

Standing Committee Report

1. Introduction

The Synod Standing Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Synod in between full meetings (February 2021 and June 2022). As per the “Manual for Meetings”, Standing Committee meetings include devotions, pastoral prayers, discussion and times for prayerful discernment. The Committee faithfully and diligently deals with a myriad of matters and continue to gather and discern God’s will in the life of the Church. The business that is presented, discussed and discerned often involves honest and robust conversation. As with almost every other part of our lives, the Synod Standing Committee meetings have continued to adjust to comply with restrictions due to COVID-19. Standing Committee meetings have been held in the Synod Office at 212 Pirie Street although one meeting was held at CityView Uniting Church and several meetings this year, due to the pandemic, solely via Microsoft Teams (MS Teams).

2. Membership 2021/2022

Members of Standing Committee for the 2021/2022 membership term

<u>Ex-Officio</u>			
Bronte Wilson, Moderator (Chair)		Peter Battersby, Synod Property Officer	
Rev Felicity Amery, General Secretary		Rev Mark Kickett, UAICC Regional Council appointment	
Rev Sue Ellis, Ex-Moderator			
<u>Elected Members</u>			
Dr Pam Bartholomaeus	David Buxton	Leanne Davis	Dr Peter Gunn
Bruce Ind	Elizabeth Iussa	Rev Christa Megaw	Rev Ann Phillips
Rev Dr Ian Price	Rev Andrew Robertson	David Sigley (Resigned Nov 2021)	Simon Story
<u>Co-opted member - Nil</u>			
<u>Resourcing Members (non-voting)</u>			
Rev Philip Gardner	Rev Dr Tim Hodgson (Concluded Jan 2022)	Rev Sue Page	Bridget Ransome
Rev Mark Schultz	Rev Tim Hein	(Minutes) Gill Morel	

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

As per the By-laws, the Standing Committee Nominating Committee will bring to the full meeting of the Synod the names and profiles of nominees, for at least the number required to be elected. Members of the Synod can also make additional nominations prior to the meeting where the election will take place. The By-

laws also allow for up to two (2) members to be co-opted by the Committee. Standing Committee has agreed that these co-options will be on an annual basis and will be made following the elections to enhance the gifts and skills of the elected Standing Committee.

3. Meetings

Since the Annual Meeting in 2021 the Synod Standing Committee had met on the following occasions

9 April 2021 (in person)	3 December 2021 (in person)
4 June 2021 in person	11 February 2022 (via MS Teams)
6 August 2021 (at CityView UC and via MS Teams)	18 March 2022 (via MS Teams)
3 September 2021 - a continuation of the meeting held on 6 August (in person and via MS Teams)	8 April 2022 (in person and via MS Teams)
15 October 2021 (in person)	Next scheduled: 27 May 2022

4. Minutes

The major decision document for the Standing Committee meetings is on the following page. Minutes of the individual meetings are available on request.



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It was **AGREED** that the **Standing Committee** resolve to:

BY-LAWS

9-Apr-2021	SSC21.12	APPROVE the Mission & Leadership Development Board By-Laws.
3-Dec-2021	SSC21.175	APPROVE the Respectful Communities By-Laws noting an update to include multicultural communities' reference would come to the February 2022 meeting.
18-Mar-2022	SSC22.61	APPROVE the updated Respectful Communities By-Laws.
8-Apr-2022	SSC22.72	APPROVE Synod By-Laws 12.1 with the following further change: 12.1.21 General Secretary's Liaison group - Add "and at least one member of JNC"

GOVERNANCE/APPOINTMENTS

Appointments to the following Positions and Entities are contained in Standing Committee Minutes as indicated

9 April 2021

- Annesley College Council
- Lincoln College Board
- Moderator's Support Group until the 2022 Synod Meeting
- General Secretary's liaison Group until the 2022 Synod Meeting
- Morialta Trust Inc.
- Scotch College Council
- UnitingCare, Glenelg Board
- Uniting Communities Board
- Uniting Country SA
- UCA SA Historical Society Council
- Westminster School Inc. Council
- APPOINT Reverend Doctor Auntie Denise Champion to the position of Theologian in Residence within the faculty of Uniting College for Leadership & Theology. (SSC21.05)
- ENDORSE Mr. Bruce Ind as the Chair of the Disability Royal Commission Synod Task Group and as the Synod representative on the National Task Group, commencing on 10 April 2021 (SSC21.31)

