Synod2026
The 42nd meeting of the Synod of South Australia

Synod Standing Committee Major Decisions

2024 - 2026

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The Synod Standing Committee RESOLVED (by consensus) on decisions listed herein, unless otherwise specified. The date of the meeting and the decision number is listed on the right-hand column of each decision. At the time of publishing this report minutes of meeting held on 4 June 2026 are yet to be confirmed. These decisions are marked with an * (eg 04/06/2026*).

1. Decisions by Topic

1.1 Mission & Property Strategy

CHANGE the name of the Synod Strategy and Property (Mission and Planning) Working Group to Mission and Property Strategy Group (MAPS).	SSC24.148 26/09/2024
NOTE that a communication strategy will be developed by the Mission and Property Strategy (MAPS) Working Group to inform congregations about the metrics which have been developed and how they might be used.	SSC25.009 20/02/2025
AFFIRM the General Secretary's recommendation to pause distributions from the Synod's New Church and Ministry Development Fund until UCA SA strategic locations are established by the MAPS Project	SSC26.007 26/02/2026
AFFIRM that this decision will be reviewed at the first meeting of the Standing Committee in 2027, or when UCA SA strategic locations are established by the MAPS Project, whichever is sooner	SSC26.008 26/02/2026

1.2 Mission and Leadership Development Board Governance

REQUEST the Mission and Leadership Development Board to develop a business plan for the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology covering the next 3 – 5 years that articulates the strategic priorities and goals of UCLT and includes a financial forecast that aligns with the agreed sustainable investment from the MSF.	SSC24.208 21/11/2024

NOTE the changes to the Mission & Leadership Development Board (MLDB) Governance Structure.	SSC25.008 20/02/2025

1.3 L3 & Words for Worship

NOTE the continuing exploration regarding the programs L3 and Words for Worship regarding their value for the ministry and mission of the UCA in SA and the costs financially and administratively, as well as in terms of governance and personnel. PERMIT the General Secretary to further the way forward and report to the next meeting of the Synod Standing Committee.	SSC24.189 21/11/2024
REQUEST the Moderator write a letter of thanks to Susan Burt for her contribution to the transfer of L3 and Words for Worship to the Synod.	SSC25.066 10/04/2025

1.4 Parish Missions

DESIGNATE Windsor Gardens Uniting Church as a Parish Mission under the name Gardens Church from 1.1.25. (Reg 3.9.1).	SSC24.182 26/09/2024
REQUEST the General Secretary to correspond to Generate Presbytery identifying some of the concerns raised by the Synod Standing Committee about the implementation of the Parish Mission formed as Gardens Church.	SSC24.185 26/09/2024
REQUEST a report from the Clayton Wesley Uniting Church Parish Mission Council	SSC25.144 21/08/2025
REQUEST the Associate General Secretary, Governance & Operations form a task group to review the Yorke Peninsula Regional Parish Mission Council prior to the conclusion of its current term November 2025 and report to Synod Standing Committee before the conclusion of the calendar year.	SSC25.129 21/08/2025
AFFIRM the Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission Council (YPRMC) Review Report.	SSC25.189 04/12/2025
THANK Malcolm Wilson and Frank Tuppin for their work in preparing and presenting the report.	SSC25.222 04/12/2025
COMMEND the YPRMC report to the presbyteries for their joint action.	SSC25.223 04/12/2025
COMMEND and AFFIRM regional ministry as a model for Ministry in the Synod of South Australia.	SSC25.224 04/12/2025
REQUEST the Presbyteries, (in light of the report), in co-operation with Ministry Agents, work pastorally with their respective congregations to dissolve inherited groupings, connections and relationships held by numerous congregations and align leadership with Uniting Church in Australia governance processes.	SSC25.226 04/12/2025
REQUEST that the presbyteries ASSIST the YPRMC to review their mandate to ensure that their priorities, purposes and responsibilities are congruent with the originally defined work and responsibilities of the YPRMC noting the important continuing roles	SSC25.227 04/12/2025

that the Presbytery and Synod representatives and Ministry Agents will have in guiding this Council.	
REQUEST that the YPRMC: a) ASSIST the Ministry Agents be focused and intentional in delivery of Ministry in alignment with the original intent as indicated in the Position Descriptions (eg. Northern Yorke Peninsula, Southern Yorke Peninsula and Yorke Peninsula Mission Facilitator). b) ASSIST the Yorke Peninsula Regional Ministry team to review and reconsider more efficient ways to communicate across the team to reduce the amount of time and travel being spent in face-to-face weekly meetings. c) NOTE the commendation of the initiative of a North and South Leaders Group and seek to develop it further. d) NOTE the continuing work of the Mission and Property Strategy Project in reflecting on Strategy, Mission and Property in their region.	SSC25.228 04/12/2025

1.5 Congregational Changes Reported By Presbyteries

1.5.1 Generate

NOTE that the Generate Presbytery have CEASED to recognise the Penola Uniting Church congregation (Reg 3.4.3 (a)) from 28/06/2024.	SSC24.181 26/09/2024
NOTE the decision made by Generate Presbytery Standing Committee to RECOGNISE and APPROVE the continuing status of the Flinders Congregations as one congregation with multiple sites.	SSC24.211 21/11/2024
REQUEST the Associate General Secretary, Governance & Operations in consultation with Generate Presbytery clarify the implications on Synod functions in relation to the consolidation of Flinders Churches into one congregation.	SSC24.212 21/11/2024
NOTE the Generate Presbytery Standing Committee decisions: • (GSC01) Encounter Prospect Uniting Church Generate Standing Committee agree to recognise Encounter Prospect Uniting Church as a Congregation of the Uniting Church of Australia from the 1st January 2025 (rather than a Faith Community) (Reg 3.9.2 (e)). • (GSCO2) West Croydon Uniting Church Generate Standing Committee agree to dissolve the relationship and therefore cease to recognise West Croydon United Church as a Congregation of the UCA from 22 December 2024 (Regs 3.4.3) • (GSC03) Transform Uniting Church Generate Standing Committee AGREE to amalgamate Gawler Uniting Church and Williamstown Uniting Church into one congregation over two campuses from 1/1/25 and AGREE that the name of the new congregation shall be Transform Uniting Church (Gawler and Williamstown).	SSC25.033 20/02/2025
REQUEST the Associate General Secretary, Governance & Operations in consultation with Generate Presbytery clarify the implications on Synod functions in relation to the Generate Standing Committee decisions GSC01, GSC02 and GSC03 noted in this agenda.	SSC25.035 20/02/2025
AGREE the name of the new congregation as Transform Uniting Church (Gawler and Williamstown).	SSC25.034 20/02/2025

NOTE the decision of the Generate Standing Committee on 4 June 2025 to amalgamate Seeds Uniting Church and Hallet Cove Uniting Church. As of 1 July 2025 they will be known as 'Seeds Hallett Cove'.	SSC25.140 21/08/2025
NOTE the correspondence from Generate Presbytery to Synod Standing Committee received 23rd June 2025 and the decisions of the presbytery listed therein Generate Standing Committee: AGREE to amalgamate Encounter Prospect Uniting Church with Enfield Uniting Church from 1st July 2025 (Reg 3.4.4(a)) which will come under the oversight of Generate Presbytery AGREE to change the name of Encounter Prospect site to Encounter Enfield to reflect the amalgamation AGREE that the name of the new congregation shall be Encounter Uniting Church (with sites Encounter Enfield and Encounter Henley).	SSC25.139 21/08/2025
NOTE the decision of Generate Presbytery Standing Committee made on 1st October 2025 regarding Roxby Downs Christian Community Church as follows: Generate Standing Committee APRROVE the request from the Anglican Bishop of Willochra (per Anglican Diocese polity) to cease to recognise the Roxby Downs Christian Community Church as a congregation in the Uniting Church. Approved by Consensus We note that consequent property matters, particularly relating to the Roxby Downs manse, will be managed by the Resources Board/Synod Property Team as the duly authorised UCA body.	SSC25.181 23/10/2025
NOTE the decisions made on 4 March 2026 by the Generate Standing Committee: Generate Standing Committee: APPROVE Hope Valley Barossa as a church plant and as a faith community from 1 June 2026 (Reg. 3.9.2) AGREE that Hope Valley Barossa will be a campus of Hope Valley Church, under the oversight of Hope Valley Church Council and the onsite ministry leadership of Rev Scott Button and Ms Zoe Last.	SSC26.095 30/04/2026

1.5.2 Presbytery of Southern SA (PoSSA)

APPROVE the change of Presbytery of Mylor Uniting Church from Presbytery of Southern SA (POSSA) to Generate Presbytery effective 26th September 2024.	SSC24.183 26/09/2024
NOTE the decision of Presbytery of Southern SA Standing Committee on 2 July 2025 to CEASE to recognise the Hawthorn Uniting Church Congregation as of 31 July 2025.	SSC25.143 21/08/2025
NOTE the decision of the Presbytery of Southern SA as follows 1. Presbytery of Southern SA will formally cease to recognise the Glengowrie congregation from 28/02/2026. Consensus.	SSC26.009 26/02/2026

