

Proposal 12

Minute of Appreciation – UCFAMS Committee

That the Synod of SA resolves to:

1. **Record** its deep appreciation for the faithful service and ministry of the Uniting Church Fellowship and Mission Support (UCFAMS) Committee within the life of the Synod of South Australia.
2. **Acknowledge** with gratitude the significant contribution of UCFAMS over many years in enriching the life and witness of the Church through ministries of encouragement, connection, support, and service amongst congregations and communities.
3. **Give thanks** to God for the commitment, wisdom, and generosity of Committee members, office bearers, volunteers, and supporters who through their service, have encouraged fellowship, mutual care, mission engagement, and the strengthening of Christian community across the Church and wider community;
4. **Recognise** the contribution and legacy of UCFAMS along with the continued recognition of Adult Fellowships and mission ministries across the Synod of South Australia.

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Rationale

In 2018, the work of the elected committees for Uniting Church Adult Fellowships, Frontier Services Support and National & International Mission support were brought together as one committee as the Uniting Church Fellowships and Mission Support (UCFAMS) Committee for South Australia. This committee committed to: "Seek to develop, encourage and strengthen senior communities in fellowship, knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ, and through this to minister prayerfully and practically locally, nationally, internationally and ecumenically."

This has been an important model of meeting since 2018 and brought much fruitfulness to the ministry areas governed by UCFAMS and significant funding of other mission and ministry. In 2025,

the UCFAMS committee requested a review due to challenges replenishing the existing UCFAMS Committee and governance concerns of reporting ministry areas.

This comprehensive review has included new and life giving ways to organise the ministries encapsulated within UCFAMS. These changes are being implemented. In enabling these changes, the UCFAMS Committee has concluded and ceased its work as a committee. This proposal seeks to recognise the significant contribution of Committee members. It is with deep gratitude that we offer our thanks to these individuals, and to God, for the work of the UCFAMS Committee and the decades of service in these ministries.

