Standing Committee Major Decisions

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1. BY-LAWS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Decision #	The Synod Standing Committee RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.199 SSC23.200	REQUEST the Historical Society to consider amending By- law 17.1 with an additional clause requiring that at least 50% of the elected council members be confirmed members of the UCA. a. PERMIT the AGSGO to update the Synod By-Laws not requiring substantive change without seeking approval from SSC b. REQUIRE the AGSGO to bring to SSC for approval any Synod By-Laws requiring substantive change for approval	3rd Nov 23
SSC23.205	APPROVE a change to Resources Board By-law 18.1.2 e replacing 'Executive Officer, Pastoral Relations and Mission Planning (or equivalent)' with 'Associate General Secretary, Placements and Safe Church'.	3rd Nov 23
SSC24.12	a. APPROVE the changes to Synod By-Law 12.1, section 12.1.7 as found in Attachment B. b. APPROVE the changes to Stipends Committee By-Law 11.1 as in Attachment C.	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.30	a. APPROVE the By-Law 15.1 Uniting Foundation Grants Committee. b. REMOVE the 50% requirement for the grant allocation to be directed to leadership development initiatives, but the priority will remain; and additional foci be included (with broader definition of mission and leadership development provided) as set out in Attachment B Draft 2024 Eligibility Criteria document.	4th April 24
SSC24.107	APPROVE the New Church and Ministry Development Fund by-law.	8th Aug 24
SSC24.135	RECEIVE the proposed Stewarding Congregational Property By-law for its consideration.	8th Aug 24
SSC24.131	APPROVE the amendments to the Uniting Church Loan Fund By-law as included in Attachment 5.	8th Aug 24

2. STIPENDS

Decision #	The Synod Standing Committee RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.197 SSC23.198	1. APPROVE 2024 Schedule A Minimum Ministerial Stipend, Allowances and Charges noting, a. The increase to the Set Minimum Retail Petrol Price (item A.12 in Schedule A) from $1.70 per litre to $2.00 per litre for 2024. b. The suspension of the annual payment of $120 per placement into the Travel Equalisation Fund for 2024. 2. REVIEW the annual payment into the Travel Equalisation Fund on a yearly basis.	3rd Nov 23

3. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by Consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.241	1. APPROVE the following amendments to the Pilgrim School Incorporated Constitution: (a) Processes for the management of donations (Clause 6.2.8). (b) Inclusion of a Not-for-Profit statement (Clause 7). (c) The ability to re-appoint Deputy Chairperson and Treasurer for another term (Clause 9.6). (d) Addition of terms and conditions for the appointment of a Board Secretary (Clause 10). (e) Addition of a clause Duties of Members (Clause 11). (f) Changes to (Clause 13) Proceedings of the Board to clarify procedures for online meetings and the passing of circulating resolutions. g) The inclusion of a Conflict-of-Interest statement (Clause 16) (h) The inclusion of Gift Funds clause (Clause 25), stating that the school has been endorsed as a deductible gift recipient under the Income Tax Assessment Act of 1997, including the operating of such a status. (i) Winding up of the school (Clause 26)- changes to include consideration and approval by Synod. 2. NOT APPROVE Clause 4 Philosophy & Clause 5 School Character and Direction.	1st Dec 23

	3 . REFER the updated amended Constitution to the Property Trust working group responsible for the transition of Pilgrim School to Emmaus Christian College for approval.	
SSC23.251	APPROVE the amendments to the Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Limited Constitution in accordance with Clause 9.3 of the Constitution	1st Dec 23
SSC24.21	APPROVE the suggested changes to the Lincoln College Incorporated Constitution.	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.89	APPROVE the amended constitution section 9(b) of Helping Hand Aged Care Inc as per Attachment C, UnitingCare SA Report.	20th June 24
SSC24.90	REQUEST further consultation with Helping Hand Aged Care Inc and the Director, UnitingCare SA on: 1. the inclusion of 'polity and ethos' in the constitution (and its reference document) 2. constitution Item 10. as per Attachment C, UnitingCare SA Report (No fewer than one (1) member on the Board be a confirmed member or member in association of the Uniting Church in Australia).	20th June 24

4. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MATTERS

Decision #	The Synod Standing Committee RESOLVED (by consensus to:	Date of Mtg
SSC24.29	DIRECT the Associate General Secretary, Governance and Operations (Sue Page) to APPROACH Rev Dr Paul Goh for Nomination to President Elect at the 17th National Assembly in July 2024 and SUBMIT the necessary application if he accepts the nomination.	4th April 24
SSC24.78	OFFER to host the 18th Assembly (due to be held in 2027) in the Synod of South Australia.	20th June 24
SSC24.79	DIRECT the General Secretary to work with the Resources Board to ascertain the financial implications to Synod of SA co-hosting the 18th Assembly.	20th June 24

5. PRESBYTERY MATTERS

5.1 Generate

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by Consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.185	NOTE the decision of the Generate Presbytery as follows: APPROVES the dissolution of Pt Germain Congregation on April 30th, 2023.	22nd Sept 23
SSC23.208	a. NOTE that Houghton Paracombe Uniting Church Parish (ABN 4917443046) was DISSOLVED and CEASED to be recognised as from 7 July 2021 by both Generate and Wimala Presbyteries. b. NOTE that Houghton Uniting Church was recognised by Generate Presbytery on 7 July 2021.	3rd Nov 23
SSC24.53	ACKNOWLEDGE the closing of the Melrose Uniting Church congregation (Reg. 3.4.3 (a)) from the 25th February 2024.	4th April 24
SSC24.54	ACKNOWLEDGE Generate Presbytery's approval of Encounter Henley as a church plant and as a faith community.	4th April 24
SSC24.103	NOTE that Generate Standing Committee have ceased to recognise the Kapunda Uniting Church congregation (Reg 3.4.3 (a)) from 30th June 2024.	20th June 24