1.5.3 Wimala

DESIGNATE the merging congregation of Elizabeth Grove Uniting Church, and the International Prophetic Pentecostal Church (a Faith Community in the Wimala Presbytery) as a Parish Mission Council.	SSC25.036 20/02/2025
NOTE that the Wimala Presbytery Standing Committee and Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee supports this request and will appoint the following Presbytery representatives on this Parish Mission Council: Mr Paul Schmelzkopf; Rev. Leanne Davis.	SSC25.037 20/02/2025
ENCOURAGE the Parish Mission Council to work with Synod to develop appropriate Memoranda of Understanding.	SSC25.037 20/02/2025
NOTE the decision (180625b) of Wimala Presbytery Standing Committee on 18 June 2025 to DISSOLVE AND CEASE to recognise Kersbrook UC congregation. Regulation 3.4.3 from 1 November 2025.	SSC25.141 21/08/2025
NOTE the decision (180625a) passed by Wimala Presbytery regarding the amalgamation of Encounter Prospect Uniting Church and Enfield Uniting Church to be known as 'Encounter Enfield Uniting Church', and NOTE that Wimala:- (a) AGREE to AMALGAMATE Enfield Uniting Church with Encounter Prospect Uniting Church from the 1st July, 2025 (Reg 3.4.4(a) which will come under the oversight of Generate Presbytery (b) CEASE to recognise and close Enfield Uniting Church (ABN 48 083 972 460) as a Responsible Body from the 1 July, 2025. (c) CEASE to recognise Enfield Uniting Church as a congregation in Wimala Presbytery from the 1 July, 2025.	SSC25.142 21/08/2025
NOTE the decision of Wimala Presbytery Standing Committee in October 2025 regarding Grange Uniting Church as follows: It was decided the below at [Wimala] Presbytery Standing Committee meeting this week. 1. At their request, Wimala Standing Committee, dissolve and cease to recognise Grange UC congregation. Regulation 3.4.3 (a) effective from 31st of January 2025. 2. Resolve to transfer Grange UC property to Synod (Managing Properties transferred to Synod Framework).	SSC25.182 23/10/2025
NOTE the decisions made on 15 April 2026 by the Wimala Standing Committee: Wimala Standing Committee recognises that Plains Community Churches formed one church council consisting of Windsor UC, Owen Community Church, Hamley Bridge UC and Pinery UC in 2011. Now functioning as one congregation with a single church council, with two worshipping sites consisting of Owen Community Church and Hamley Bridge Uniting Church.	SSC26.098 30/04/2026
REQUEST that Wimala Presbytery consults with the Resources Board (or its delegate) with regard to any changes in beneficial use as a consequence of the formation of one church council consisting of Owen Community Church and Hamley Bridge Uniting Church	SSC26.099 30/04/2026
NOTE that Wimala Presbytery DISSOLVE and CEASE to recognise Cudlee Creek Uniting Church as a congregation and transfer the property to Synod effective 30 June 2026.	SSC26.124 4/06/2026*
NOTE the Wimala Presbytery decision made on 17 December 2025 to:	SSC26.125 4/06/2026*

(a) Dissolve and cease to recognise Yacka/Gulnare Uniting Church congregation effective from the date to be determined by the congregation (early in 2026). (Reg. 3.4.3 (a)) (b) Transfer the Gulnare UC property to Synod effective on a date determined by the congregation in early 2026.	

1.6 Safe Church

RECOGNISE the important foundational work of the National Safe Church Unit (NSCU), the worthy goal that it sought to achieve and the commitment of those who have worked within the NSCU. a) SUPPORT National collaboration between Synods committing to the proactive coordination of information, communication and resources across Synods. b) CONTINUE the previous agreement to fund the National Safe Church Unit until the end of the 2024 period.	SSC24.146 26/09/2024
APPROVE the Interim Prohibited Persons Process; being <u>Notification:</u> As soon as an individual's Working With Children Clearance (WWCC) status is affected (e.g., classified as "Prohibited"), the Associate General Secretary, Placements and Safe Church (AGS P&S), or their delegate, must be informed by the individual. The AGS P&S will then notify the General Secretary and/or Moderator as appropriate <u>Immediate hold from Leadership and Ministry Roles</u>: Any individual whose WWCC is classified as "Prohibited" must immediately cease all roles of responsibility, including leadership and ministry, until further direction is provided by the AGS P&S or their delegate <u>Formal Notice:</u> The AGS P&S will communicate with the individual and notify the relevant church council, presbytery, or synod that the person is not permitted to engage in any volunteer or paid role within the church, until appropriate measures are put in place if possible. The AGS P&S will communicate and monitor the prohibited person to ensure all roles and responsibilities have ceased. <u>Right to Appeal:</u> The individual has the right to appeal the 'Prohibited' classification through the appropriate state government body. If the appeal is successful and the prohibition is revoked, their role within the church may be reassessed for suitability before they resume any responsibilities	SSC25.061 10/04/2025
REAFFIRM the legislated requirement for a Working With Children Check (WWCC) for all Ministers in active service, employees and volunteers of the Uniting Church in South Australia.	SSC26.042 26/02/2026
AFFIRM the decision of the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee (HRRC) to require a WWCC for all Synod, Venues, and Yarthu Apinthi staff.	SSC26.043 26/02/2026
AGREE to require a successful Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check for: (a) Ministers in active service, Ministry of Pastor in placement and all Church Council Office Bearers (Secretary, Chairperson and Treasurer) as they commence their roles.	SSC26.044 26/02/2026

(b) Volunteers who: i. hold spending approval authority exceeding $1,500; or ii. are authorised signatories on a church bank account. (c) Synod and Presbytery managers and executive officers, and all employees who: i. hold spending approval authority exceeding $1,500; or ii. are authorised signatories on a church bank account; or iii. have a Synod Credit Card.	
DELEGATE to the Placements and Safe Church Team the responsibility for coordinating the method for the provision, verification, and recording of successful completion of Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Checks (NCCHC) through South Australia Police.	SSC26.045 26/02/2026
REQUEST relevant ministry centres to review and update their policies and procedures to ensure alignment with these requirements.	SSC26.046 26/02/2026

1.7 National Assembly

AFFIRM the intention to nominate Rev. Sue Page to the Commission for Governance, Resourcing and Administration once the Commission has been formed by the National Assembly.	SSC25.007 20/02/2025
AGREE to sustain current funding levels to the Assembly, with appropriate CPI increases.	SSC25.113 21/08/2025
AGREE to support the ACT2 project from 2026-28 using the following guidelines, and in consultation with the Assembly General Secretary communicate the following: a) Our preference is to pay by stream rather than in a lump sum. b) We want to be able to review annually rather than commit for three years upfront. c) We will support local participants for travel and accommodation ALLOW the Synod to access New Church and Ministry Fund in meeting appropriate funding goals related to ACT2.	SSC25.146 21/08/2025

1.8 National Church Life Survey (NCLS)

a. PARTICIPATE as a Synod in the NCLS 2026 survey subject to funding being made available. b. ENCOURAGE the participation of presbyteries, congregations, and ministry leaders in the NCLS 2026 survey.	SSC26.093 30/04/2026
REQUEST Mission Resourcing, Executive Officer, in consultation with the General Secretary, seek funding support to maximise participation by congregation members and leaders.	SSC26.094 30/04/2026
NOTE the decision to fund SA Synod's participation in the National Church Life Survey from the Mission and Service Fund.	SSC26.107 4/06/2026*

1.9 Synod Strategic Plan

APPROVE the Synod Strategic Plan 2026-2030.	SSC26.066 30/04/2026
COMMEND the Synod Strategic Plan 2026-2030 to the meeting of the Synod in June for adoption by the Synod.	SSC26.067 30/04/2026
AFFIRM the proposals for Synod Strategic Plan to go to Synod 2026: That the Synod RESOLVE to: 1. ADOPT the Synod Strategic Plan 2026 – 2030. 2. REQUEST congregations, presbyteries, boards, committees, and synod ministry centres operationalize the Strategic Plan by developing and implementing SMART goals. 3. REQUEST Synod Ministry centres report on implementation of the Strategic Plan to Synod Standing Committee twice yearly. REQUEST congregations and presbyteries, boards and committees report on implementation of the Strategic Plan annually.	SSC26.100 30/04/2026

1.10 Relief Centre Oversight Committee

NOTE the Relief Centres Oversight Committee Annual Report.	SSC26.080 30/04/2026
TABLE the Relief Centres Oversight Committee Annual Report as part of the Synod meeting papers.	SSC26.081 30/04/2026
APPROVE the circulation of the Relief Centres Oversight Committee Annual Report to the members of the Relief Centres Network.	SSC26.082 30/04/2026

1.11 General Matters

NOTE the need for Synod Standing Committee to have a significant conversation about our relationship with organisations associated with the Uniting Church, particularly in relation to matters of risk and any other matters it considers important.	SSC24.149 26/09/2024
REQUEST the General Secretary, Director of Uniting Care, the General Manager, Investments & Finance and the Chairperson of Generate (or their delegate) meet with Stephen Bray to discuss the matters raised in the correspondence regarding Kapunda and report to the next meeting of Synod Standing Committee.	SSC24.190 21/11/2024
NOTE that the Kapunda Uniting Church Audit matter is now closed.	SSC25.046 10/04/2025
1. NOTE the resignation of the Executive Officer: Engagement. 2. ALLOW the General Secretary through the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee (HRRC) to begin the process of recruitment of a new Executive Officer / Manager.	SSC24.188 21/11/2024

3. NOTE that if the HRRC determine that the position will continue as an Executive Officer, the appointment will be brought to the Synod Standing Committee for their discernment.	
ACKNOWLEDGE the UAICC-SA purchase of a bus from the UAICC-SA Congress Capital Fund.	SSC24.147 26/09/2024
1. RECEIVE the UAICC-SA Synod Standing Committee Report. 2. NOTE that Congress is planning to purchase a manse in Adelaide for the Congress State Development & Outreach Officer.	SSC25.062 10/04/2025
NOTE the response to Proposal 9 Cutting of Pastoral Ties (Synod Decision 24.09).	SSC25.059 10/04/2025
AFFIRM the position of Director of Theology and Church History is an ongoing position.	SSC26.052 26/02/2026
APPOINT the Review Team and request a report from the Team to come to the June meeting of SSC. Review Team members are: Rev Prof Vicky Balabanski; Rev Paul Goh; Gillian Powis; Rev Paul Turley; Rev Leanne Davis.	SSC26.058 26/02/2026
APPROVE the 2026 Synod meeting dates as: Thursday, 25th June to Saturday, 27th June 2026.	SSC25.076 19/06/2025
The Synod Standing Committee RESOLVED (by acclamation) to NOTE our appreciation and acknowledgement of the significant ordination anniversaries of the Moderator (Rev Peter Morel) who has completed 30 years of ordained ministry and the General Secretary (Rev Philip Gardner) who has completed 40 years of ordained ministry in the Uniting Church in Australia.	SSC25.234 04/12/2025
INDICATE that the term of the next Moderator will be a four-year term from 2028 to 2032.	SSC25.075 19/06/2025

