

Synod2026

The 42nd meeting of the Synod of South Australia



Introducing Synod 2026

Date: Thursday 25 June to Saturday 27 June 2026
Venue: Adelaide West Uniting Church and Yarthu-Apinthi
(312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park SA)

Membership

Members of the Synod have been appointed by their presbytery, a synod board or council or the Regional Council of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress to membership of the Synod meeting. Members of the Church who are not members of Synod will be able to view a live stream of parts of the meeting, and attend as visitors if room capacity allows.

Registration

Registration for the Synod meeting is a two-step process.

1. **Register online by Friday 12 June** using the link sent to members via email. The information gathered from the online registration contributes to the effective management of the meeting, particularly with regard to catering.
2. **Check in at the meeting** which commences at **9.00 am on Thursday 25 June. The membership roll will be closed at 10.15 am on Thursday 25 June.**

If you are not able to complete this two step registration process for any reason, please contact the Synod 2026 Event Team at synod26@sa.uca.org.au as soon as possible to make arrangements to register at a later time.

If you do not check in to the meeting by 10:15 am (or at a later time by arrangement with the Event Team), you will not be able to participate in decision making and ballots at the meeting.

Attendance

As we come together for the Synod meeting, we form the community of discernment that is the Synod in Session. As such, members are expected to attend every session of the Synod meeting, unless a medical or other urgent matter prevents you.

During our meeting, we will meet all together in plenary, and be seated in theatre style. At specified times we will be gathering in designated working groups to consider identified proposals, and for

electives. These working groups and electives will be located around Adelaide West Uniting Church and Yarthu-Apinthi (where Uniting College for Leadership and Theology is located).

If for any reason a member is not able to attend in person, there is not an option to participate online. Only members in the room will be part of the Synod meeting decision-making process.

Reports and proposals

All general meeting information and proposals to be addressed will be available to download in the coming weeks from the meeting webpage: [UCA SA – Synod Meeting 2026](#)

If you are not able to view or download information from the internet, please contact us at synod26@sa.uca.org.au or 8236 4200 to request that papers be mailed to you. Members are encouraged to regularly check the website for reports and other information relating to the meeting. If there are any questions arising from a report, please email or talk to the report's author prior to the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted using the [UCA Manual for Meetings \(2025\)](#).

Synod members may submit proposals for consideration by the Synod on any matter in the reports or the working papers, and on any matter that falls within Synod's responsibility.

Proposals are required to be submitted no later than 3.00 pm Friday 15 May 2026.

New proposals should be sent to:

Sue Page assocgensec@sa.uca.org.au (or) GPO Box 2145, Adelaide SA 5001.

We require proposals to be submitted by this time so that:

- Members are encouraged to think well ahead of time about the proposals they want to bring to the meeting
- The wording of proposals may be refined so that they can be dealt with in the best way at the meeting
- Members have sufficient time to reflect on the proposals
- The program can be created giving adequate time to all aspects of the meeting.

If you want to submit a proposal for consideration by Synod, please ensure that it is put in writing and includes the names of two (2) members of Synod, and has with it a paragraph of rationale.

A guide to writing a proposal can be found on the Synod 2026 webpage [How to write a Proposal](#).

Further assistance in the structure and wording of new proposals will be offered so that the proposals can be dealt with as efficiently as possible by the meeting.

Report electives

To encourage greater engagement, some reports will be presented in smaller groups as electives during the meeting of the Synod. Details about choosing which report electives to attend will be sent to members in due course.

Working groups

There will be times during our meeting when we will break into smaller working groups to discuss proposals. Each member of Synod will be randomly allocated a working group which will have an appointed co-ordinator.

Elections for Councils and Committees

There are vacancies occurring on some Synod Committees, Councils or Boards. Some of these are filled by appointment and some are filled by a nomination/election process. Further information about board and committee vacancies, along with nomination forms will be sent out to members in due course. With due attention to Synod by-laws, members of Synod are invited to submit nominations for vacant positions.

Please note that it is preferred that nominations are received by **5.00pm on Friday 11 June**, however nominations will formally close at **3.30 pm, Thursday 25 June 2026**.

Moderator-elect ballot

We will be discerning who will be called to be the South Australian Synod's next Moderator. A report from the Moderator Nominating Committee will be presented at the meeting and each nominee will make a presentation to the meeting before the ballot is held.

18th Assembly members

We will be electing the South Australian Synod's members to the 18th Assembly, which we are hosting in Adelaide in July 2027. Information about nominating members for the Assembly will be sent out soon.

Conducting of ballots

The ballots will be conducted electronically during the Synod meeting. Only members are entitled to participate in the ballot and only one vote is allowed per Synod member.

Each of the ballots will include instructions specific to that election and ballots will open and close at designated times.

Any questions about the process should be directed to Sue Page assocgensec@sa.uca.org.au

Catering

Tea and coffee will be provided upon arrival, as well as complimentary morning and afternoon teas. A range of lunch options and barista coffee will be available for purchase on site. Further information about catering options will be provided soon.

Wi-Fi, power and parking

Wi-Fi will be available. Power will be available to connect and charge electronic devices.

Parking spaces for those with a disability are available. Please indicate on your registration if you require a reserved disability parking space.

Travel and accommodation reimbursement

The Synod travel and accommodation reimbursement guidelines and forms can be found at [UCA SA - Synod Meeting 2026](#) These forms will also be available at the meeting.

Program

Information about the program and key topics will be made available to members soon.

Event team

Several Synod staff members support the Synod meeting in a variety of ways. A key contact is our Event Coordinator, Gina Tickner who can be contacted via email at synod26@sa.uca.org.au.

Prayer

An important part of the meeting of the Synod will be prayer. A prayer space will be set up at the venue for use during the meeting. We will also have a prayer meeting before the start of each day of Synod. During our time together, the Moderator will regularly call the meeting to prayer. Please begin now to pray for the Synod meeting 2026.

No supervised facilities will be available for infants or children at this meeting, however, Adelaide West does have a creche room which is included in the bounds of the house.

Thank you for being prepared to serve God and the Church as a member of Synod 2026. Please continue to pray for one another and for our meeting together. If you have any concerns before or during the meeting, please contact me via email assocgensec@sa.uca.org.au or phone 0430 666 959.

Grace and peace



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