe Training and Safe Church Update, Placements and Safe Church Team update, role and function of the Interim Church Planting Task Group and a discussion about the effectiveness and sustainability of Resourcing Congregations and report to the next SSC meeting.

26th MAY 2020 – MS Teams – Special Meeting

This meeting was called to approve the preferred applicant for the Executive Officer, Engagement, 1.0 FTE, prior to offering her the position – Appointment of Mrs Bridget Ransome.

12th JUNE 2020 – MS Teams

- Approval of the 15 May 2020 and Special Meeting 26 May 2020 SSC Minutes.
- Correspondence included advice regarding the retirement of Ms Rosalie Pace as Chair of the Helping Hand Aged Care Inc. Board and advice regarding the return of donations for the Moderator's Installation offering to the Mapoon Appeal and the redirection of \$2130.85 to the Noarlunga Parish Mission.
- The General Secretary's report included the Strategic Planning process and the Working Group, a planned annual leave trip to Darwin to visit family, the General Secretary's Liaison Group, an update from the Assembly Legal Reference Committee and the Synod General Secretaries in regard to Synod membership and Pastors, the Presbytery Office Bearers and Synod Leaders Meetings, a Crisis Management Team update and Climate Survey update.
- The Associate General Secretary's report included the determination of the Synod Business Committee in regard to the 2020 Annual Synod Meeting, a new date for the 2020 Annual Synod Meeting to be Thursday 11th – Saturday 13th February 2021, preferable at Adelaide West Uniting Church and the Uniting College campus and, in the event that this style of meeting cannot be

conducted due to government restrictions, the Business Committee Plan a modified meeting on those dates.

- The UnitingCare report included a number of entity appointments.
- The Property Trust/Resources Board report included an update on the ongoing search for a property for the Noarlunga Parish Mission, approve the adoption of the completed 2019 Financial Statements, noting the M&SF Financial Statements for the quarter ended 31 March 2019 and noting the overview of Financial Statements 2019 Report for the year ended 31 December 2019, acknowledged the ongoing commitment of Congregations to the wider church through their M&SF contributions and approved a transfer from the UAICC Capital Fund.
- The UAICC report included a comprehensive update of the UAICC National, UAICC SA and its Mission Centres.

3rd JULY 2020 – MS Teams

- The General Secretary's Report included an update on the General Secretary's and Moderator's Road Trip to the Mid-North congregations, Future/additional meetings of the Synod Standing Committee, use of a Cover Sheet for SSC Reports, Placements and appointments in relation to the current Human Resources and Remuneration Committee Rules and Placements Committee, conversation about due diligence and resourcing the Synod Standing Committee, Staff Climate Survey Report, Strategic Planning Working Group update, continuing conversations with Synod members in relation to the Church, the Synod and its role and function and primary foci for the next 3 – 5 years, approval of face to face meetings from the 14th August meeting and approve the allocation of \$500,000 from the New Church and Ministry Development Fund to support the 5 year appointment of a second placement with the Noarlunga Parish Mission.
- The Associate General Secretary's report included the amalgamation of Cross Roads Uniting Church and Moonta Uniting Church effective 12 August 2019.
- The UnitingCare report included the appointed Prof. Brenda Wilson AM as a Board member and Chair of the Board of Helping Hand Aged Care Inc.
- The Property Trust and Resources Board report included the return to the pre-existing M&SF congregation contribution rate – congregations significantly financially affected by COVID-19 are able to apply for a variation, review the decision to discontinue the reduction in September.
- The Mission and Leadership Development report included a variation to Craig Bailey's placement at the UCLT to 0.8 FTE until 30 June 2020 to allow Craig an opportunity to work with Partners in