2. UnitingCare SA

ENDORSE the creation of a UnitingCare SA Board Members Expression of Interest register as outlined in the UnitingCare SA Report.	SSC24.169 26/09/2024
REVIEW and re-present the training materials available to support Board induction and the understanding of the polity and ethos of the Uniting Church across the incoming Board members.	SSC24.170 26/09/2024
NOTE the Mission and Informal Chaplaincy report.	SSC25.056 10/04/2025
RECOGNISE the potential for building new partnerships and alliances based on this report.	SSC25.057 10/04/2025
REQUEST that the Director UnitingCare SA replicate the Mission and Informal Chaplaincy survey in 2026 to build upon this beginning baseline of the 2024 Survey.	SSC25.058 10/04/2025
AFFIRM the development and awareness of the ministries of Informal Chaplaincy and ENCOURAGES future engagement.	SSC25.067 10/04/2025
NOTE the appointment of Rev Dr Tim Hein to the placement of Minister of Public Theology at Uniting Communities (0.5 FTE) for a period of 3 years commencing January 2026.	SSC25.202 04/12/2025

3. Joint Nominating Committees

3.1 Chaplaincy & Supervision Manager

1. APPOINT Rev Mark Dickens to fill the placement as Chaplaincy and Supervision Manager (0.5fte) for a period of five (5) years from a date to be determined in the near future. 2. THANK and discharge the Joint Nominating Committee.	SSC24.181 26/09/2024

3.2 Director of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Practice

NOTE the intention of Rev Dr Sean Gilbert to retire from the position of Director of Pastoral Theology & Ministry Practice at the Uniting College of Leadership and Theology (UCLT) effective 31st December 2025.	SSC25.031 20/02/2025
REQUEST the Executive Officer, Principal Vicky Balabanski review the placement description of the Director of Pastoral Theology & Ministry Practice and form a Joint Nominating Committee for the Synod Standing Committee to affirm at the next meeting.	SSC25.032 20/02/2025
AFFIRM the Joint Nominating Committee appointed for the Director of Pastoral Theology & Ministry Practice, comprising • Executive Officer, Principal UCLT (Rev Prof Vicky Balabanski) • General Secretary (Rev Philip Gardner) • Human Resources Manager (Karen Granger) • Rev Leanne Davis • Rev Elissa Inglis • Rev Dr Sally Douglas (Pilgrim Theological College).	SSC25.063 10/04/2025
APPROVE the Position Description tabled for Director of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Practice.	SSC25.109 19/06/2025
1. APPOINT Rev Dr Catherine Lambert as Director of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Practice at the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology for a period of five years from 1 January 2026. 2. THANK and discharge the Joint Nominating Committee for Director of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Practice. 3. REQUEST the General Secretary to write a letter of thanks to JNC member Rev Dr Sally Douglas.	SSC25.148 21/08/2025

3.3 Director of Leadership

RECEIVE Rev Dr Tim Hein's notice of resignation from the Director of Leadership at Uniting College for Leadership and Theology.	SSC25.064 10/04/2025

REQUEST the Executive Officer, Principal UCLT review the position description for the Director of Leadership and form a Joint Nominating Committee to be affirmed at a future Synod Standing Committee meeting.	SSC25.065 10/04/2025
APPROVE the Position Description (PD) Director of Leadership.	SSC25.134 21/08/2025
DIRECT the General Secretary to form a Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) to for the role of Director of Leadership consisting of: Executive Officer/Principal UCLT; General Secretary; Human Resources Manager Subject Matter Expert; Student Representative / Member of SSC.	SSC25.135 21/08/2025
APPROVE the advertisement and recruitment to the role of Director of Leadership 0.5 FTE position for a five-year term at the Uniting College for Leadership & Theology.	SSC25.136 21/08/2025
NOTE the deferral of advertisement and recruitment to the role of Director of Leadership 0.5fte.	SSC25.157 23/10/2025

3.4 Wellbeing Chaplain

APPROVE the Position Description (PD) Wellbeing Chaplain, UCLT for a 12- month period subject to advice from Human Resources.	SSC25.137 21/08/2025
DIRECT the General Secretary to form a Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) to for the role of Wellbeing Chaplain consisting of: Executive Officer/Principal UCLT; General Secretary; Human Resources Manager Subject Matter Expert; Student Representative / Member of SSC.	SSC25.138 21/08/2025
ENDORSE the Joint Nominating Committee Report for the Wellbeing Chaplain UCLT (0.1 FTE) included as Attachment 1.	SSC25.218 04/12/2025
APPROVE the placement of Rev Ruthmary Bond as Wellbeing Chaplain UCLT (0.1fte) from 1 February 2026 for a period of three (3) years with a review at the 12-month anniversary of placement.	SSC25.219 04/12/2025
THANK & DISCHARGE the Wellbeing Chaplain UCLT (0.1FTE) Joint Nominating Committee.	SSC25.220 04/12/2025
NOTE the appointment of Rev Beth Seaman to the placement of Chaplain to the Synod Staff (0.1 FTE) for a period of three (3) years, commencing on 1 January 2026.	SSC25.193 04/12/2025

4. Minister Related Matters

4.1 Admissions & Withdrawals

ACKNOWLEDGE and AFFIRM the admission of Craig Schultz a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church in Australia from the commencement of his placement at Brighton UCA.	SSC25.192 04/12/2025
AFFIRM the admission of Rev Prof Bart Bruehler as a Deacon in the Uniting Church in Australia.	SSC26.013 26/02/2026

1. WITHDRAW the recognition of Rev Douglas Monaghan as a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church in Australia at his request from 22 August 2024 (Regulation 2.10.3(a)(i). 2. REQUEST the Moderator to write a letter of thanks to Rev Douglas Monaghan affirming his ministry in the UCA and wishing him well as a Minister of the Church of Scotland.	SSC24.172 26/09/2024
1. WITHDRAW THE RECOGNITION of Rev Mark Graeme Butler as a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church in Australia at his request from 21 November 2024. Regulation 2.10.3 (a) (i). 2. REQUEST the Moderator to write a letter of thanks to Rev Mark Graeme Butler affirming his ministry in the Uniting Church in Australia and wish him well in his endeavours.	SSC24.203 21/11/2024

4.2 Stipend Allowances

APPROVE 2025 Schedule A Minimum Ministerial Stipend, Allowances and Charges.	SSC24.151 26/09/2024
ADOPT the principles in the 6.3.1 Review of Accommodation Allowance paper.	SSC25.117 21/08/2025
ADOPT the methodology for determining the Accommodation Allowance contained in the 6.3.1 Review of Accommodation Allowance paper from 1 January 2026.	SSC25.118 21/08/2025
IMPLEMENT transitional arrangements, such that the new methodology applies to placements commencing after 1 January 2026.	SSC25.119 21/08/2025
NOTE that arrangements for placements made prior to 1 January 2026 will not change.	SSC25.120 21/08/2025
NOTE for Accommodation Allowance implementation for placements made prior to 1 Jan 2026 that the new arrangements may be put in place by agreement of all parties as long as the Ministry Agent is not disadvantaged.	SSC25.149 21/08/2025
APPROVE the 2026 Schedule A Minimum Ministerial Stipend, Allowances and Charges.	SSC25.160 23/10/2025
APPROVE the 2026 Schedule A Minimum Ministerial Stipend, Allowances and Charges	SSC25.190 04/12/2025

5. Resources Board / Property Trust (RB/PT)

5.1 Financial Matters

APPROVE the payment of $126,000 for the 2023/24 Prospective Redress Payment.	SSC24.144 26/09/2024
REQUEST the Resources Board to identify the source of funding the Prospective Redress Payment.	SSC24.145 26/09/2024
APPROVE the 2025 Mission and Service Fund budget (refer Attachment 1), in particular:	SSC24.207 21/11/2024

a) A break-even operating budget (on an accrual basis) of $0.0m b) A capital budget of $0.369m.	
NOTE the Overview of 2024 Financial Statements as in Addendum 9.1 (Financial Statements 2024).	SSC25.105 19/06/2025
APPROVE the adoption of the completed 2024 Financial Statements listed as received in Appendix 1 of the Addendum 9.1 noting that UAICC Financial Statements have now been signed.	SSC25.106 19/06/2025
ACKNOWLEDGE the ongoing commitment of Congregations to the wider Church through their 2024 Mission and Service Fund contributions included in Appendix 3 of the Addendum 9.1.	SSC25.107 19/06/2025
NOTE the Mission and Service Fund Budget Timetable included as Attachment 4	SSC25.131 21/08/2025
APPROVE the Mission and Service Fund 2026 Budget (refer Addendum 1), in particular: a. A break-even operating budget (on an accrual basis) of $0.0m b. A capital expenditure budget of $0.352m.	SSC25.207 04/12/2025
NOTE the Overview of 2025 Financial Statements report included as an Addendum to this report.	SSC26.115 4/06/2026*
NOTE the financial statements listed in Attachment 1 and the 2025 operating results and equity positions for these entities as at 31 December 2025 included in Attachment 1 of the Addendum to this report.	SSC26.116 4/06/2026*
APPROVE the adoption of the completed 2025 Financial Statements listed as received in Attachment 1 of the Addendum to this report	SSC26.119 4/06/2026*

5.2 General Matters

AGREE that the Resources Board minimum technical skills and experience matrix requirements for the core competency of law, be amended to one member with Level 4 (Extensive) or two members with Level 3 (Operational).	SSC24.173 26/09/2024
AGREE that the Resources Board minimum technical skills and experience matrix requirements for the core competency of property, be amended from two members with Level 4 (Extensive) to two members with Level 3 (Operational).	SSC24.174 26/09/2024
REQUEST the Moderator to write a letter of thanks to Mr David Riggall for his service to the Uniting Church in South Australia.	SSC25.025 20/02/2025
NOTE the Synod Risk Register - Extreme and High Risks report - 30 June 2025 included as Attachment 6.	SSC25.132 21/08/2025
ENDORSE the Resources Board's: a) Commendation of the Uniting Church Investment Committee for its continued oversight of the Church's investments and its commitment to supporting the work of the Uniting Church. b) Thanks to the Governors of the Parkin Mission and Parkin Trust for their continued commitment to supporting the work of the Uniting Church through grants to the Mission and Service Fund.	SSC24.209 21/11/2024

ENDORSE the Resources Board's: a. Commendation of the Uniting Church Investment Committee for its continued oversight of the Church's investments and its commitment to supporting the work of the Uniting Church. b. Thanks to the Governors of The Parkin Mission of SA Inc and The Parkin Trust Inc for their continued commitment to supporting the work of the Uniting Church through grants to the Mission and Service Fund. c. Acknowledgement of the leadership of the General Secretary to prioritise Mission and Service Fund expenditure to achieve a balanced budget for 2026.	SSC25.208 04/12/2025
RECOGNISE the diligent oversight provided by the Governors of The Parkin Mission of SA Inc and The Parkin Trust Inc	SSC26.118 4/06/2026*
COMMEND the ongoing commitment of Congregations to the wider Church through their 2025 Mission and Service Fund contributions included in Attachment 3 of the Addendum to this report.	SSC26.117 4/06/2026*