5.2 Presbytery of Southern SA (POSSA)

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by Consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.209	NOTE that Coonalpyn Uniting Church (ABN 14655753548) was DISSOLVED and CEASED to be recognised as at 31 December 2022 by the Presbytery of Southern SA.	3rd Nov 23
SSC24.72	NOTE that the Presbytery of Southern SA (POSSA) will cease to recognise MYPOLONGA Uniting Church as a congregation of the Uniting Church from 30th November 2024.	9th May 24
SSC24.73	NOTE that the Presbytery of Southern SA (POSSA) will cease to recognise ALL SAINTS Uniting Church as a congregation of the Uniting Church from 31st December 2024.	9th May 24
SSC24.104	NOTE that Beachport Uniting Church will cease to be recognised as a congregation of the Uniting Church by the Presbytery of Southern SA from 30 September 2024.	20th June 24

5.3 Wimala

Decisions #	It was RESOLVED (by Consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.186	APPROVE the decision that Paracombe Uniting Church congregation change from Wimala Presbytery to Generate Presbytery on 17 September 2023.	22nd Sept 23
SSC23.210	a. Note that Houghton Paracombe Uniting Church Parish (ABN 49174430046) was DISSOLVED and CEASED to be recognised as from 7 July 2021 by both Generate and Wimala Presbyteries. c. *Note that Paracombe Uniting Church was recognised by Wimala Presbytery on 7 July 2021. *"c" is a typo in the confirmed minutes, there was no proposal 1(b)	3rd Nov 23
SSC24.55	The Synod Standing Committee ACKNOWLEDGE (by consensus) that "Trinity Alberton Uniting Church" in the Wimala Presbytery will be known as "Village Church Alberton" from 21st February 2024	4th April 24

6. SA REGIONAL COMMITTEE TO CONGRESS (SARC)

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by Consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC24.111	NOTE the UAICC-SA Regional Council appointed Rev. Ken Sumner to the position of UAICC-SA Development Officer from 1st July 2024.	8th Aug 24
SSC24.112	ENDORSE the purchase of the leased Toyota Land Cruiser for the Oodnadatta Bush Chaplaincy Ministry approved by the UAICC-SA Regional Council for $60,000.	8th Aug 24
SSC24.113	ENDORSE the purchase of a Second Hand 12-Seater Bus for the Salisbury Adelaide Congress Congregation, approved by the UAICC-SA Regional Council for $50,000 following conversation with the General Secretary on rationale.	8th Aug 24

7. GENERAL SECRETARY

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by Consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.195	EXTEND Rev Sue Page's placement as Associate General Secretary: Governance and Operations for a further five years - from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2028.	3rd Nov 23

SSC23.196	NOTE the recommendations from the report and ask the General Secretary to act on them and report back to SSC.	3rd Nov 23
SSC24.07	AFFIRM the Position Description for the Executive Officer: Mission Resourcing	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.08	NOTE the proposed changes to the Organisational Model. These include sharing the responsibilities of EO MLDB between EO: Mission Resourcing, the Principal and the Manager of Finance and Administration AND that the Principal and EO:MR report to the MLDB and both are managed by the General Secretary.	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.10	ACKNOWLEDGE the value of the MLD Missional Framework, and ENCOURAGE the General Secretary to continue to explore with appropriate people and groups its relevance for the values, priorities and directions of the Synod of SA	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.59	In response to the correspondence from the Yorke Peninsula Mission Council Chairperson, the Synod Standing Committee RESOLVED (by consensus) to: 1. ACKNOWLEDGE the correspondence. 2. NOTE that work is currently being done on the relationship between the remuneration of MOW/D's and Ministry of Pastor people in placements and will be discussed at the next Placements Committee. 3. NOTE that there is currently an Actuarial Review underway on the Ministers Benefit Fund. 4. NOTE that there are legal issues in extending the exemption of MoW/D's from the SA Government Return to Work processes to lay people in the specified Ministry of Pastor roles. 5. FORWARD concerns raised in correspondence to the MBF committee as they continue the current review. 6. SEEK a response from the General Secretary on the matters above by the 9th of August 2024 meeting of Synod Standing Committee	4th April 24
SSC24.64	INSTITUTE a moratorium on adjustments to Presbytery Funding for the next three years while the presbyteries continue their work on the property and mission review. The Moratorium to begin from 1 January 2025.	9th May 24
SSC24.65	DEFER the major review of the Presbytery Funding Model. The review is to take place before the end of the moratorium.	9th May 24

SSC24.66	DIRECT the Presbytery Funding Model review to be finalised before the conclusion of the moratorium on Presbytery Funding (SSC24.64).	9th May 24
SSC24.67	DEFER the review of the Synod functions as requested by the 2022 Presbytery Review until we have clarity on the impact of ACT2 process on the Synod.	9th May 24
SSC24.136	DIRECT the General Secretary to ensure that conversations about the property management of Salisbury and Tailem Bend properties managed by the South Australian Regional Committee of the Congress (SARC) take place in a timely way and report back to the Synod Standing Committee.	8th Aug 24
SSC24.137	REQUEST the SA Regional Committee to Congress provide the Synod Standing Committee a budget report on the Oodnadatta Project and the 2025 SA Regional Committee budget before 31st December 2024.	8th Aug 24

8. JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEES

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by Consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.128	1. CONFIRM the starting date of Rev Philip Gardner in the role of General Secretary of the Synod of SA from 1 September 2023 for a 5 year placement and encourage him to take two weeks transition leave. 2. APPOINT an oversight group comprising of Rev Diane Bury (JNC), Bruce Ind (SSC), Benji Callen (SSC), plus one person to chosen by the General Secretary and SSC request that they take up matters raised in the report by the JNC. 3. REQUEST the Moderator and the incoming General Secretary to arrange the induction details. 4. DISCHARGE and thank the JNC for the General Secretary Placement, having now undertaken the tasks set before it. 5. ACKNOWLEDGE the commitment displayed by the JNC group.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.129	AGREE to begin the process for the appointment of a new Associate General Secretary: Placements and Safe Church.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.130	AFFIRM the Placement Description and advertise through the websites of the Synods.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.131	1. APPOINT a Nominating Committee consisting of: ▪ An Executive Officer or equivalent ▪ A member of the Placements Committee ▪ A member of the Synod Standing Committee	11th Aug 23