14th AUGUST 2020

- For the Strategic Moment the General Secretary asked members to engage in a Strategic Plan activity to "workshop our understanding of the missional priorities and directions for the Synod going forward".
- The General Secretary's included, an update from the General Secretaries and Assembly Standing Committee's meeting, the impact of COVID-19, the Climate Survey - Synod offices, Executive Officers Planning Day, actions from previous SSC meetings, SPWG - Synod missional priorities and direction, trip to Eyre Peninsula with the Moderator, a proposal regarding a decision from the June 2019 Synod meeting, re: review of change of structures deferred to the next SSC mtg, impact of the Redress Scheme – the Assembly Standing Committee will coordinate conversations with the Synods including the Synod's Property Trust representatives - the General Secretary invited members to pray for survivors and their families and for the Synod people working in this area.
- The Associate General Secretary's report included the closure of congregations - Inman Valley congregation from 30 Sept. 2020 and Littlehampton congregation from 31 December 2020, Driver River to Generate Presbytery from Wimala Presbytery, Synod By-law - Synod membership; Presbyteries are encouraged to include additional candidates as Synod appointments, structure and appointments to the Business Committee and Logistics Committee, COVID-19 information, Stipends Committee Report and Recommendations (2021), reduction in membership to the 16th Assembly from 34 to 26 members, Proposed increase to the minimum stipend of 1.25% to commence 1 July 2021 to be reviewed and confirmed later in 2020 and early in 2021.
- The UnitingCare report included a comprehensive report documenting governance relationships with organisations associated with the UC and agencies, update from the ERCs and the effect on Community Services from COVID-19, appointments to entities and receipt of the Constitution of Seymour College Inc, amended in May 2020.
- The Resources Board report included Resources Board meeting minutes, M&SF Financial Report ended 30 June 2020, the M&SF revised budget timetable, Property Review Project update, Uniting Venues SA Report to 30 June 2020 and WHS Report.
- The UAICC report, presented by the Moderator, included National Congress matters, the Finance and Administration Officer role and Ministry Centre updates and endorsement to capital fund expenditure.
- The Mission & Leadership Development report included the Mission & Leadership Board Chairperson, Leadership Development, Pandemic response, staff matters and Rev Dr Christie Capper's Review. Approved the extension of Rev Dr Christy Capper's placement to 30 June 2026, Commend and Thank Rev Dr Capper for her ministry with the UCLT and the Synod of SA.

- The Placements and Safe Church report included mapping the work of the Placements and Safe Church Ministry Centre, Placements Committee, Ministry of Pastor training in Policy and the Ethos of the UC and Code of Ethics Foundations course, Safe Church - National Collaboration - National Safe Church Unit and the Collaboration and Advisory Group - Audit, Redress applications, suggestion for the Assembly Regulations Review to look at regulations around Committees for Discipline, a reflection on Resourcing Congregations.

25th SEPTEMBER 2020

- At this meeting the discussion around Synod membership continued. Proposals were presented but were not passed. Instead the report and proposals was sent to the Assembly Regulations Review Task Group.
- A letter from the Chair of the Mission & Leadership Development Board was received requesting progress on actions arising from Rev. Prof. Andrew Dutney's Review report in April; Rev Sue Ellis elected to find an appropriately skilled group of people to progress the Mission & Leadership Development By-laws.
- Mr Matt Wilson, Manager, Property and Projects, attended for the discussion about the Draft Property Review Project Discussion Paper to assist with any questions. The paper was presented for information and feedback.
- The General Secretary's report included an update on the General Secretary's and Moderator's road trips to congregations that included discussions about the Synod's Strategic Planning process; the National conversation around Redress; Staff Climate Survey, UAICC SA Regional Committee meeting and the 2021 Budget and reduction in discretionary expenditure
- The Associate General Secretary's report included an amended census date for the Presbyteries Pool funding – moved to 31 October; Synod meetings 2020 (Feb 2021) and future Synod meeting 2021; COVID-10 update; Synod Standing Committee dates 2021; Stipends Committee; Assembly Regulations Review, establishing a Task Group to discuss the Professional Development Allowance and Morialta Trust Inc. re-appointment.
- The UnitingCare report included relationship and governance matters with UnitingCare entities, Synergy, Disability Royal Commission update and entity appointments.
- The Engagement report included an update on the activities of the Engagement Team.
- The Placements and Safe Church report included a Draft Governance Resource from the National Safe Church Unit for review and feedback and the Church Planting By-laws.