5.3 Quarterly Reports

NOTE the Mission and Service Fund financial report for the quarter ended:	
30 September 2024 (SSC24.204)	30 September 2025 (SSC25.206)
31 March 2025 (SSC25.097)	31 December 2025 (SSC26.085)
30 June 2025 (SSC25.130)	31 March 2026 (SSC26.114)*
NOTE the Workplace Health & Safety Incident Report for the quarter ended:	
30 September 2024 (SSC24.206)	30 September 2025 (SSC25.217)
31 March 2025 (SSC25.104)	31 December 2025 (SSC26.087)
30 June 2025 (SSC25.133)	31 March 2026 (SSC26.121)*

6. Governance

6.1 Constitution and related matters

SUPPORT the Constitutional Amendment to Helping Hand's Constitution to remove the requirement for a member or member in association of the Uniting Church to be on their Board subject to their agreement to replace the clause with the obligation for Board members to be inducted into and share the polity and ethos of the Uniting Church.	SSC24.168 26/09/2024
APPROVE the amendments to Helping Hand Aged Care Inc's Constitution as outlined in the Attachment to 7.0 UnitingCare Report "Change to Helping Hand Constitution Dec".	SSC25.021 20/02/2025
INVITE Mr Darren Button (Chairperson) and Ms Helen Sheppard (CEO) of UnitingCare Wesley Bowden to present at a Synod Standing Committee meeting later in 2025 in relation to their desire to become a Company Limited by Guarantee.	SSC25.055 10/04/2025
APPROVE the amendment to Helping Hand Aged Care Inc's Constitution, Clause 10 to include the words "and other property shall" as outlined in the Attachment.	SSC26.040 26/02/2026

APPROVE the amendment to Lincoln College's Constitution, Clause 49 to the wording "The Board may confer the title of Honorary Fellow upon a person who: 1. Has done work of academic distinction and is an alumnus of the College; or 2. Has done work of academic distinction in close association with the College."	SSC26.041 26/02/2026
NOTE the new constitution for Seymour College Inc.	SSC25.128 21/08/2025
NOTE the revised constitution as approved by the Seymour College Board on 27 October 2025.	SSC25.201 04/12/2025
REQUEST the Moderator provide a pastoral and written response to the correspondence from POSSA.	SSC25.231 04/12/2025
AFFIRM that the work of the Synod Officers is about supporting and resourcing our congregations.	SSC25.232 04/12/2025
DETERMINE the Synod Officers have operated within the bounds of the UCA Constitution and Regulations	SSC25.233 04/12/2025
NOTE that UnitingCare Wesley Bowden has changed from an Incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee as of 1 April 2026.	SSC26.083 30/04/2026
NOTE the Constitution of UnitingCare Wesley Bowden, a Company Limited by Guarantee.	SSC26.084 30/04/2026

6.2 By-laws

ADOPT the By-laws and Measures for Success for the UnitingCare SA Relief Oversight Committee.	SSC24.155 26/09/2024
APPROVE Stewarding Congregational Property By-law included in Attachment 3.	SSC24.175 26/09/2024
The Synod Standing Committee RESOLVED (by agreement) to: APPROVE the amendments to UnitingCare Wesley Bowden's Rules and Regulations as outlined in the Attachments.	SSC24.217 21/11/2024
APPROVE the amendments to the Uniting Venues SA By-law as included in Attachment 4.	SSC24.176 26/09/2024
APPROVE the amendment of Synod By-law 22.1.6a 'Mission and Leadership Development Board'. to replace the words "elected by the Synod" with the words "appointed by the Synod or its Standing Committee", and where appropriate in the context of that By-law to replace the words "elected", "electing" and "election" with the words "appointed", "appointing" and "appointment" respectively.	SSC24.180 26/09/2024
ADD the following section to By-law 18.7 Stewarding Congregational Property: *"Prior to a Congregation(s) or its Church Council(s) approving a resolution that would precipitate a change in Responsible Body, the presbytery/(s) will consult*	SSC25.012 20/02/2025

with the Synod, through the Resources Board which will allocate the future Beneficial Use of all Congregational Property."	
APPROVE changes to Synod By-law 12.1.11 to 12.1.19 including Appendices.	SSC25.078 19/06/2025
APPROVE changes to By-laws: • 11.2 Ministers Long Service Leave • 11.3 Ministers Accommodation Support Fund • 11.4 Ministers Benefit Fund • 11.5 Removal Expenses for Ministers • 11.6 Parental Leave	SSC25.079 19/06/2025
APPROVE the amendment to the definition of Amalgamation contained in the Property Sales Proceeds By-law included in Attachment 5.	SSC25.102 19/06/2025
APPROVE changes to Synod By-law 12.1.43 and 12.4.45	SSC25.161 23/10/2025
APPROVE the updated By-law 11.6 Parental Leave for Ministers.	SSC25.194 04/12/2025
APPROVE the Disability Advisory Committee By-law included as Attachment A.	SSC25.203 04/12/2025
APPROVE changes to Synod By-law 12.1 in relation to Synod Standing Committee	SSC26.011 26/02/2026
REQUEST the Associate General Secretary, Governance & Operations to update any Synod By-laws which do not affect the substantive nature of the By-law.	SSC26.012 26/02/2026
APPROVE the changes to Synod By-law 12.1 in relation to Travelling Expenses to be reviewed in 12 months.	SSC26.072 30/04/2026

6.3 Policy

ADOPT the amended Crisis Management Policy and Crisis Management Action Plan.	SSC24.152 26/09/2024
APPROVE the amendments to the Ethical Investment Policy as included in Attachment 5.	SSC24.177 26/09/2024
APPROVE the Updated Manse Management Policy included in Attachment 8.	SSC25.103 19/06/2025
SUSPEND the requirements under the Duty of Care Policy relating to the General Probity Check and the Vulnerable Persons Related Employment Check for a three-month period, from 4 December 2025 to 28 February 2026.	SSC25.229 04/12/2025
REQUEST Rev Andrew Robertson, Associate General Secretary Placements & Safe Church, to provide an updated report on screening requirements and the Duty of Care Policy at the February meeting.	SSC25.230 04/12/2025

ADOPT the proposed changes to the Ethical Investment Policy as provided in Attachment 6.	SSC25.215 04/12/2025
REQUEST the General Secretary write to Hope Valley Church reminding them of the requirements of the Synod Naming Policy, that states: "Where a congregation, faith community, organisation uses another name, it needs to use a phrase that clearly identifies its belonging to the Uniting Church such as: 'a Uniting Church congregation/faith community/organisation' or 'Uniting Church SA' or 'a ministry of the Uniting Church in Australia' This identification should be included on all signage, letterheads and promotional material."	SSC26.096 30/04/2026
REQUEST the Associate General Secretary Governance & Operations to review all Uniting Church congregations currently without Uniting Church in their name and be reminded of the need to comply with the naming policy.	SSC26.097 30/04/2026

6.4 Memorandum of Understanding

REQUEST UnitingCare SA to systematically review and update the Memoranda of Understanding with organisations in association with the Uniting Church.	SSC24.171 26/09/2024
ENDORSE the Memorandum of Understanding with UnitingCare Wesley Bowden	SSC25.179 23/10/2025
REQUEST the Moderator and the General Secretary sign the Memorandum of Understanding [with UCWB] on behalf of The Uniting Church in Australia Synod of South Australia.	SSC25.180 23/10/2025

6.5 Other Governance Matters

DECLARE, pursuant to section 42(2) of the Uniting Church in Australia Act, 1977 (S.A.): 1. That by reason of circumstances arising subsequently to the trusts created by clause 4(b) of the will of Maxwell Glen Johnston deceased ("the trust"), including the amalgamation of The Temple Uniting Church (at Henley Beach) congregation and the Fulham Uniting Church congregation and the current want for the amalgamated congregation to decide upon a single worship site, Synod Standing Committee is of the opinion that it is inexpedient to deal with or apply the trust property for the same or like purposes as provided by the terms of the trust. 2. That the trust property be held by the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust S.A.:	SSC26.086 30/04/2026

a. to be dealt with and applied for the use and benefit of the Henley – Fulham Uniting Church Congregation; and b. if the gift cannot take effect – or at any time for any reason can no longer take effect - for the use and benefit of such congregation, foundation, institution, council, committee, department, college, board or agency of the Uniting Church in Australia as the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust S.A. considers most nearly fulfils the purposes of the intended benefit.	
NOTE the Extreme and High Risks identified in the Risk Register as at 28 February 2026 as provided in Attachment 4.	SSC26.120 4/06/2026*

7. Boards & Trust Appointments

7.1 Mission & Leadership Development Board (MLDB)

EXTEND the appointment of Rev Anne Hewitt as a member of the Mission and Leadership Development Board until after the first Synod Standing Committee meeting on 28 February 2025.	SSC24.178 26/09/2024
THANK Rev Anne Hewitt for her contribution to the Mission and Leadership Development Board over many years.	SSC24.210 21/11/2024
EXTEND the appointment of Rev Steph Tai as a member of the Mission and Leadership Development Board until after the first Synod Standing Committee meeting on 28 February 2025.	SSC24.179 26/09/2024
APPOINT Steve Roder as a member of the Mission and Leadership Development Board for a period of three years commencing 20th February 2025 and concluding 1st March 2028.	SSC25.027 20/02/2025
APPOINT Richard Idzikowski as a member of the Mission and Leadership Development Board for a period of three years commencing 20th February 2025 and concluding 1st March 2028.	SSC25.028 20/02/2025
RE-APPOINT Stephanie Tai as a member of the Mission and Leadership Development Board for a second term of three years commencing 20th February 2025 and concluding 1st March 2028.	SSC25.029 20/02/2025
APPOINT Lee Parker as a member of the Mission and Leadership Development Board for a period of three years commencing 26 February 2026 and concluding 26 February 2029.	SSC26.049 26/02/2026
APPOINT Leesa Story as a member of the Mission and Leadership Development Board for a period of three years commencing 26 February 2026 and concluding 26 February 2029.	SSC26.050 26/02/2026
APPOINT Barry Littleford as a member of the Mission and Leadership Development Board for a period of three years commencing 26 February 2026 and concluding 26 February 2029.	SSC26.051 26/02/2026