SSC23.132 SSC23.133	▪ HR Manager ▪ General Secretary 2. AFFIRM the Placement Description for the Associate General Secretary Governance and Operations. 3. AGREE to give Sue Page permission to approach a lay person from SSC to join the JNC.	
SSC23.187 SSC23.188	1. APPOINT Rev Andrew Robertson to the placement of Associate General Secretary Placements and Safe Church from 1 January 2024 for a period of 5 years. 2. THANK and DISCHARGE the JNC.	11th Oct 23
SSC24.09	APPOINT a Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) for the position of EO: Mission Resourcing. That the JNC consists of: General Secretary; an Executive Officer; a member of the Synod Standing Committee; the HR Manager	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.45	APPOINT Rev Andrew Robertson, Associate General Secretary, Placements and Safe Church to be a member and Co-chair for the JNC of the 0.5FTE Congress Outreach and Development Officer placement.	4th April 24
SSC24.71	1. APPOINT Rev Jennifer Hughes to the placement of Executive Officer Mission Resourcing from 1 August 2024 for a period of 5 years. 2. THANK and DISCHARGE the JNC.	9th May 24

9. GOVERNANCE / APPOINTMENTS / ADMISSION OF MINISTERS

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by Consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.134 SSC23.135	APPOINT Rev Barry Littleford as Chairperson of Synod Placements Committee until the next ordinary meeting of the Synod, when an election shall take place. APPOINT Rev Mark Hewitt Rev Anne Hewitt Fergus McGinley Jan Oliver to the Synod Covenanting Committee for three years.	11th Aug 23

SSC23.165	ADVISE the Attorney Generals Department that Rev Philip Gardner had been appointed as General Secretary for the Uniting Church in Australia, South Australia. He would continue as a nominating authority for authorisation of the nominations of marriage celebrants (Section 29 of the Marriage Act 1961) in his new position.	22nd Sept 23
SSC23.195	EXTEND Rev Sue Page's placement as Associate General Secretary: Governance and Operations for a further five years - from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2028.	3rd Nov 23
SSC23.201	APPOINT the following for a further 3 year term: Synod Committee for Counselling: • Rev Carol Chambers • Mr Peter Dowling • Rev Christine Manning • Rev Dr Phil Carr as Convenor Synod Committee for Discipline: • Rev Rebecca Purling • Dr Margaret Cargill • Rev Lyn Leane • Mr John Steele	3rd Nov 23
SSC23.203	RECORD a minute of appreciation for Malcolm Wilson on his retirement, expressing the Synod's thanks for his service of 17 years to the mission and ministry of the Synod SA through his roles of Rural Mission Planner, Associate General Secretary and Grants and Historical Records Officer. Malcolm's faithfulness in service and dedication to the mission of God through the church has impacted the Synod broadly.	3rd Nov 23
SSC23.204	RECORD a minute of appreciation for Ann Cotton on her retirement, expressing the Synod's thanks for her service of 8 years to the mission and ministry of the Synod of SA through her role as Personal Assistant/ Administrative Assistant to the Executive Officer/ Director of UnitingCare SA. Ann's commitment to the ministry and mission of the God through the church, expressed through its organisations and agencies has impacted the Synod broadly.	3rd Nov 23
SSC23.218	a. APPOINT the following people to the Admission of Ministers from other Denominations Committee for a 3-year term until December 2026:	1st Dec 23

	• Rev Dr Greg Pearce – Generate • Rev Beth Hancock – POSSA b. ENDORSE the election of the following people to the UCA Historical Society for a further 3-year term until June 2026: • Rev Dr Dean Eland (President) • Rosemary Hocking (Secretary) • Rev David Houston (Vice President) • Robert Backhouse (Treasurer) • Dr Don Hopgood (member) c. APPOINT the following people to the Moderator's Support Group: • Rev Beth Seaman • Rev Simon Dent d. APPOINT the following person to the General Secretary's Oversight Group: • Ruth Sims e. APPOINT the following for a further 3-year term until December 2026: Synod Committee for Discipline: • Marta Lohyn National Standing Appeals Panel: • Gwenda Kerley • Keith Maynard • Peter Myhill • John Steele • Rev Diane Bury f. Synod Sexual Misconduct Complaints Committee: • Rev Ann Phillips • Rev Cheryl Wilson • Dr Jorg Strobel g. Advisors Committee • Rev Diane Bury • Rev Mark Dickens	
SSC23.219	a. REFER the proposed Constitution to members of the Property Trust for review, to ensure a response can be given to Morialta Trust Inc. before 20 February 2024.	1st Dec 23

	b. DEFER the reappointment of UCA representatives to Morialta Trust Inc. until the matter of the proposed Constitution is resolved	
SSC23.247	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 December 2023 Synod Standing Committee meeting: a. Robyn Caldicott as a member of the UCA Property Trust (S.A.) for a period of two years commencing from the rise of the December 2023 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. b. Rob Stoner as a member of the UCA Property Trust (S.A.) for a period of two years commencing from the rise of the December 2023 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. c. 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 2023 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. Michael McClaren as Chairperson of the UCA Property Trust (S.A.) for a period of one year from the rise of the December 2023 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2024 calendar year, whichever occurs later. e. Peter Battersby as Secretary of the UCA Property Trust (S.A.) for a period of one year from the rise of the December 2023 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2024 calendar year, whichever occurs later.	1st Dec 23
SSC23.252	APPOINT Rev Dr Tim Hein to the position of Director in Leadership and Formation (0.5FTE) for a period of five years, commencing on 1 March 2024.	1st Dec 23

SSC23.253	RECORD a minute of appreciation for Rev Dr Tim Hein expressing the Synod's thanks for his service as Executive Officer, MLD over the last 17 months. Tim's work with a tight timeline to assist Uniting College for Leadership to join the University of Divinity and the subsequent work towards appropriate staffing has been invaluable	1st Dec 23
SSC24.11	APPOINT Rev Dr Graham Humphris to the board of Parkin Mission Parkin Trust for a further three-year term.	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.31	APPOINT: • Marilyn Martin, Carolyn Clift as congregational representatives. • Allen Kelley as Generate presbytery representative; and • Bronte Wilson as Synod appointed Chair of the Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission Council	4th April 24
SSC24.32	APPOINT Sue Page and Michael McClaren to the Morialta Trust Inc. board for one year.	4th April 24
SSC24.80	AFFIRM the admission of Barry Luke as a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church in Australia from 27 May 2024.	20th June 24
SSC24.126	NOTE the appointment of Rev Ken Sumner as State Development and Outreach Officer from 1 July 2024 for a period of 5 years.	8th August 24
SSC24.108	RECOMMEND to Assembly Standing Committee the re-appointment of Alice McCleary to the Assembly Mercer Policy and Employer Committee.	8th August 24

