



The Uniting Church in Australia
Synod of South Australia
11-13 February 2021

27 January 2021

Dear members of Synod,

Thank you for registering for our upcoming Synod meeting. I write with information about Proposals and Electives.

First Business Session (Online)

Our first business session will be held online this **Saturday 30 January 2021 from 8:30am – 10:30am. You can join the meeting from 8am onwards.** If you have problems accessing the meeting, please call: 8236 4200 for support. The zoom link and password has been sent to members.

Proposals

The first edition of the proposals document is now available on the Synod website [HERE](#). You will see that some of the proposals are still being edited. We will get them to you as soon as that work is finished. Please prayerfully read through the proposals in preparation for our meeting so that we can meaningfully engage with them and discern where God is leading our Synod. **Proposals 1 and 2 will come before our online meeting this Saturday 30 January.** If you have any questions about any of the proposals, please contact the proposer or seconder before the meeting.

Electives

With your registration you selected **six (6)** preferences for electives. One particular elective was very popular – it was the 'I'd like to take a break' elective. We have listened to you and decided to provide you with some different options to take a break from reports. We have also added a few informative electives that don't relate to particular reports, but cover important areas of ministry and mission in the life of our Synod.

The new electives are:

- Aerobics for meetings
 - Candle making
 - Centre for Music Liturgy and the Arts
 - Chaplaincy
 - Frontier Services
 - Lay Preachers' Committee
 - Adult Fellowships and Mission Support
 - Prayer Writing
 - Refugee Advocacy Group – *An active response*
 - Stillpoint - Taste & See - exploring prayer
 - Uniting Venues.
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These are in addition to the following:

- Beneficiary Fund (Mercer)
- Disaster and Recovery Ministries
- Intergenerational Ministry
- Mission & Leadership Development Board
- Mission Resourcing
- Multicultural & Cross Cultural Ministry
- Placements and Safe Church
- Resources Board
- Stipends Committee
- Synod Covenanting Committee
- Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee
- Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress
- UnitingCare SA
- UnitingCare SA – Emergency Relief Centres
- Uniting College for Leadership & Theology.

In order to accommodate the new electives all members will need to select all of their electives again using a new format. The new format uses a ticketing system. Due to COVID-19 room density requirements, each elective has a number of 'tickets' available, once these tickets have been allocated that elective session cannot have any other attendees. Allocations are on a first come, first served basis. Instructions on how to register for each elective are below.

Please do this by **Friday 5th February** so that we can have your choices printed on your lanyards.

If you have any questions about electives, please email synod@sa.uca.org.au

Grace and Peace

Rev Sue Page
Associate General Secretary