EXTEND the term of Professor Ian Olver as Chair of the Mission and Leadership Development Board until the end of 2026	SSC26.088 30/04/2026
NOTE the MLD Board will draft a position description for the MLD Board Chairperson role and nominate two further members to assist in the selection process.	SSC26.122 4/06/2026*

7.2 Parkin Mission / Parkin Trust

ELECT Paul Frisby as a governor of the Parkin Mission and Parkin Trust for a three (3) year term, concluding in the last quarter of the year 2027. ELECT Peter Headland as a governor of the Parkin Mission and Parkin Trust for a three (3) year term, concluding in the last quarter of the year 2027.	SSC24.192 21/11/2024
ELECT Rev. Greg Walker as a governor of the Parkin Mission and Parkin Trust for a three (3) year term, concluding in the last quarter of the year 2027.	SSC25.011 20/02/2025
ACKNOWLEDGE the updated and current versions of the Parkin Mission and Parkin Trust Deeds as attached in Attachments B & C. ELECT Rev Jane McDonald & Mrs Carole Davidson as Governors of the Parkin Mission and Parkin Trust for a 12 month term, concluding in the last quarter of the year 2026.	SSC25.191 04/12/2025
(a) RECOGNISE and thank the outgoing Governors of The Parkin Mission of South Australia Inc. and Parkin Trust Inc. and accept their resignations of effective 30 June 2026. The outgoing governors are: 1. Mr Paul Frisby (President) 2. Mr Peter Headland 3. Rev Jane McDonald 4. Mrs Carole Davidson 5. Rev Dr Graham Humphris 6. Rev Greg Walker	SSC26.074 30/04/2026
(b) REQUEST the Moderator write letters of thanks to the outgoing Governors of The Parkin Mission of South Australia Inc. and the Parkin Trust Inc.	
(a) APPOINT the members of The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (S.A.) to be the Governors of The Parkin Mission of South Australia Inc. and the Governors of Parkin Trust Inc. from 1 July 2026. The members of The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (S.A.) are: 1. Mr Michael McClaren 2. Rev. Peter Morel 3. Rev Philip Gardner 4. Mr Steve Roder 5. Dr Alice McCleary 6. Rev Diane Bury 7. Dr Deidre Palmer	SSC26.075 30/04/2026

(b) REQUEST the Executive Officer, Resources to commence transition arrangements from the rise of this meeting.	

7.3 Uniting Church Fellowship and Mission Support (UCFAMS)

1. RECOGNISE the significance of the changes and discernment regarding the future structure of the ministries of UCFAMS. 2. AFFIRM the Mission and Leadership Development Board resolution to thank and discharge the current UCFAMS Committee and consider appropriate ways to offer gratitude for its members. 3. AFFIRM the creation of a Mission Bequest Committee. 4. AFFIRM the creation and formation of Mission Groups. 5. AFFIRM the creation of an interim committee.	SSC25.221 04/12/2025

7.4 Resources Board / Property Trust Appointments

AGREE that the Resources Board minimum technical skills and experience matrix requirements for the core competency of law, be amended to one member with Level 4 (Extensive) or two members with Level 3 (Operational).	SSC24.173 26/09/2024
AGREE that the Resources Board minimum technical skills and experience matrix requirements for the core competency of property, be amended from two members with Level 4 (Extensive) to two members with Level 3 (Operational).	SSC24.174 26/09/2024
In accordance with sections 11.(2)(d) and 11.(6) of 'The Uniting Church in Australia Act, 1976-1977', ENDORSE FOR APPROVAL the following appointments to be made at the November 2024 Synod Standing Committee meeting: a) Dr Alice McCleary as a member of the UCA Property Trust (S.A.) for a period of two years commencing from the rise of the November 2024 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2026 calendar year, whichever occurs later. b) Michael McClaren as a member of the UCA Property Trust (S.A.) for a period of two years commencing from the rise of the November 2024 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2026 calendar year, whichever occurs later. c) Michael McClaren as Chairperson of the UCA Property Trust (S.A.) for a period of one year from the rise of the November 2024 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2025 calendar year, whichever occurs later. d) Peter Battersby as Secretary of the UCA Property Trust (S.A.) for a period of one year from the rise of the November 2024 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2025 calendar year, whichever occurs later.	SSC24.205 21/11/2024
EXPRESS its thanks to Mr David Riggall for his significant contribution to the Uniting Church in South Australia since 1993, in particular his generous service to Synod of SA's Property Committee.	SSC25.024 20/02/2025

APPOINT Anton van Bavel to the Resources Board for his first term commencing from the rise of the 13 March 2025 Resources Board meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2027 calendar year, whichever occurs later.	SSC25.023 20/02/2025
APPOINT Michael McClaren to The Junction Community Centre Incorporated (Management) Committee, representing the Uniting Church in Australia, in an interim capacity until the Property Trust resolves to fill the vacancy.	SSC25.026 20/02/2025
APPOINT Dr Deidre Palmer as a member of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (S.A.) for a two-year term commencing from the rise of the Synod Standing Committee meeting in December 2025.	SSC25.098 19/06/2025
APPOINT Dr Deidre Palmer as Chair of Resources Board for a two-year term commencing from the rise of the Synod Standing Committee meeting in December 2025.	SSC25.099 19/06/2025
NOMINATE Dr Deidre Palmer to be a member of Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Ltd.	SSC25.100 19/06/2025
AUTHORISE Peter Battersby as the Property Officer of the Synod to provide the nomination notice of Dr Deidre Palmer to the Secretary of Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Ltd on behalf of the Synod.	SSC25.101 19/06/2025
APPOINT Steve Roder as a member of the UCA Property Trust (S.A.) for a period of two years commencing from the rise of the December 2025 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2027 calendar year, whichever occurs later, in accordance with sections 11.(2)(d) and 11.(6) of 'The Uniting Church in Australia Act, 1976-1977'.	SSC25.209 04/12/2025
APPOINT Rev Diane Bury as a member of the UCA Property Trust (S.A.) for a period of two years commencing from the rise of the December 2025 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2027 calendar year, whichever occurs later, in accordance with sections 11.(2)(d) and 11.(6) of 'The Uniting Church in Australia Act, 1976-1977'.	SSC25.210 04/12/2025
APPOINT Michael McClaren as Chairperson of the UCA Property Trust (S.A.) for a period of one year from the rise of the December 2025 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2026 calendar year, whichever occurs later, in accordance with sections 11.(2)(d) and 11.(6) of 'The Uniting Church in Australia Act, 1976-1977'.	SSC25.211 04/12/2025
APPOINT Peter Battersby as Secretary of the UCA Property Trust (S.A.) for a period of one year from the rise of the December 2025 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2026 calendar year, whichever occurs later, in accordance with sections 11.(2)(d) and 11.(6) of 'The Uniting Church in Australia Act, 1976-1977'.	SSC25.212 04/12/2025
APPOINT Mark Elford to be a member of Resources Board for a period of two years commencing from the rise of the December 2025 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2027 calendar year, whichever occurs later.	SSC25.213 04/12/2025
NOMINATE Rev Diane Bury to be a member of Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Ltd.	SSC25.214 04/12/2025

AUTHORISE Peter Battersby as the Property Officer of the Synod to provide the nomination notice of Rev Diane Bury to the Secretary of Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Ltd on behalf of the Synod.	SSC25.216 04/12/2025

7.5 Associated Organisations Board Appointments (UnitingCare SA)

7.5.1 Adelaide Community Healthcare Alliance Incorporated (ACHA)

RE-APPOINT Rev Dr Ian Price as a Director of Adelaide Community Healthcare Alliance Incorporated (ACHA) for a further three-year term commencing 26th October 2026 to 25th October 2029.	SSC26.010 26/02/2026

7.5.2 Annesley School Council

APPOINT Ms Kymberley Lawrence to the Annesley School Council as Chairperson for a first term of three years commencing on 1 January 2025 and concluding on 31 December 2027.	SSC24.193 21/11/2024
APPOINT Mr James Northcote to the Annesley School Council as Deputy Chairperson, for the remainder of his current term.	SSC24.194 21/11/2024
APPOINT Ms Georgia Bradshaw to the Annesley School Council as an ordinary member for a second term of three years commencing on 1 January 2025 and concluding on 31 December 2027.	SSC24.195 21/11/2024
NOTE the appointment of Ms Georgina Bradshaw to the Annesley School Council as ex-officio member being the President of the Foundation - Annesley Junior School, effective 5 February 2025.	SSC25.090 19/06/2025
RE-APPOINT Mr James Northcote to the Annesley Junior School Council for a second consecutive term of three years commencing on 27 February 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC26.032 26/02/2026
RE-APPOINT Mr William Fuller to the Annesley Junior School Council for a second consecutive term of three years commencing on 27 February 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC26.033 26/02/2026
APPOINT Mr Neil Andary to the Annesley Junior School Council for an initial term of three years commencing on 27 February 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC26.034 26/02/2026

7.5.3 Helping Hand Aged Care

APPOINT Ms Janet Finlay for the second term of three years, as Chair of the Helping Hand Aged Care Inc Board commencing 26 October 2024 and concluding 25 October 2027.	SSC24.156 26/09/2024
APPOINT Ms Angela Scarino for a third term of three years, as an ordinary member on the Helping Hand Aged Care Inc Board, commencing 30 October 2024 and concluding 29 October 2027.	SSC24.157 26/09/2024

APPOINT Ms Elizabeth O'Connell for a first term as an ordinary member on the Helping Hand Aged Care Inc Board, commencing 1 October 2024 and concluding 30 September 2027.	SSC24.158 26/09/2024
NOTE the retirement of Mr Jason Cattonar and thank him for his service on the Helping Hand Aged Care Inc Board for nine years before his departure on 24 August 2024.	SSC24.159 26/09/2024
APPOINT Dr John Harvey as a Member to the Helping Hand Aged Care Board, for a third term of three years commencing 27 February 2026 concluding 26 February 2029.	SSC26.014 26/02/2026