10. PLACEMENTS AND SAFE CHURCH

Decision #	It was RESOVLED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.127	WITHDRAW THE RECOGNITION of Rev Andrew Everson as a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church in Australia at his request from 13 July 2023. Regulation 2.10.3 (a) (i).	11th Aug 23
SSC23.164	(a) NOTE the Report and request from the National Safe Church Unit, in particular the expansion of its focus to all people rather than children and youth only. (b) NOTE that the Synod of SA continues its support of the NSCU.	22nd Sept 23

SSC24.44	APPROVE the Safeguarding Policy for the Uniting Church in South Australia.	4th April 24
SSC24.70	The Synod Standing Committee AGREED (by consensus) to APPROVE an extension of Rev Dr Paul Goh's placement Justice & CALD Multicultural & Cross-Cultural Officer for a further 5 years at 1.0 FTE from 1 May 2024.	9th May 24
SSC24.91	WITHDRAW the recognition of Rob Morgan from the ministry of Lay Pastor at his request from 21 January 2024 under Regulation 2.10.7.	20th June 24

11. RESOURCES BOARD / PROPERTY TRUST

11.1 Policy

Decision #	It was RESOVLED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.246	APPROVE the amendments to the Disbursement of Funds When Congregations Close Policy as included as Attachment 4.	1st Dec 23
SSC24.98	DETERMINE that from 1 January 2025, Congregations that do not comply** with SA Synod Safe Church Policy will be responsible for meeting all costs relating to new Redress or civil sexual misconduct claims relating to their congregation for incidents alleged to have occurred during the non-complying period. ** Comply means 100% compliance with necessary screenings and satisfactory completion of Through Their Eyes & Called to Care Training.	20th June 24

11.2 Rules

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC24.100	APPROVE the amendment to Uniting Church South Australia Building Fund Rules (refer Attachment 1, Addendum to the Resources Board / Property Trust Report).	20th June 24

SSC24.101	APPROVE the amendment to Uniting Church South Australia Relief Fund Rules (refer Attachment 2, Addendum to the Resources Board / Property Trust Report)	20th June 24
SSC24.102	APPROVE the proposed amendments to Uniting Church Arts and Cultural Development Group Incorporated Rules (refer Attachment 3, Addendum to the Resources Board / Property Trust Report).	20th June 24
SSC24.97	APPROVE the John Lodge Trust Fund Rules as provided in Attachment 4. (Resources Board / Property Trust Report).	20th June 24

11.3 Acknowledgement and Commendations

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.250	ENDORSE the Resources Board's a) Commendation of the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology for its collaborative approach to achieving the agreed budgetary outcomes for 2024. b) Request and encouragement of the Mission and Leadership Development Board to develop a business plan, accompanied by a financial forecast, for the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology that covers its core activities and desired outcomes over the next three to five years. c) 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. d) Commendation of 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	1st Dec 23
SSC24.95	ACKNOWLEDGE the ongoing commitment of Congregations to the wider Church through their 2023 Mission and Service Fund contributions included in Appendix 3 of Attachment 3 (Resources Board / Property Trust Report).	20th June 24

11.4 Quarterly Reports

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to NOTE the Workplace Health and Safety Incident Report for the quarter ended:
SSC23.181 SSC24.248 SSC24.51 SSC24.99 SSC24.132	30 June 2023 30 September 2023 31 December 2023 31 March 2024 30 June 2024
Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to NOTE Mission and Service Fund financial report for the quarter ended
SSC23.177 SSC23.245 SSC24.46 SSC24.127 SSC24.92	30 June 2023 30 September 2023 31 December 2023 30 June 2024 31 March 2024

11.5 Financial Statements

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:
SSC23.178	NOTE the updated Financial Statement index for the year ended 31 December 2022.
SSC23.179	APPROVE the adoption of the completed Financial Statements as at 31 December 2022 for a) Presbytery of Southern SA (Attachment 4), and b) The Historical Society of the Uniting Church in SA (Attachment 5)
SSC24.128	NOTE the updated Financial Statement index for the year ended 31 December 2023, as included as Attachment 2
SSC24.129	APPROVE the adoption of the completed Financial Statements as at 31 December 2023 for a) Presbytery of Southern SA (Attachment 3) and b) Stillpoint Community (Attachment 4)
SSC24.93	NOTE the Overview of 2023 Financial Statements Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 (included as Attachment 3 Resources Board / Property Trust Report).
SSC24.94	APPROVE the adoption of the completed 2023 Financial Statements listed as received in Appendix 1 of Attachment 3 (Resources Board / Property Trust Report).

11.6 Approve, Appoint, Nominations & Authorisation

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.182	NOMINATE Rev Peter Morel to be a member of Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Ltd.	22nd Sept 23
SSC23.183	NOMINATE Rev Philip Gardner to be a member of Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Ltd.	22nd Sept 23
SSC23.184	AUTHORISE Peter Battersby as the Property Office of the Synod to provide the nomination notices of Rev Peter Moral and Rev Philip Gardner to the Secretary of Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Ltd on behalf of the Synod.	22nd Sept 23
SSC23.206	NOMINATE Rev Robyn Caldicott to be a member of Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Ltd.	3rd Nov 23
SSC23.207	AUTHORISE Peter Battersby as the Property Officer of the Synod to provide the nomination notice of Rev Robyn Caldicott to the Secretary of Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Ltd on behalf of the Synod.	3rd Nov 23
SSC24.47	APPROVE the appointment of Astrid Kuivasaari (General Manager, Operations and Services) as the Director on the Board of Citicom Pty Ltd.	4th April 24
SSC24.48	APPROVE the appointment Matthew Wilson (Manager, Property and Projects) as Alternate Director on the Board of Citicom Pty Ltd.	4th April 24
SSC24.49	APPROVE the appointment of Astrid Kuivasaari (General Manager, Operations & Services) as the Director on the Board of Ecumenical Endeavours Pty Ltd.	4th April 24
SSC24.50	APPROVE the appointment Matthew Wilson (Manager, Property and Projects) as Alternate Director on the Board of Ecumenical Endeavours Pty Ltd.	4th April 24
SSC24.133	APPOINT Mark Elford to the Resources Board for his 2nd term commencing from the rise of the December 2023 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.	8th Aug 24

