



## **Proposal 8** (AS AMENDED BY FACILITATION TEAM)

### **PROPERTY REVIEW REPORT**

That the Synod of SA resolve to:

1. COMMEND the diligent work of the Property Services Team in undertaking the building safety inspections.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE with thanks the generous and loyal commitment of many people who have contributed to the care and maintenance of congregation properties over many years.
3. RECOGNISE that although the buildings themselves hold special significance for many congregation members the buildings are primarily to be used to progress the mission of God and REQUEST every Church Council in consultation with their congregation to:
  - a. GIVE ATTENTION urgently and diligently to their Buildings Safety Report
  - b. DETERMINE whether the property can be made safe and compliant in order that it might be used for continuing ministry and mission
  - c. ACKNOWLEDGE any shortfalls in safety and compliance which cannot be met
  - d. WORK with Resources staff of the Synod and their Presbytery to address the issues.
4. RECOGNISE that the Synod does not have the financial capacity to make and keep safe all the properties currently vested in the Property Trust; REQUEST appropriate Synod staff and Presbytery leaders to work with church councils in consultations with their congregations to:
  - a. DEVELOP financially manageable plans to upgrade congregational property to a safe and compliant standard
  - b. Where such upgrades are not feasible, WORK with congregations on suitable plans for the future of buildings and property
  - c. CREATE opportunities for discussion with surrounding congregations to discover appropriate pathways for future use of buildings and property
  - d. DETERMINE the future of the ministry and mission currently conducted in those buildings
  - e. DEVELOP essential requirements to assist congregations to manage future on-going beneficial use.
5. REQUEST the General Secretary in consultation with the Synod Standing Committee to develop a future-focused strategy (to include the establishment of a working group and an implementation plan) to determine the number and geographic locations of buildings to house vibrant missional communities including a framework to identify potential 'strategic' buildings, working:
  - a. collaboratively with appropriate Synod staff and Presbytery leadership; and
  - b. interactively with congregations as they seek to undertake the tasks in (3) and (4) above.
6. REQUEST a report detailing the outcomes of these proposals be presented to the next Synod meeting.

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