7.5.4 Lincoln College

APPOINT Mr Jason Nelson to the Lincoln College Inc Board as Chair for a second term of three years commencing on 1 January 2025 and concluding on 31 December 2027.	SSC24.196 21/11/2024
APPOINT Ms Mardi Conduit to the Lincoln College Inc Board as an ordinary member for a second term of three years commencing on 1 January 2025 and concluding on 31 December 2027.	SSC24.197 21/11/2024
NOTE the conclusion of term for Mr Tim Chia as of 31 December 2024 and thank him for his service to the Lincoln College Inc Board: 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2024.	SSC24.198 21/11/2024
APPOINT Mr David Marsh as an Ordinary Member of the Lincoln College Inc Board by way of exemption under Clause 11 of the Lincoln College Constitution for a fourth term of three years commencing on 1 January 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC25.176 23/10/2025
APPOINT Ms Amelia Newland as an Ordinary Member of the Lincoln College Inc Board for a second term of three years commencing on 1 January 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC25.177 23/10/2025
APPOINT Mr Maurice Henderson as an Ordinary Member of the Lincoln College Inc Board for a second term of three years commencing on 1 January 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC25.178 23/10/2025
APPOINT Ms Kelly Pusey as a member to the Lincoln College Board for an initial term of three years commencing on 27 February 2026 and concluding on 26 February 2029.	SSC26.035 26/02/2026

7.5.5 Pedare Christian College

APPOINT Ms Stephanie Tonkin as an Ordinary Member to the Pedare Christian College for an initial three-year term commencing 20 June 2025 concluding on 19 June 2028.	SSC25.093 19/06/2025
NOTE the vacancy on the Pedare Board, for consideration of a candidate to be nominated at the next AGM.	SSC25.200 04/12/2025
APPOINT Mr Matthew Elding as a member of the Pedare Christian School Board for a third three-year term commencing 01 July 2026 and concluding on 30 June29.	SSC26.109 4/06/2026*
APPOINT Mr Craig Moore as a member of the Pedare Christian School Board for a second three-year term commencing 01 July 2026 and concluding on 30 June29.	SSC26.110 4/06/2026*
APPOINT Ms Amber Dinevski as a member of the Pedare Christian School Board for an initial three-year term commencing 01 July 2026 and concluding on 30 June29.	SSC26.111 4/06/2026*

NOTE Stephanie Tonkin was unable to assume the role as a member of the Pedare Christian School Board, due to family commitments.	SSC26.112 4/06/2026*

7.5.6 Pilgrim School

NOTE that Belinda Brumby has been co-opted into the Board Membership of Pilgrim School as co-opted member / Treasurer for 12 months, 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.	SSC24.220 21/11/2024
NOTE the conclusion of term for Ms Margy Pillar and thank her for her service to the Pilgrim School Board 4 December 2021 to 31 December 2024.	SSC24.221 21/11/2024
APPOINT Mr Llewelyn Hoy as an Ordinary Member for a second term of three years to the Pilgrim School Board, commencing 21 February 2025 concluding 31 December 2027.	SSC25.013 20/02/2025
APPOINT Mr Jake Cefai as an Ordinary Member for an initial term of three years to the Pilgrim School Board, commencing 21 February 2025 concluding 31 December 2027.	SSC25.014 20/02/2025
NOTE the resignation of Ms Sandra Scott from the Pilgrim School Board effective 4 June 2025 and thank her for her service since 1 April 2023.	SSC25.094 19/06/2025
APPOINT Andrew Roberts as an ordinary member of Pilgrim School Board for an initial term of three years, commencing 27 February 2026 concluding 31 December 2028.	SSC26.036 26/02/2026
RE-APPOINT Ms Margaret Davidson for a term of one-year duration on the Pilgrim School Board, concluding 31 December 2026.	SSC26.037 26/02/2026
RE-APPOINT Mrs Wendy Perkins for a one-year term on the Pilgrim School Board and as Chairperson, concluding 31 December 2026.	SSC26.038 26/02/2026
NOTE the resignation of Ms Belinda Brumby from her co-opted position on the Pilgrim School Board as Treasurer, effective 16 February 2026.	SSC26.039 26/02/2026

7.5.7 Prince Alfred College

APPOINT Ms Sophie Rayner for a second term commencing 1 January 2025, as an ordinary member on the Prince Alfred College Council, concluding 31 December 2027.	SSC24.160 26/09/2024
APPOINT Mr David Sanders for an initial term as an ordinary member on the Prince Alfred College Council, commencing 1 January 2025, concluding 31 December 2027.	SSC24.161 26/09/2024
NOTE the conclusion of Mr Richard Hockney's role as Chair of the Prince Alfred College Council and thank him for his service on the Council from 19 October 2012 to 31 December 2024, including four years as Chair 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2024.	SSC24.162 26/09/2024
NOTE the appointment by Council of Mr David Sanders to fill the vacated position of Chair of Prince Alfred College Council, when Mr Richard Hockney steps down from the role 31 December 2024.	SSC24.163 26/09/2024
APPOINT Mr David McGowan for a further 1-year term as an ordinary member on the Prince Alfred College Council, commencing 1 January 2025, concluding 31 December 2025.	SSC24.164 26/09/2024

NOTE the appointment of Mr Marc Taintey as a co-opted member of Prince Alfred College Council from 1 January to 31 December 2025.	SSC25.015 20/02/2025
NOTE the appointment of Ms Genevieve Toop as a co-opted member of Prince Alfred College Council from 1 January to 31 December 2025.	SSC25.016 20/02/2025
NOTE the retirement of Mr David Hallett as Chairperson of the Prince Alfred College Advisory Committee and extend to David Synod Standing Committee's appreciation of his 12 years of service to the Advisory Committee.	SSC25.163 23/10/2025
NOTE the appointment of Prof Nigel Bean as the incoming Chair of the Prince Alfred College Advisory Committee effective from 29 May 2025.	SSC25.164 23/10/2025
APPOINT Mrs Estelle Chapple as a member of the Prince Alfred College Advisory Committee for a fourth term of three years commencing on 24 October 2025 to 30 September 2028.	SSC25.165 23/10/2025
APPOINT Mr Mark Waters as a member of the Prince Alfred College Advisory Committee for a fourth term of three years commencing on 24 October 2025 to 30 September 2028.	SSC25.166 23/10/2025
RE-APPOINT Dr Janet Young as a Member to the Prince Alfred College Council, for a third term of three years commencing 27 February 2026 concluding 31 December 2028.	SSC26.015 26/02/2026
APPOINT Mr Marc Taintey as a Member to the Prince Alfred College Council, for an initial term of three years commencing 27 February 2026 concluding 31 December 2028.	SSC26.016 26/02/2026
APPOINT Ms Genevieve Toop as a Member to the Prince Alfred College Council, for an initial term of three years commencing 27 February 2026 concluding 31 December 2028.	SSC26.017 26/02/2026
NOTE the retirement of Mr David McGowan concluding 31 December 2025 and thank him for 10 years of service to the Prince Alfred College Council.	SSC26.018 26/02/2026
NOTE the appointment of a co-opted member to the Prince Alfred College Council for 2026, Ms Michelle Mennillo.	SSC26.019 26/02/2026

7.5.8 Resthaven Inc

APPOINT Mr Michael Haydon as an ordinary member of the Resthaven Inc Board for a third three-year term, commencing 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027.	SSC24.165 26/09/2024
APPOINT Ms Gerardine (Geri) Malone as an ordinary member of the Resthaven Inc Board for a third three-year term, commencing 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027.	SSC24.166 26/09/2024
APPOINT Mr Frederick (Freddy) Bartlett as an ordinary member of the Resthaven Inc Board for a second three-year term, commencing 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027.	SSC24.167 26/09/2024
APPOINT Stephanie Rozokos as an ordinary member to the Board of Resthaven Incorporated for a third three-year term commencing 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028.	SSC25.084 19/06/2025
APPOINT Joanne (Jo) O'Connor as an ordinary member to the Board of Resthaven Incorporated for a third three-year term commencing 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028.	SSC25.085 19/06/2025

APPROVE, under 5.7 of the Resthaven Constitution, the number of terms of continuous service by Graham Vawser be extended beyond the maximum of three by three-year terms to a fifth term.	SSC25.086 19/06/2025
APPOINT Graham Vawser as an ordinary member to the Board of Resthaven Incorporated for a fifth three-year term commencing 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028.	SSC25.087 19/06/2025
APPOINT Stuart Headland as an ordinary member to the Board of Resthaven Incorporated for a second three-year term commencing 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028.	SSC25.088 19/06/2025
APPOINT Gillian (Gill) Phillips as an ordinary member to the Board of Resthaven Incorporated for an initial three-year term commencing 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028.	SSC25.089 19/06/2025
NOTE the retirement of Mr Mark Porter, effective 31 December 2025, and THANK him for his 20 years of service to the Resthaven Board, including 14 years as President.	SSC25.195 04/12/2025
NOTE the appointment of office bearers for the Resthaven Board effective 1 January 2026 as follows: President - Ms Stephanie Rozokos, Deputy President - Mr Michael Haydon, Treasurer- Mr Freddy Bartlett.	SSC25.196 04/12/2025

7.5.9 Seymour College Board

NOTE the membership of the Seymour College Board as of 18 March 2026.	SSC26.079 30/04/2026

7.5.10 St Andrew's Hospital

APPOINT Mr David Whitbread as an ordinary Member to the St Andrew's Hospital Board for a sixth term of two years commencing on 1 November 2025 and concluding on 31 October 2027.	SSC25.121 21/08/2025
APPOINT Dr Daniel Cehic as an ordinary Member to the St Andrew's Hospital Board for a seventh term of two years commencing on 1 November 2025 and concluding on 31 October 2027.	SSC25.122 21/08/2025
APPOINT Mr Wayne Coutes as an ordinary Member to the St Andrew's Hospital Board for an initial term of two years commencing on 1 November 2025 and concluding on 31 October 2027.	SSC25.123 21/08/2025
APPOINT Ms Janipher (Jani) Baker as an ordinary Member to the St Andrew's Hospital Board for an initial term of two years commencing on 1 November 2025 and concluding on 31 October 2027.	SSC25.124 21/08/2025
APPOINT Prof David Lloyd as an ordinary Member to the St Andrew's Hospital Board for an initial term of two years commencing on 1 November 2025 and concluding on 31 October 2027.	SSC25.125 21/08/2025