SSC24.134	APPOINT Rob Stoner as Chairperson of the Resources Board commencing from the rise of the December 2023 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.	8th Aug 24

11.7 Other

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.154 SSC23.155 SSC23.156	1. ACKNOWLEDGE the determinations of the Acting General Secretary as outlined in the report; and 2. AFFIRM that beneficial use of the Ridgehaven property (1063 North East Road) be granted to Journey Uniting Church, effective 11 August 2023. 3. REQUEST the Acting General Secretary and Executive Officer Resources (Property Officer) advise Journey Uniting Church that it has been granted beneficial use of the Ridgehaven property (1063 North East Road), on the understanding that: a. Journey Uniting Church agrees that the Ridgehaven property will be its long-term location for a minimum of ten years and should Journey Uniting Church not remain at the site for the 10 year period agreed, the Resources Board may redirect any future sales proceeds per the Property Sales Proceeds Policy relating to the Ridgehaven property to the New Church and Ministry Development Fund; and b. Journey Uniting Church shall return to making full Mission and Service Fund contributions; and c. Journey Uniting Church becomes responsible for all improvements, upgrades and maintenance on the Ridgehaven property; and d. Journey Uniting Church shall undertake a property inspection and attend to all safety matters discovered.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.163	1. LEAVE the legal matters pertaining to Pilgrim School Inc and UCAPT (SA)'s exit to the Property Trust. 2. REQUEST regular updates from the Property Trust on this matter.	22nd Sept 23

SSC24.96	RECEIVE the advice from the Resources Board that the Project Possum 'One- Church' Redress contribution will be funded from the Mission and Service Fund.	20th June 24

12. UNITINGCARE SA

12.1 Annesley College

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.221	NOTE that as of 7 June 2023 the Annesley College Council membership of Ms Kymberley Lawrence has changed from an Ordinary Member to Ex-officio member due to her acceptance in the role of President of the Foundation.	1st Dec 23
SSC24.38	APPOINT Mr Chris Hoffmann as an ordinary member of the Annesley Junior School Council for the first term of less than three years commencing on 5 April 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	4th April 24
SSC24.39	APPOINT Ms Vivianne Kollevis as an ordinary member of the Annesley Junior School Council for the first term of less than three years commencing on 5 April 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	4th April 24
SSC24.40	APPOINT Mr Michael Murphy as an ordinary member of the Annesley Junior School Council for the first term of less than three years commencing on 5 April 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	4th April 24
SSC24.41	NOTE the resignation of Mr Ben Adams and Mr Henrick Wallgren from the Annesley Junior School Council, effective as of 20 March 2024 and thank them for their contributions to the Council.	4th April 24
SSC24.42	NOTE the retirement of Dr Sally Plush, Mr Chris Reimann and Mrs Jill Bosanquet from the Annesley Junior School Council at the completion of their term and thank them for their contributions to the Council.	4th April 24

12.2 Helping Hand Aged Care

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.138	APPOINT Mr Jarrad Haynes to the Board of Helping Hand Aged Care Inc for a first term of three years commencing on 12 August 2023 and concluding on 11 August 2026.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.139	NOTE that the Board of Helping Hand Aged Care Inc has appointed Ms Janet Finlay as Acting Chair, effective from 1 July 2023 and concluding upon the appointment by the Synod Standing Committee of a new Chairperson	11th Aug 23
SSC23.222	APPOINT Ms Janet Finlay as Chairperson of the Board of Helping Hand Aged Care Inc commencing on 2 December 2023.	1st Dec 23
SSC23.223	APPOINT Dr Craig Whitehead as an ordinary member of the Board of Helping Hand Aged Care Inc for his third term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026.	1st Dec 23
SSC24.13	APPOINT Mr Stephen Walker as an ordinary member of the Board of Helping Hand Aged Care Inc. for an initial term of three years commencing on 23 February 2024 and concluding on 22 February 2027.	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.14	THANK Ms Erica Benn for her nine years of service to the Board of Helping Hand Aged Care Inc.	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.43	APPOINT Ms Reena Costello as an ordinary member of the Helping Hand Aged Care Board, for the first term of three years commencing on 5 April 2024 and concluding on 4 April 2027.	4th April 24

12.3 Mediacom Education Inc

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.239	APPOINT Mr Robert Backhouse as an ordinary member of the MediaCom Education Inc Board for an initial term of three years commencing on 2 December 2023 and concluding on 1 December 2026.	1st Dec 23
SSC23.240	NOTE that Mr Peter Velander has recently resigned from the MediaCom Education Board.	1st Dec 23

12.4 Pedare Christian College

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.137	APPOINT Mr James Tamblyn as Principal of Pedare Christian College Inc for a second term of approximately 5.5 years effective from 3 July 2023 and concluding on 31 December 2028.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.140	APPOINT Mr Matthew Elding to the Pedare Christian College Inc Board for a second term of three years, nominally commenced on 1 July 2023 and concluding on 30 June 2026. The date of appointment is 11 August 2023.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.141	APPOINT Mr Craig Moore to the Pedare Christian College Inc Board for a first term of three years, nominally commenced on 1 July 2023 and concluding on 30 June 2026. The date of appointment is 11 August 2023.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.142	APPOINT Ms Susan Vincent to the Pedare Christian College Inc Board for a fifth term of three years, nominally commenced on 1 July 2023 and concluding on 30 June 2026. The date of appointment is 11 August 2023.	11th Aug 23
SSC24.34	APPOINT Mr Bronte Wilson as an ordinary member of the Board of Pedare Christian College. for an initial term of more than three years commencing on 5 April 2024 and concluding on 30 June 2027.	4th April 24
SSC24.35	NOTE that Mr Barry Atwell is the Moderator's Nominee on the Pedare Christian College Board.	4th April 24
SSC24.36	APPOINT Dr Valerie Aloa to the Board as an ordinary member of the Board of Pedare Christian College, for a second term of three-years, commencing on 1 July 2024 and concluding 20 June 2027.	4th April 24
SSC24.86	NOTE the appointment of Mr Bronte Wilson as Chairperson to the Pedare Christian College Board.	20th June 24

