

# Synod '24



## Proposal 6

### Synod Strategy & Planning (Mission & Property) Report

That the Synod of SA resolves to:

1. **NOTE** the Synod Strategy and Planning (Mission and Property) Working Group report (2024).
2. **REQUEST** the Working Group continue to develop a map by the end of 2026 that shows and describes strategic locations for UCA congregations and faith communities that are missionally vibrant, in safe buildings that are fit for purpose.
3. **REQUEST** the presbyteries report to the working group on congregational conversations before the next Synod meeting.
4. **REQUEST** the Working Group (which includes Presbytery Leaders) consider the input from the 2024 Synod Meeting working groups on congregation attributes.
5. **CONDUCT** congregation reporting about mission viability (via a questionnaire) every two years, commencing in 2025.
6. **REQUIRE** congregations to submit their annual property returns to their Presbytery and the Synod (Regulation 4.4.3 and 4.11.8).
7. **DEVELOP** the framework and tools for sharing of property and distribute across presbyteries.
8. **REQUEST** the General Secretary to seek suitable resourcing for the project moving forward (including for Presbytery leaders and the future role of the Working Group) and bring a report to the next Synod meeting.
9. **NOTE** the change of name of the working group to Missional and Property Strategy (MAPS) working group.

**Proposers:**

**Synod Strategy & Planning Mission & Property Working Group**

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