APPOINT Dr Mark Lewis as an ordinary Member to the St Andrew's Hospital Board for an initial term of two years commencing on 1 November 2025 and concluding on 31 October 2027.	SSC25.126 21/08/2025
THANK Mr James Sweeney, Mr Trevor Lambert and Ms Susy Daw for their service to the St Andrew's Hospital Board.	SSC25.127 21/08/2025

7.5.11 **UnitingCare Glenelg**

APPOINT Mr Hamish Probert to the Board of UnitingCare Glenelg for a second term of three years commencing on 27 February 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC26.024 26/02/2026
APPOINT Mrs Janice Carvosso to the Board of UnitingCare Glenelg for a second term of three years commencing on 27 February 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC26.025 26/02/2026
APPOINT Mrs Yelena Mamisashvili to the Board of UnitingCare Glenelg for a second term of three years commencing on 27 February 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC26.026 26/02/2026
APPOINT Mrs Lynette Mitchell to the Board of UnitingCare Glenelg for a second term of three years commencing on 27 February 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC26.027 26/02/2026
NOTE the appointment by Board and Church Council of Mr Hamish Probert as Chairperson for the Board of UnitingCare Glenelg.	SSC26.028 26/02/2026
APPOINT Mr Philip Ridgwell to the Board of UnitingCare Glenelg for an initial term of three years commencing on 27 February 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC26.029 26/02/2026
APPOINT Ms Amanda Parslow to the Board of UnitingCare Glenelg for an initial term of three years commencing on 27 February 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC26.030 26/02/2026

7.5.12 **UnitingCare National Board**

RECOMMEND the re-appointment to the Assembly Standing Committee of Mark Waters as a member of the UnitingCare National Board, for a second term of three years commencing 27 February 2026 concluding 31 December 2028.	SSC26.057 26/02/2026

7.5.13 **Uniting Care Wesley Bowden (UCWB)**

NOTE the resignation of Mr Shaun Sweeney from his position as member of the UCWB Board effective 29 October 2024 and thank him for his service to this board since 14 August 2023.	SSC24.199 21/11/2024
NOTE the appointment of Mr Brenz Saunders to fill a casual vacancy on the UnitingCare Wesley Board until 8 February 2028.	SSC25.054 10/04/2025
APPOINT Ms Jeanie Elliott as an Ordinary Member of the UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Board for an initial three-year term commencing 23 June 2025 concluding on 22 June 2028.	SSC25.095 19/06/2025
APPOINT Ms Magdalena Hadji as an Ordinary Member of the UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Board for an initial three-year term commencing 23 June 2025 concluding on 22 June 2028.	SSC25.096 19/06/2025

RE-APPOINT Mr Darren Button for a third term of three years as Director to the Board of Uniting Care Wesley Bowden, commencing 27 February 2026 and concluding 26 February 2029.	SSC26.020 26/02/2026
RE-APPOINT Mr David Hughes for a second term of three years as Director to the Board of Uniting Care Wesley Bowden commencing 27 February 2026 and concluding 26 February 2029.	SSC26.021 26/02/2026
APPOINT Mr Brenz Saunders for an initial term of three years as Director to the Board of Uniting Care Wesley Bowden commencing 27 February 2026 and concluding 26 February 2029.	SSC26.022 26/02/2026
NOTE that Ms Hadji did not complete the conditions for appointment to the UnitingCare Wesley Board in an appropriate timeframe and is therefore not a member of this Board.	SSC26.023 26/02/2026

7.5.14 **Uniting Communities Inc**

NOTE the resignation of Dr Kylie Heneker as Chairperson of Uniting Communities Inc Board effective from 26 September 2024 and thank her for her service to the board since 9 December 2022.	SSC24.200 21/11/2024
NOTE the appointment of the existing Board Director, Mr Nigel Hall, to the position of Interim Chairperson of Uniting Communities Inc Board effective from 26 September 2024.	SSC24.201 21/11/2024
APPOINT Ms Lynn Young as an ordinary member of the Uniting Communities Inc Board for a second term of 3 years commencing 1 January 2025 and concluding 31 December 2027.	SSC24.213 21/11/2024
NOTE the resignation of Deborah Miller as of 13 December 2024 and THANK her for her service to the Uniting Communities Board that commenced on 1 January 2018.	SSC25.018 20/02/2025
NOTE the appointment of Bronwyn Wundersitz to the Uniting Communities Board, in accordance with Clause 6(2)h of their Constitution, as Board Director for a 2-year appointment commencing 30th January 2025.	SSC25.019 20/02/2025
APPOINT Dr Chris McGowan as an Ordinary Member to the Uniting Communities Board for an initial three-year term commencing 26 June 2025 concluding on 25 June 2028.	SSC25.091 19/06/2025
APPOINT Dr Daniel Tyson as an Ordinary Member to the Uniting Communities Board for an initial three-year term commencing 31 July 2025 concluding on 30 July 2028.	SSC25.092 19/06/2025
NOTE the resignation of Mr Michael Flynn and thank him for his service to the Uniting Communities Board from 29 September 2016 to 31 October 2025.	SSC25.175 23/10/2025
RE-APPOINT Ms Ruth Sims as a member of the Uniting Communities Inc Board for a third term of three years commencing on 1 January 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC25.197 04/12/2025
NOTE the resignation of Jörg Strobel from the Board of Uniting Communities Incorporated, effective 31st March 2026, upon completion of his term.	SSC26.031 26/02/2026
APPOINT Ms Rebecca Knol as an Ordinary Member to the Uniting Communities Board, for an initial term of three years commencing 01 May 2026 concluding 30 April 2029.	SSC26.078 30/04/2026

7.5.15 **Uniting Country SA**

APPOINT Ms Suzy Graham as an ordinary member on the Uniting Country SA Board for an initial term of three years commencing 22 November 2024 to 21 November 2027.	SSC24.214 21/11/2024
APPOINT Mr Paul Thomas as an ordinary member on the Uniting Country SA Board for a second term of three years commencing 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027.	SSC24.222 21/11/2024
NOTE that Peter Hollister will continue serving as the Uniting Country SA Board Chairperson in 2025.	SSC24.218 21/11/2024
NOTE that Paul Thomas will continue as the Uniting Country SA Board Deputy Chairperson in 2025.	SSC24.219 21/11/2024
NOTE the resignation of Mr Kym Thomas from the Uniting Country SA Board as of 22 January 2025 and THANK him for his service to that board, commencing 4 December 2021.	SSC25.017 20/02/2025
APPOINT Ms Jane Carey as a Director of the Uniting Country SA Board for an initial term of three years commencing on 24 October 2025 to 23 October 2028.	SSC25.167 23/10/2025
APPOINT Mr Michael Palmer as a Director of the Uniting Country SA Board for an initial term of three years commencing on 24 October 2025 to 23 October 2028.	SSC25.168 23/10/2025
APPOINT Ms Elizabeth (Libby) Craft as a Director of to the Uniting Country SA Board for a second term of three years commencing on 24 October 2025 to 23 October 2028.	SSC25.169 23/10/2025
APPOINT Dr Harminder (Harry) Randhawa as a Director of the Uniting Country SA Board for a second term of three years commencing on 24 October 2025 to 23 October 2028.	SSC25.170 23/10/2025
APPOINT Mr Peter Holister as a Director of the Uniting Country SA Board for a fourth term of three years commencing on 24 October 2025 to 23 October 2028.	SSC25.171 23/10/2025
NOTE the retirement of Ms Chez Curnow, effective 22 October 2025, and thank her for her service to the Uniting Country SA Board.	SSC25.198 04/12/2025
NOTE the retirement of Mr Dan van Holst Pellekaan, effective 22 October 2025, and thank him for his service to the Uniting Country SA Board.	SSC25.199 04/12/2025

7.5.16 **Westminister School Inc**

APPOINT Mr Crawford Giles to the Council of Westminster School Inc for a sixth term of three years commencing on 1 January 2025 and concluding on 31 December 2027.	SSC24.215 21/11/2024
APPOINT Mr Craig Need to the Council of Westminster School Inc for a fifth term of three years commencing on 1 January 2025 and concluding on 31 December 2027.	SSC24.216 21/11/2024
APPOINT Mrs Neeta Bhise as an ordinary Council Member to Westminster School Inc for an initial term of less than 3 years from 22 May 2025 to 31 December 2027.	SSC25.047 10/04/2025
NOTE the resignation of Rev Cheryl Wilson as at 20 February 2025 and thank her for 7 years of service on the School Council.	SSC25.048 10/04/2025
NOTE that the Moderator will be seeking to fill the Moderator's Nominee role on the Westminster School Council.	SSC25.049 10/04/2025

APPOINT Mr Kym Darcy as an Ordinary Member of the Westminster School Board for a sixth term of three years commencing on 1 January 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC25.172 23/10/2025
APPOINT Dr Julie Clark as an Ordinary Member of the Westminster School Board for a second term of three years commencing on 1 January 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	SSC25.173 23/10/2025
APPOINT Mrs Sheenagh Edwards as an Ordinary Member of the Westminster School Board for a second term of three years commencing on 1 January 2026 and concluding on 31 December 2028	SSC25.174 23/10/2025

8. Committee & Other Groups - Appointments

8.1 Covenanting Committee

(a) ESTABLISH a review of the Covenanting Committee Terms of Reference.	SSC26.126 4/06/2026*
(b) APPOINT the review committee of: Uncle Ken Sumner (Co-chair of Covenanting Committee, State Development Officer, Congress), Moderator (Co-chair of Covenanting Committee, Moderator), Mission Resourcing Executive Officer, Rev Jennifer Hughes, Ian Dempster (Support Officer, UAICC), Covenanting Committee member, Mark Waters, Covenanting Committee member, Peter Russell	
(c) WAIVE the requirements for nomination and election of members at the Synod 2026 meeting.	