12.5 Pilgrim School

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.136	DISCHARGE the members of the Pilgrim School Task Group, THANK them for their service to the Synod and CONCLUDE the Pilgrim School Task Group.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.238	APPOINT Mrs Julie Wicks to the Pilgrim School Inc Council for a second term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	1st Dec 2023
SSC24.15	APPOINT Mrs Jenni Forder as an ordinary member of the Board of Pilgrim School Inc. for an initial term of less than three years commencing on 23 February 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.115	APPOINT Mrs Margaret (Margy) Pillar to the Board of Pilgrim School Inc for a second term of less than three years commencing 9 August 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2024	8th August 24

12.6 Prince Alfred College

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.143	APPOINT Mr Craig Hole to the Prince Alfred College Advisory Committee for a sixth term of three years commencing on 1 October 2023 and concluding on 30 September 2026.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.144	APPOINT Mr Alan Letcher to the Prince Alfred College Advisory Committee for a second term of three years commencing on 1 October 2023 and concluding on 30 September 2026.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.145	APPOINT Mr Craig Nicholls to the Prince Alfred College Advisory Committee for a sixth term of three years commencing on 1 October 2023 and concluding on 30 September 2026.	11th Aug 23

SSC23.146	APPOINT Mrs Belinda Pizzino to the Prince Alfred College Advisory Committee for a second term of three years commencing on 1 October 2023 and concluding on 30 September 2026	11th Aug 23
SSC23.147	APPOINT Mr Craig Tasborski to the Prince Alfred College Advisory Committee for a second term of three years commencing on 1 October 2023 and concluding on 30 September 2026.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.148	APPOINT Dr Janet Young to the Prince Alfred College Advisory Committee for a sixth term of three years commencing on 1 October 2023 and concluding on 30 September 2026.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.224	APPOINT Mr Richard Hockney to the Council of Prince Alfred College for a fifth term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	1st Dec 23
SSC23.225	APPOINT Mr David Henchliffe to the Council of Prince Alfred College for a second term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	1st Dec 23
SSC23.226	APPOINT Mr Thomas Huxtable to the Council of Prince Alfred College for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	1st Dec 23
SSC23.227	NOTE Mr David Sanders will step down from Council of Prince Alfred College on 31 December 2023 with the intention to re-nominate as Chair from January 2025.	1st Dec 23
SSC23.228	APPOINT Prof Nigel Bean to the Advisory Committee of Prince Alfred College for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026	1st Dec 23
SSC24.116	APPOINT Rev Dr Adrian Brown to the Advisory Board of Prince Alfred College for a sixth term of three years commencing 1 October 2024 and concluding on 30 September 2027.	8th August 24
SSC24.117	APPOINT Mr Andrew McCauley to the Advisory Board of Prince Alfred College for a sixth term of three years commencing 1 October 2024 and concluding on 30 September 2027.	8th August 24

SSC24.118	APPOINT Mr David Hassell to the Advisory Board of Prince Alfred College for a fourth term of three years commencing 1 October 2024 and concluding on 30 September 2027.	8th August 24
SSC24.119	APPOINT Ms Alison Benecke to the Advisory Board of Prince Alfred College for a third term of three years commencing 1 October 2024 and concluding on 30 September 2027.	8th August 24
SSC24.120	NOTE the appointment of Mr James Newton to fill a casual vacancy, in accordance with clause 5.4(d) of the Prince Alfred College Constitution, commencing on 12 June 2024 and concluding on 30 September 2025.	8th August 24

12.7 Resthaven Inc

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC24.16	APPOINT Mr Jon Clarke as an ordinary member of the Board of Resthaven Inc Board for a second term of less than three years commencing on 23 February 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.17	APPOINT Mrs Jacqueline Howard as an ordinary member of the Board for Resthaven Inc Board for an initial term of less than three years commencing on 23 February 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.18	NOTE that Ms Gillian Phillips has been appointed as a co-opted member under Rule 5.12 of the Resthaven Incorporated Rules for a period of one year from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.	22nd Feb 24

12.8 St Andrews Hospital

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.171	APPOINT Mr David Whitbread to the Board of Governors of St Andrew's Hospital Inc for a fifth term of two years commencing on 1 November 2023 and concluding on 31 October 2025.	22nd Sept 23

SSC23.172	APPOINT Dr Daniel Cehic to the Board of Governors of St Andrew's Hospital Inc for a sixth term of two years commencing on 1 November 2023 and concluding on 31 October 2025.	22nd Sept 23
SSC23.173	APPOINT Ms Susy Daw to the Board of Governors of St Andrew's Hospital Inc for a fourth term of two years commencing on 1 November 2023 and concluding on 31 October 2025.	22nd Sept 23
SSC23.174	APPOINT Mr Trevor Lambert to the Board of Governors of St Andrew's Hospital Inc for a sixth term of two years commencing on 1 November 2023 and concluding on 31 October 2025.	22nd Sept 23
SSC23.175	APPOINT Ms Jim Sweeney to the Board of Governors of St Andrew's Hospital Inc for a seventh term of two years commencing on 1 November 2023 and concluding on 31 October 2025.	22nd Sept 23
SSC23.176	NOTE that the members of the St Andrew's Hospital Inc Board of Governors as at 1 November 2023 are Mr David Whitbread, Dr Daniel Cehic, Ms Susy Daw, Ms Sonya Furey, Ms Natalie Kelly, Mr Trevor Lambert, Rev Richard Miller (Moderator's Alternate), Mr Jim Sweeney and Mr David Walters.	22nd Sept 23
SSC24.122	APPOINT Ms Sonya Furey as an ordinary member to the St Andrew's Hospital Board for a sixth term of three years commencing 1 November 2024 and concluding on 31 October 2026.	8th August 24
SSC24.123	APPOINT Dr David Walters as an ordinary member to the St Andrew's Hospital Board for a fourth term of three years commencing 1 November 2024 and concluding on 31 October 2026.	8th August 24
SSC24.124	APPOINT Ms Natalie Kelly as an ordinary member to the St Andrew's Hospital Board for second term of three years commencing 1 November 2024 and concluding on 31 October 2026	8th August 24
SSC24.125	NOTE that the members of the St Andrew's Hospital Inc Board of Governors as at 1 November 2024 will be Mr David Whitbread, Dr Daniel Cehic, Ms Susy Daw, Ms Sonya Furey, Mr Trevor Lambert, Rev Richard Miller (Moderator's Alternate), Mr Jim Sweeney, Mr David Walters and Natalie Kelly.	8th August 24