27th NOVEMBER 2020 DRAFT MINUTES

The General Secretary's report included

- *Presbytery Office Bearers and Synod Leaders meetings, the Draft Property Review Discussion Paper, Strategic Priorities, Climate Survey Report, Crisis Management Team, Assembly Matters, Special events including the 2020 ACD Graduation Ceremony, Visit to Port Augusta to celebrate with Rev Dr Denise Champion, National Church Life Survey, Thank you to members of the General Secretary's Liaison Group and to members of the Synod Standing Committee, some who will finish their membership term at this meeting, NCLS 2021 – members discussed the cost, advantages and disadvantages of engaging with this program, General Secretary's Liaison Group Verbal Report from Bruce Ind – Bruce informed members the annual appraisal process for the General Secretary is underway.*
- *The Associate General Secretary's report included the Moderator Nominating Committee, Historical Society appointments, Future Synod meetings, Stipends Committee (Schedule A Stipends and Allowances January – June 2021) and the amalgamation and closure of congregations:*
 - *NOTE the closure of the Bute congregation from 18 October 2020 subject to finalisation of any financial and property matters (whichever is later).*
 - *NOTE the closure of the Mount Pleasant congregation from 11 December 2020 subject to finalisation of any financial and property matters (whichever is later).*
 - *NOTE the closure of the Myponga congregation from 31 December 2020 subject to finalisation of any financial and property matters (whichever is later).*
- *The UnitingCare report included an update on Emergency Relief Centres, a presentation from Pilgrim School Inc, the retirement of Seymour College Inc Principal Mr Kevin Tutt and appointment of Ms Vanessa Browning, Pedare Christian College Amended Constitution, entity Board appointments and the matter of Uniting Church representation on Boards.*
- *The Engagement report included an update on the Teams activities including the new YouTube channel, ARPA award, communication strategies the 2021 Calendar and Postcard and Media.*
- *The Property Trust and Resources Board report included the appointment of Property Trust members, Minutes of Meetings, the Mission & Service Fund Financial Report to 30 September 2020 and the Mission & Service Fund Financial Forecast to 31 December 2020, COVID-19 financial relief for Congregations, additional 2019 Financial Statements, Uniting Venues SA Report, Business Plans 2021-2024, 2021 Budget and By-Law, the Work, Health and Safety Status Report to 30 September 2020 and a discussion about the Property Sales Proceeds Policy and the New Church Development Fund.*
- *The Budget – The Resources Board is forecasting a surplus of around \$755,000, assisted by Job Keeper and a proposed budget for 2021 with a deficit of \$794,000. The Resources Board agreed to*

consider 2020-2021 as the pandemic period (24 months) which would result in a small deficit, Redress claims were not included in the 2020 forecast or the 2021 budget as Redress claims have not been considered an operating item however a conservative amount has not been factored into the 2021 budget, capital expenditure budget is minimal.

- *The UAICC report included the Draft Congress budget for 2021, updates from the Ministry Centres, Review of Adelaide Congress and the internationally significant recognition of the Doctorate awarded to Rev Denise Champion at the recent ACD Graduation Ceremony.*
- *The Mission & Leadership Development report including updates from the M&LD Board including the Synod Selection Panel, ACD, budget process, pandemic response and staff matters, updates from Mission Resourcing including Mission Centres, the integration of ACD and UCLT, the ACD Graduation Ceremony, a look at the M&LD By-law, the Centre for Aboriginal Spirituality in consultation with UAICC and creation of a placement for an Aboriginal Theologian in Residence within the UCLT faculty, funding, the Position Description and appointment of a JNC.*
- *The Placements and Safe Church report included appointments to Discipline Committees.*

5. Synod Standing Committee Meetings 2021

Following the 2020 Synod Meeting (11 – 13 February 2021), Standing Committee will meet on at least the following dates. Additional dates may be added as needed.

- Friday 9th April 2021
- Friday 4th June 2021
- Friday 6th August 2021
- Friday 15th October 2021

These meetings will be held in the Board Rooms of the Synod Office, Level 2, 212 Pirie Street, Adelaide unless advised otherwise. The meetings commence at 3 pm and conclude approximately 7.30 pm with Working Groups held prior to the meeting from 1 pm – 2 pm (or at another time mutually convenient for the Working Groups). A meal is provided in a physically distanced manner. Car parking is provided if required. While we are still in a pandemic any of the above are subject to change.

Synod Standing Committee members receive their papers and are able to chat to each other using Microsoft Teams App. Members need a Microsoft Account to access the full functions of Microsoft Teams including the Standing Committee meeting papers.

Members wishing to nominate for the Synod Standing Committee are asked to make sure they are available on the above dates and agree to the meeting procedures as described above.