8.2 Disability Advisory Committee

REQUEST the Disability Advisory Committee to bring Terms of Reference/Bylaws, member list and biographies of members for appointment to the next Synod Standing Committee.	SSC25.150 21/08/2025
NOTE the following appointments to the Disability Advisory Committee as listed in the Disability Advisory Committee By-law: • Rev Andrew Robertson, *Associate General Secretary, Placements & Safe Church* • Ms Anna Wilson, *Graduate Disability Advocacy Officer* • Mr Mark Waters, *Director, UnitingCare SA* • Ms Linda Vinall, *Called to Care Training Coordinator* • Ms Johanne Manning *Minute Taker, PA to the Director UnitingCare SA*	SSC25.204 04/12/2025
APPOINT the following members to the Disability Advisory Committee for a term of three years: Mr Bruce Ind (Chairperson); Prof. Bart Bruehler; Ms Bethany Whitta; Rev Cate Baker; Ms Elizabeth Iussa; Dr Jenny Richards; Ms Johanna Ng; Rev Trevor Whitney.	SSC25.205 04/12/2025

8.3 Committee for Counselling

APPOINT the following people to the Committee for Counselling: Dr Deidre Palmer; Rev Beth Seaman; Rev Philip Hoffman; Rev Dr Ian Price.	SSC26.048 26/02/2026

NOTE the decision of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania Standing Committee (SC 26.4.15): a) That in accordance with UCA Constitution sect. 70(d), to request the Synod of South Australia (SA Synod) to consent to a transfer of powers and responsibilities related to the Committee for Counselling regarding the complaint received on 25 January 2026 by the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania (VicTAS Synod) Moderator; and b) To advise the SA Synod that the VicTas Synod will cover travel and accommodation costs related to the Committee for Counselling addressing the complaint. c) That, upon receipt of consent by the SA Synod to the transfer of powers and responsibilities related to the Committee for Counselling regarding the complaint received on 25 January 2026 by the VicTas Synod Moderator, to advise complainant and respondent to the complaint, and the relevant Presbytery Chairperson, of clause (a) above. CONSENT to the transfer of powers and responsibilities related to the Committee for Counselling regarding the complaint received by the Moderator of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania on 25 January 2026 in accordance with UCA Constitution sect. 70(d).	SSC26.056 26/02/2026

8.4 Historical Society

1. ENDORSE the following re-appointments to the Uniting Church Historical Society Council for a further three (3) year term: Mr Robert Backhouse; Ms Pat Button; Mr Darryl Dyson; Ms Judy Eland. 2. ENDORSE the following office bearers of the Uniting Church Historical Society: Rev Dr Dean Eland as President; Rev David Houston as Vice President; Mr Robert Backhouse as Treasurer.	SSC24.191 21/11/2024
ENDORSE the election of the following members to the Historical Society of the Uniting Church in South Australia for a three-year term until June 2028: Rev Leanne Davis (Secretary) and Mr Andrew Clarke (member).	SSC25.115 21/08/2025
ENDORSE the re-election of the following members to the Historical Society of the Uniting Church in South Australia for a further three-year term until June 2028: Mrs Val Canty and Mrs Gayle Brown.	SSC25.116 21/08/2025

8.5 John Lodge Trust Fund Committee

NOTE the appointment of Mr Mark Waters, Director UnitingCare SA as Chair of the John Lodge Trust Fund Committee, for a period of up to twelve months, commencing 30 October 2024 to 29 October 2025.	SSC25.050 10/04/2025
APPOINT Ms Amy Duke for an initial term of up to twelve months from 11 April 2025 to 10 April 2026 as a member of the John Lodge Trust Fund Committee.	SSC25.051 10/04/2025

8.6 Placements Committee

ADD the Chaplaincy and Supervision Manager as an ex-officio member of the Placements Committee under Synod Bylaw 22.1.2.2(d).	SSC25.022 20/02/2025

8.7 Synod Business Committee

CO-OPT Travis Turner to the Synod Business Committee.	SSC25.162 23/10/2025
CO-OPT Anna Wilson to the Synod Business Committee.	SSC26.073 30/04/2026

8.8 Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee (SERC)

APPOINT the following people to the Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee (SERC) for a term of three (3) years from June 2024 to June 2027: • Rev Anne Hewitt – Chairperson • Rev June Ladner – Wimala Presbytery • Mr Neil Andrew – Generate Presbytery • Rev Anne Butler – Presbytery of Southern South Australia (POSSA)	SSC24.150 26/09/2024

8.9 Sexual Misconduct Complaints Committee

REPPOINT Rev Robyn Caldicott for a second period of 3 years as Chairperson of the Synod Sexual Misconduct Complaints Committee from 21 November 2024 to 31 October 2026. Regulations 5.6.4(a).	SSC24.202 21/11/2024
APPOINT the following people to the Sexual Misconduct Committee: Dr Andrew Tai; Rev Dr Jonathan Davies; Rev Richard Telfer; Rev Bob Hutchinson.	SSC26.047 26/02/2026

8.10 Synod Standing Committee

ENDORSE the appointment of two (2) co-opted members for the Synod Standing Committee effective Thursday, 21st November 2024: a) Marie McAllan; and b) Jeff Wright.	SSC24.213 21/11/2024

8.11 Synod Standing Committee Nominating Committee

REQUEST the Associate General Secretary, Governance & Operations to ask appropriate members of the Synod Standing Committee (SSC) to the SSC Nominating Committee.	SSC26.076 30/04/2026

8.12 UnitingCare SA Relief Centres Oversight Committee

APPOINT members of the UnitingCare SA Relief Centres Oversight Committee for a period of up to three years commencing 21 February 2025 concluding 31 December 2027 as follows: Peter Murchland, Di Holden, Hamish Probert, Justin Gutteridge, Lyn Mitchell, Deb Terrett and Robyn Caldicott.	SSC25.020 20/02/2025

APPOINT Mr Peter Murchland as Independent Chairperson of the Relief Oversight Committee as of 11 April 2025.	SSC25.052 10/04/2025
NOTE the appointment of Dr Harry Randhawa as the Large Community Service Organisation Representative on the Relief Centre Oversight Committee for a period of less than three years commencing 11 April 2025 to 31 December 2027.	SSC25.053 10/04/2025

8.13 Task / Action Groups

DISCHARGE the Synod Task Group – Disability Royal Commission thanking the members of that committee for their involvement.	SSC24.154 26/09/2024
1. AFFIRM the reporting structure for the Environmental Action Group remain with the Mission and Leadership Development Board. 2. INVITE the Chair of the Environmental Action Group to present to the Synod Standing Committee on activity related to the Synod reaching Net Zero by 2040.	SSC25.081 19/06/2025
1. NOTE the intention of the General Secretary to develop a Strategic Oversight Committee. 2. NOTE that Membership and Terms of Reference will be developed for consideration at the next Synod Standing Committee meeting.	SSC25.010 20/02/2025
AFFIRM the Terms of Reference for the Synod Strategic Oversight Group.	SSC26.053 26/02/2026
REVIEW and report to the Synod Standing Committee [activities of the Synod Strategic Oversight Group].	SSC26.054 26/02/2026
APPOINT Christa Megaw from the Synod Standing Committee to the General Secretary Oversight Group effective January 2025.	SSC24.187 21/11/2024
1. RECEIVE the Annual Appraisal report provided by General Secretary's Oversight Group. 2. AFFIRM the General Secretary in his work and ministry as represented through the appraisal. 3. COMMEND him to follow through the recommendations of the report with the General Secretary's Oversight Group. 4. THANK the General Secretary's Oversight Group for undertaking the process of reflection with the General Secretary with grace, dignity and sensitivity.	SSC25.145 21/08/2025
1. APPOINT a working group to address the Assembly's proposals made up of: General Secretary; Executive Officer Resources; Two members of Synod Standing Committee (SSC); Two members of the Resources Board (or their representative). 2. The working group will gather feedback from SSC members and bring a report to the next meeting of the committee in August 2025.	SSC25.075 19/06/2025
THANK and discharge the Assembly Budget Task Group.	SSC25.147 21/08/2025
(a) REQUEST the General Secretary form a committee to review the role of the Principal at Uniting College for Leadership and Theology following the June meeting of the Synod. Membership of the Committee will include:	SSC26.108 4/06/2026*

1) A person with experience of theological education and the higher education sector 2) A member of the MLD Board 3) An expert on leadership in theological education (eg another principal) 4) A member of the Synod Standing Committee 5) A recent student of UCLT 6) The General Secretary (Convenor)	
(b) REQUEST the committee includes conversation with people involved with ACT2 Stream B as part of the process	
(c) BRING Terms of Reference to September meeting of Synod Standing Committee	
(d) REPORT the recommendations to the October meeting of Synod Standing Committee	

8.14 Moderator's Mid-Term Review

APPOINT the following members to conduct the Moderator's Mid-Term Review: • (Convenor) - Simon Dent (SSC) • (Moderator appointee) - Hadyn Lush • (Moderator appointee) - Rebecca Purling • (SSC member) Marie McAllan	SSC25.158 23/10/2025
REQUEST the Moderator's Mid-term Review Panel to report to Synod Standing Committee at its February 2026 meeting.	SSC25.159 23/10/2025
NOTE the Moderator's Mid Term Review Report.	SSC26.068 30/04/2026
COMMEND Peter exercise of the role of Moderator, in particular his strong pastoral presence, his capacity to navigate and hold together the diverse demands of the role, and the confidence he engenders among those he serves.	SSC26.069 30/04/2026
RECOMMEND the Moderator consider the feedback from the report and what and how to implement any change in his remaining tenure.	SSC26.070 30/04/2026
THANK and DISCHARGE the Moderator Mid Term Review Panel.	SSC26.071 30/04/2026

8.15 Faculty Review

OFFER Dr Toar Hutagalung a permanent Ministry Of Pastor contract..	SSC26.089 30/04/2026
COMMEND Dr Toar Hutagalung on his excellent review.	SSC26.090 30/04/2026
THANK AND DISCHARGE the Review Team.	SSC26.091

	30/04/2026
APPOINT a Faculty Review Team to review the placement of Rev Professor Bart Bruehler, the members to be: Rev Prof Vicky Balabanski, Prof Ian Olver, Rev Paul Turley, Ms Gillian Powis, Rev Leanne Davis	SSC26.092 30/04/2026

8.16 Parish Mission Appointments

1. APPOINT a synod representative to the Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission Council. 2. INVITE the Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission Council to APPOINT a chairperson from within their membership.	SSC25.080 19/06/2025
1. APPOINT Joylene Potter and Perry Woodward as members of the Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission Council for a three-year term. 2. NOTE that the Synod Standing Committee will need to appoint the chairperson to Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission Council, with nominations to be sought by the Moderator.	SSC25.044 10/04/2025
REQUEST the General Secretary to approach and appoint a Chairperson to the Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission Council (YPRMC). 1. APPROACH the Rev Frank Tuppin to be the Chairperson of the Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission Council.	SSC25.225 04/12/2025

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