

Synod Standing Committee Report

The Synod Standing Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Synod in between full meetings with the last Synod meeting held in October 2024. 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. Standing Committee meetings have been held in the Synod Office at 212 Pirie Street with members joining via Microsoft Teams (MS Teams) when necessary. The Standing Committee implemented the use of licensed software known as ‘OnBoard’ which meets legislative requirements for secure delivery of reports and record keeping in November 2024.

1. Membership

Members of the Standing Committee for the 2024-2026 membership term were:

Ex-officio			
Rev Peter Morel, Moderator (Chair)		Peter Battersby, Synod Property Officer	
Bronte Wilson, Ex-Moderator		Sean Weetra Chair, UAICC Regional Council	
Rev Phil Gardner, General Secretary			
Elected Members			
Jethro Buxton	Rev Leanne Davis	Peter Hollister	Trevor Phillips
Rev Dr Benji Callen	Rev Simon Dent	Elissa Inglis	Andrew Telfer
Mia Cartledge	Rev Anne Hewitt	Rev Christa Megaw	
Co-opted Members			
Marie McAllan	Jeff Wright		
Resourcing Members (non-voting)			
Rev Andrew Robertson	Mark Waters	Rev Jenni Hughes	
Rev Ken Sumner	Rev Sue Page	Rev Prof Vicky Balabanski	

Please note the current elected membership of Synod Standing Committee must be renominated if they are to hold a further term on Committee. That is, the term for elected members is from Synod meeting to Synod meeting. It is hoped there will be some continuity of membership.

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. Members of

the Synod can also make additional nominations 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 a term basis and will be made following the elections to enhance the gifts and skills of the elected Standing Committee.

2. Meetings

The Standing Committee meetings are held on Thursdays, between 1pm and 5pm at the Synod office, Level 2, 212 Pirie Street Adelaide. Since the Synod Meeting in October 2024 the Synod Standing Committee has met on the following occasions.

21 st November 2024	23 rd October 2025
20 th February 2025	4 th December 2025
10 th April 2025	26 th February 2026
19 th June 2025	30 th April 2026
21 st August 2025	4 th June 2026

3. Minutes

The Standing Committee Major Decisions Report lists decisions made since Synod October 2024. Minutes of the meetings were taken by the Executive Assistant to the General Secretary, Michelle Cavallaro and are available on request from the Chairperson.

Michelle Cavallaro
Executive Assistant to the General Secretary, Secretariat
10th April 2026