It is important that the Synod Standing Committee membership represents the breadth of the Uniting Church in South Australia and a range of skills. Members complete a Skills Matrix at the first meeting of a new

membership year; co-options are often filled by people with a specific skill set, e.g. finance, governance or legal.

6. Dissolution of a Congregation Reporting

Regulation 3.4.3(d)(iv) requires congregations that are no longer recognised by the Presbytery to be reported to the Synod. Closures reported to the Synod Standing Committee between the December 2019 and November 2020 Synod Standing Committee meetings are:

- NOTE the closure of the Inman Valley Uniting Church (ABN: 63822137661) congregation from 30 September 2020.
- NOTE the closure of the Littlehampton Uniting Church (ABN: 945 965 185) congregation from 31 December 2020.
- NOTE the closure of the Bute Uniting Church (ABN: 020 501 502) congregation from 18 October 2020 subject to finalisation of any financial and property matters (whichever is later).
- NOTE the closure of the Mount Pleasant Uniting Church (ABN: 38 434 528 416) congregation from 11 December 2020 subject to finalisation of any financial and property matters (whichever is later).
- NOTE the closure of the Myponga Uniting Church (ABN: 43 257 980 077) congregation from 31 December 2020 subject to finalisation of any financial and property matters (whichever is later).

7. Final Comments

As you can see the scope of the work that Synod Standing Committee processes during the year is extensive and vital to the ongoing work of the Uniting Church here in South Australia. I wish to thank all members of the Synod Standing Committee for their commitment and contributions. At our 2020 Annual Meeting to be held February 2021, some members will come to the end of their term so a special thank you is in order. For those continuing, the dates for 2021 are approved and we look forward to your regular attendance.

Please continue to prayer for the work of the Synod Standing Committee as it seeks to be the decision making body of the Synod between Annual Meetings.

Rev Felicity Amery

General Secretary

December 2020

Synod Standing Committee Dec 19 - Nov 20 - Membership and attendance

		6/12/2019 - in person	7/02/2020 - in person	3/04/2020 - Microsoft Teams	24/04/2020 - Microsoft Teams	15/05/2020 - Microsoft Teams	26/05/2020 - Microsoft Teams	12/06/2020 - Microsoft Teams	3/07/2020 - Microsoft Teams	14/08/2020 - in person or Microsoft Teams	25/09/2020 - in person or Microsoft Teams	27/11/2020 - in person or Microsoft Teams
Robert Backhouse	Elected	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Alice Kroker	Elected	1	1	1	1	apology	1	1	1	apology	1	1
Andrew Robertson	Elected	1	1	1	1	1	1	apology	1	apology	1	1
Simon Dent / Ashlee Littleford	Elected	Simon 1	Simon - apology - resigned	Ashlee 1	1	apology	1	1	1	1	apology	1
Bruce Ind	Elected	1	apology	1	1	1	1	1	apology	1	1	1
David Buxton	Elected	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
David Sigley	Elected	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	apology	1	1
Dean Brine	Elected	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Robyn Kidd/Elizabeth Megaw	Elected	Robyn apology	Robyn apology	Elizabeth 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	apology Session 2
Ian Price	Elected	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	apology	1	1
Leanne Davis	Elected	1	1	1	apology	1	1	1	apology	1	apology	1
Peter Gunn	Elected	apology	1	1	1	apology	1	apology	1	1	1	1
Pam Bartholomaeus	Elected	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Simon Story	Elected	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bronte Wilson – Moderator	Ex-officio	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sue Ellis	Ex-officio	apology	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Felicity Amery	Ex-officio	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Peter Battersby	Ex-officio	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	apology Session 1
Mark Kickett	UAICC SA Resourcing	1	apology	1	1	1	apology	1	1	apology	apology	1
Andrew Dutney	g	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	apology	1

Mark Schultz	Resourcing	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Philip Gardner	Resourcing	1	1	1	apology	1	apology	1	apology	1	1	1
Sue Page	Resourcing	1	apology	1	1	apology	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tim Hodgson	Resourcing	1	1	1	1	1	apology	1	1	1	1	1
Bridget Ransome Winaya Kamaputri (Acting Communications Manager)	Resourcing									1	1	1
Tracey Bost	Observer - Comms Minutes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1