12.9 UCSA Board

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC24.87	NOTE the resignation of Mr Lachlan McAuliffe from the UCSA Board as of 15 May 2024.	20th June 24

12.10 UnitingCare Wesley Bowden

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.151	APPOINT Ms Nadia Mastersson to the Board of UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Inc for a first term of three years commencing on 14 August 2023 and concluding on 13 August 2026.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.152	APPOINT Dr Shaun Sweeney to the Board of UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Inc for a first term of three years commencing on 14 August 2023 and concluding on 13 August 2026.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.153	NOTE the appointment of Mr Darren Button as Acting Chair of the Board of UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Inc, effective from 19 June 2023 and concluding upon the appointment by the Synod Standing Committee of a new Chair.	11th Aug 23
SSC24.19	APPOINT Mr Darren Button in the role of Chair of the Board for UnitingCare Wesley Bowden, effective 23 February 2024 to the end of his current term of 8 February 2026.	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.20	NOTE the resignation of Stephanie Hoang and THANK her for her service to the UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Board. Stephanie resigned from the UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Board effective 4 December 2023, serving as an ordinary member from 25 October 2021	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.88	NOTE the resignation of Ms Nicole Keller from the UCWB Inc Board as of 10 April 2024.	20th June 24
SSC24.121	APPOINT Ms Sarah Boucaut as an ordinary member to the UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Board for an initial term of three years commencing 9 August 2024 and concluding on 8 August 2027.	8th August 24

12.11 Uniting Communities Inc

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC24.149	APPOINT Adjunct Associate Professor Keith Evans to the Board of Uniting Communities Inc for a first term of three years commencing on 31 August 2023 and concluding on 30 August 2026.	11th Aug 23
SSC24.150	NOTE the appointment of Ms Rosalind Coleman as an additional director on the Board of Uniting Communities Inc for a term of two years commencing on 31 August 2023 and concluding on 30 August 2025.	11th Aug 23
SSC23.229	APPOINT Ms Deborah Miller to the Uniting Communities Incorporated Board for a third term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	1st Dec 23
SSC24.37	RE-APPOINT Nigel Hall as an ordinary member of the Uniting Communities Incorporated Board for a second term of 3 years, commencing 10 April 2024 and concluding on 9 April 2027.	4th April 24

12.12 Uniting Country SA

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.230	NOTE that the Uniting Country SA Ltd Board at its meeting held immediately after the AGM on 1 November 2023 elected Mr Peter Hollister as the Chairperson and Mr Paul Thomas as the Deputy Chairperson for the UCSA Board.	1st Dec 23
SSC23.231	APPOINT Mr Dan van Holst Pellekaan to the Board of Uniting Country SA Ltd for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	1st Dec 23
SSC23.232	APPOINT Mr Marcus Perry to the Board of Uniting Country SA Ltd for an initial term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	1st Dec 23

SSC23.233	APPOINT Mrs Joanne Court to the Board of Uniting Country SA Ltd for a third term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026	1st Dec 23
SSC23.234	APPOINT Mrs Chez Curnow to the Board of Uniting Country SA Ltd for a second term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026	1st Dec 23
SSC23.235	NOTE that Ms Fiona Duffield resigned from her position at Uniting Country SA Ltd AGM, November 2023.	1st Dec 23

12.13 Westminister School Council

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.236	APPOINT Mrs Joanne Liptak to the Westminster School Council for a third term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	1st Dec 23
SSC23.237	APPOINT Mr Steven Sanders to the Westminster School Council for a second term of three years commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.	1st Dec 23

13. EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRES

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.242	1. RECEIVE the interim Emergency Relief Centre Review report and REQUEST that UnitingCare SA takes the report for further consultation with the following bodies: • The ERC constituents who have participated in the Review • Presbyteries • Property Trust and Resources Board • The other key UnitingCare entities regarding any potential conflicts and perceived or actual competition.	1st Dec 23

	2. RECOMMEND that the survey into broader missional and informal chaplaincy be undertaken. 3. REQUEST that a final report be presented to SSC for decision by May 2024	
SSC24.83	1. TO ESTABLISH the Emergency Relief Centres Oversight Committee reporting to the Synod Standing Committee (SSC) through the Director of UnitingCare SA. This Oversight Committee will use the "Family Enterprises" (now the "vine and fruit" model) from the May 9, 2024, SSC meeting) Governance model for ERCs within the Uniting Church Congregations and operate within UCA regulations and frameworks. Its mandate will include to: - Oversee compliance with relevant legislation and policy and risk management practices - Assist local coordination of services - Adopt markers of success relating to sustainability and viability as initially put forward by the Resources Board in the Emergency Relief Centre Review Consultation. - Evaluate the ERCs against these markers - Support accessing grants - Distribution of resources (when they become available) - Access relevant training for coordinators and volunteers - Ensure adequate induction and training of staff and volunteers (e.g. especially in relation to mandated safety and food handling) - Provide an on-boarding and off-boarding checklist for staff and volunteers to be checked as part of annual Governance reviews. - Share templates for policy and procedures.	20th June 24
SSC24.84	2. THAT the PROVISION OF RELIEF (e.g. food, clothing, goods, vouchers etc) is seen as the first point of contact for people in need. As congregations develop their Mission Plans it is essential that the ERC is consistent with that Mission Plan and is named as an activity within it. In this way the Mission Plan and ERC will also be reported to the Presbytery as part of their oversight. Wherever possibly, the local Emergency Relief Centre seeks to build upon this initial contact by providing additional supports which may include: - further opportunities to engage with participants to address larger or more long-term social issues	20th June 24

	- forging partnerships with other organisations to provide adjunct services - advocating at state and federal government levels to highlight the needs of the individuals and families that are seeking emergency relief.	
SSC24.85	3. THAT the Oversight Committee will have a close working relationship with the Uniting Church SA Relief Fund and contribute to the development of fair and equitable criteria and processes for distributing funds if and when they become available.	20th June 24
SSC24.85	4. THAT a set of By-Laws and measures and key markers of a viable and sustainable Emergency Relief Centre (including winding up metrics) be drafted for consideration by Synod Standing Committee at its September 2024 meeting with a view to the Council being established by 1st January 2024.	20th June 24

