

Proposal 1

Procedural

That the Synod of SA resolves to:

1.
 - a. **ADOPT** standing orders and rules of debate as set out in 'A Manual for Meetings in the Uniting Church', as recorded in the Constitution and Regulations, 2025 edition.
(Reg. 3.8.4)
 - b. **APPROVE** that the style of decision making shall be by the use of coloured cards unless a secret ballot is called for by the Moderator.
 - c. **AGREE** that in the event that a procedural motion for the council to move into "Private sitting" is carried by a simple majority then ALL those who are not members of the Council must leave the meeting. The required Uniting Technology and Synod staff will be able to remain to execute their respective tasks.
 - d. **DETERMINE** that all discussions or decisions will be conducted in ways which comply with the Church's responsibilities under the "Synod Work Health and Safety **Corporate** Policy and Procedures" and the Work Health and Safety (WHS) Act 2012 (SA).
2. **NOTE** that at the beginning of each session the Moderator will deal with the business coming before the house in the following order:
 - a. Minutes of any meeting requiring to be approved or confirmed.
 - b. Letters or other communications to be received.
 - c. Reports from the Business Committee or other special committee appointed by the Synod.
 - d. Confirmation or variation of the proposed hours of session and order of the day.
 - e. Formal Business.
 - f. The order of the day.
3. **RECEIVE** all reports as provided (electronic and hard copy) in the Reports and Business Papers of the Synod of South Australia 25 – 27 June 2026 and Supplements thereto.
4. **NOTE** that:
 - a. Questions relating to the proposals brought before the Synod by the Business Committee will be answered at the time when the proposals are being considered by a plenary session of the Synod.

- b. Questions relating to the reports and proposals which are not considered by a plenary session of Synod because of time constraints, will be referred along with the particular proposals to the Synod Standing Committee.
 - c. Comments and/or questions from the floor and replies to questions **shall be limited to three (3) minutes** unless otherwise determined by the house.
5. **DETERMINE** that the Roll shall only contain the names of those members listed on the roll present at the meeting at 10.15am on Thursday 25 June 2026, or those who have advised the Synod Event Manager of extenuating circumstances that prevent them arriving by this time.
6. **DEFINE** the boundaries of the house to be the main auditorium of the Adelaide West Uniting Church, and the creche.
7. **ADOPT** the Hours of Session as listed hereunder:

Sessions 1 – 5	Thursday 25 June 2026	9:00am – 6:00pm
Sessions 6 – 11	Friday 26 June 2026	9.00am – 8.30pm
Sessions 12 – 14	Saturday 27 June 2026	9.00am – 4.00pm
8. **APPOINT** the following officers for this Synod meeting:
 - a. Assistant Secretaries: Rev Travis Turner
Anna Wilson
Rev Sue Page
 - b. Minute Secretaries: Michelle Cavallaro
Johanne Manning
 - c. Chief Scrutineer: Anne Wilson
Ballot Scrutineer: Peter Wilson
 - d. Chaplains: Rev Beth Seaman
Rev Mark Dickens
 - e. Business Committee: Moderator, Rev Peter Morel
General Secretary, Rev Philip Gardner
Event Manager, Rev Sue Page
Rev Travis Turner
Anna Wilson
Event Coordinator, Gina Tickner
Minute taker, Silvana Marveggio
 - f. Facilitation Team: Malcolm Wilson (Convenor)
Jacob Blackwell
Dr Valerie Aloa
Rev Naomi Duke
 - g. First Aid Officers: Dr Joanna Palmer
Dr Lawrie Palmer

9. **ASSOCIATE** the following people with the meeting for the purposes of participating in the meeting: (presenting reports and proposals and report electives).

Rev Gary Stuckey (Moderator's Chaplain)

Presentation to plenary: David Shepherd (EAG)

Mark Lee (UVSA)

Peter Murchland (RCOC)

Electives: Andrew Fechner

Karen Granger

Alice Hammer

Matt Wilson

Astrid Kuivasaari

Wayne Booth

10. **CO-OPT** the following people to membership of the Synod:

Rev Sue Page (Associate General Secretary (G & O)

Rev Christa Megaw

11. **DECLARE** that proposals be dealt with in the following order:

- a. Those which must be dealt with by Synod in full session which cannot be referred (in an order decided by the Business Committee).
- b. Those which arrive by 5pm on Friday 15 May 2026 (in an order decided by the Business Committee).
- c. All others (in an order decided by the Business Committee).

12. **ADOPT** the following procedure in respect of ballots:

- a. Note that nominations for all councils, committees and boards will close at 3.30 pm on Thursday 25 June 2026.
- b. Agree that any necessary ballots be held during the meeting with ballots conducted electronically via Election Buddy with secure links sent to members at a time determined by the Business Committee and that ballots will close at a time to be determined by Business Committee.

13. **ASK** that proposals with costing implications:

- a. include a process for raising new revenue and/or
- b. be submitted to the next year's budget process to be determined by Synod and/or
- c. be submitted to annual Synod grant processes.

Proposers: Rev Sue Page
Rev Philip Gardner