14. LEFEVRE WORKING GROUP

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.243	1. FORMALLY WRITE to Lefevre Uniting Church Taperoo and advise that the request sent to UnitingCare SA 31 August 2022 is not approved based upon the consultative work of the UnitingCare Lefevre Working Group.	1st Dec 23
SSC23.244	2 ADVISE the UnitingCare Lefevre Working Group of this decision, formally thank them for their contribution and disband this Working Group as it has completed its role.	1st Dec 23

15. MEDIACOM

Decision #	The Synod Standing Committee resolved (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC24.81	1. NOTE the closure of operations at MediaCom Education Inc as of June 30, 2024, with the subsequent wind-up of the Board once all business and accounts are finalised.	20th June 24

SSC24.82	2. FORMALLY THANK the Board and staff of MediaCom for their involvement in MediaCom, acknowledging their personal investment with the organisation and the impact of such loss at its closure.	20th June 24
SSC24.91	3. REQUEST the General Secretary to form a task group in response to the Mediacom conclusion, with the aim to assess and facilitate any appropriate transitions important to the life of the church with the closure of Mediacom in conjunction with the Mediacom Board.	20th June 24

16. PROJECT POSSUM FUNDING

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to:	Date of Mtg
SSC24.56	1. AGREE to the payment of $575, 000 for Project Possum.	4th April 24
SSC24.57	2. AGREE to an ex-gratia payment of $300 000 towards "Project Possum" redistribution of Synod finances.	4th April 24
SSC24.58	3. NOTE that further conversations are taking place regarding this project. (Project Possum)	4th April 24

17. STANDING COMMITTEE & SYNOD MATTERS

17.1 Meetings

Decision #	The Synod Standing Committee RESOLVED (by consensus) that:	Date of Mtg
SSC24.110	a) The next Synod meeting be held in June 2026 b) The following Synod meeting be held in June 2028. c) The current Moderator term be extended to June 2028. d) The Synod hold a resourcing event in 2025. e) Synod members be encouraged to attend the public sessions of the 18th Assembly in 2027.	8th Aug 24
SSC24.109	APPOINT the following members to the SSC Nominating Committee: a. Sue Page b. Elissa Inglis c. Leanne Davis d. Lynne Aird	8th Aug 24

17.2 SSC Minutes

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by Consensus) to APPROVE the minutes of the Synod Standing Committee held on:
SSC23.123 SSC23.16 SSC23.192 SSC23.214 SSC24.04 SSC24.26 SSC24.61 SSC24.76 SSC24.104	2nd June 2023 11th August 2023 22nd September 2023 and 11th October 2023 3rd November 1st December 2023 and 18th December 2023 22nd February 2024 4th April 2024 9th May 2024 20th June 2024.
SSC23.161	It was RESOLVED (by consensus) to APPROVE the minutes of the Synod meeting held 21 – 24 June 2023

17.3 Correspondence

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by Consensus) to RECEIVE the **incoming** correspondence as shown:	Date of Mtg
SSC23.126	Rev Andrew Everson tendered his resignation as a Minister of the Word within the Uniting Church in Australia. (13/07/23)	11th Aug 23
SSC23.163	Michael McClaren (Chair, UCA Property Trust SA). Pilgrim School and the Aberfoyle Park Joint Primary School Complex (21/8/23)	22nd Sept 23
SSC23.194	1. Letter from Pilgrim Uniting Church – response to article in "New Times" regarding The Voice Referendum (18/10/23) 2. Email from Rev Esmond W Dowdy – response to article in "New Times" regarding The Voice Referendum. (21/10/23)	3rd Nov 23
SSC23.216	Churches Together South Australia (CTSA)	1st Dec 23
SSC24.06	1. Card from Senator the Honourable Penny Wong, Lunar New Year (2024) 2. Adrian Nippress, Chair of the Morialta Trust Inc (Email) re: Standing Committee Representation on the Morialta Trust Board	22nd Feb 24

	3. Letter from Wimala Presbytery Chair Rebecca Purling re: Leve Fevre Uniting Church Council membership.	
SSC24.28	1. From National Assembly re President Elect Nomination Date Extension 2. From Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission Council Chairperson re Ministry of Pastor Placement Ministers Benefit Fund Support.	4th April 24
SSC24.63	1. Notice of Resignation from Ruth Harbinson-Gresham on the Morialta Trust Incorporated Board 2. Notice of Congregation Closure, POSSA (see Agenda Item 7.5.2)	9th May 24
SSC24.106	Letter from Acting Chair, Churches Together SA Board	8th August 24

Decision #	It was RESOLVED (by Consensus) to ACKNOWLEDGE the **outgoing** correspondence as shown:	Date of Meeting
SSC23.216	Letters – Minutes of Appreciation (Malcolm Wilson, Ann Cotton)	1st Dec 23
SSC23.217	REQUEST Rev Philip Gardner and Rev Peter Morel write to Rev Anne Hewitt and the CTSA Board to express deep sadness at the news of the closure of Churches Together South Australia. Specifically for Rev Anne Hewitt and Emma Stephenson as they conclude in their positions. It is the hope and prayer of the Uniting Church that they and other denominations would continue to work together ecumenically.	1st Dec 23
SSC24.06	Closing of Churches Together SA: 1. Pastoral letters to Anne Hewitt, Emma Stephenson 2. Letter to Rev Doug Walladge (Acting Chair CTSA Board) acknowledging wind-up of Churches Together SA Ltd.	22nd Feb 24
SSC24.28	Chair of Morialta Trust Inc, From the General Secretary, UCA, Synod of SA, Director of Ministries Baptist Churches SA & NT, State Minister/CEO Churches of Christ, SA & NT	4th April 24
SSC24.52	REQUEST the Moderator write a letter of commendation to Paul Barnett THANKING him for his significant contribution to the UCA Synod of SA as Manager, Investment Services	4th April 24

SSC24.63	1. Confirmed SSC Minutes for the Meeting 22nd February 2024 to Rev Sue Ellis. 2. Nomination for Rev Dr Paul Goh for President Elect to Assembly 3. Letter of thanks to former UC-Invest Staff Paul Barnett	9th May 24
SSC24.106	Congratulations to Rev Dr Paul Goh, President Elect	8th August 24

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