4 June 2021

- SA Churches Together Ecumenical Learning Team
- MediaCom Education Inc. Board

6 August 2021

- Presbytery Restructure Review Task Group
- Professional Development Review Group
- Uniting College Grants Committee

3 September 2021

- Helping Hand Aged Care Inc. Board
- Pedare Christian College Inc.
- Scotch College Adelaide Council
- Mission Leadership Board

15 October 2021

- Helping Hand Aged Care Inc. Board
- Mission Leadership Development Board
- Prince Alfred College Advisory Board
- St Andrews's Hospital Inc. Board of Governors
- Synod Business Committee
- UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Inc. Board
- Westminster School Inc. Council

3 December 2021

- Lincoln College Inc. Board
- Pilgrim School Board
- Prince Alfred College Council
- Resthaven Board
- Uniting Communities Board
- Uniting Country SA Ltd
- UnitingCare Glenelg
- Synod Sexual Misconduct Committee
- APPOINT Rev Robyn Caldicott as chairperson of the Synod Sexual Misconduct Committee. (SSC21.172)

11 February 2022

- Annesley College Council
- Pilgrim School Board
- Resthaven Inc. Board

18 March 2022

- Pilgrim School Board
- Uniting Country SA Board
- APPOINT Rev Dr Tim Hein to the placement of Executive Officer, Mission and Leadership Development Ministry Centre at 0.7 FTE for a period of 5 years subject to approval by the Presbytery of Southern SA of a variation of Placement at Malvern UC for Tim. (SSC22.52)

8 April 2022

- APPOINT Rev Dr Vicky Balabanski to the placement of Principal, Uniting College for Leadership and Theology at 1.0FTE for 5 years, commencing 1 August 2022. (SSC22.67)
- APPOINT Rev Dr Sean Gilbert as Acting Principal from 1 April 2022 to 31 July 2022. (SSC22.68)

Helping Hand Aged Care Inc.

15-Oct-2021 SSC21.124 APPROVE the amended rules and regulations of Helping Hand Aged Care Inc. (as attached to the minutes of the 15-Oct-2021 meeting of the Synod Standing Committee.)
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Pedare Christian College Inc.

3-Sep-2021 SSC21.124 APPROVE the new constitution of Pedare Christian College Inc.

St Andrew's Hospital

11-Feb-2022 SSC22.23 APPROVE the amended constitution of St Andrew's Hospital Inc. (as attached to the minutes of the 11-Feb-2022 meeting of the Synod Standing Committee.)

Uniting Country SA

- 9-Apr-2021 SSC21.32 REQUEST that Uniting Country SA Ltd AMEND Clause 30.1 of the Constitution of Uniting Country SA Ltd to read: “A Director’s fee may be paid to a Director subject to the approval of Member(s)”, (removing “an honorarium or”).
- 4-Jun-2021 SSC21.80 1. AMEND Clause 30.1 of the constitution of Uniting Country SA Ltd to read “A Director’s fee may be paid to a Director subject to the approval of Member(s).”
- SSC21.81 2. AMEND Clause 29.2 of the constitution of Uniting Country SA Ltd to read:
“The appointment of the Chairperson of Directors and the Deputy Chairperson of Directors commences immediately on being appointed or elected by the Directors.
The appointment of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson is to be notified in writing to the Appointing Authority within one month of appointment.”

UnitingCare Wesley Bowden Inc.

- 15-Oct-2021 SSC21.124 APPROVE the amended rules and regulations of UnitingCare Wesley
Oct Bowden Inc. (as attached to the minutes of the 15-Oct-2021 meeting of the Synod Standing Committee.)

UnitingCare Assembly

- 18-Mar-2022 SSC22.58 APPROVE that UnitingCare Australia be requested to RECOMMEND to the Assembly Standing Committee that the Moderator of the Synod of South Australia, Mr Bronte Wilson, be appointed to represent the Synod of South Australia on the UnitingCare Australia Board, commencing on the date the appointment is approved by the Assembly Standing Committee and concluding upon the appointment of a new representative of the Synod.

INSURANCE

- 3-Sep-2021 SSC21.117 1. NOTE:
a. The ongoing explorations and conversations Resources had engaged in over a number of years around reducing the insurance burden.
b. The ongoing work of the Strategic and Planning, Mission and Property Working Group. It was expected the information/outcomes would inform conversations around insurance.
- SSC21.118 2. In light of the correspondence, REQUEST the Resources Board provide a report regarding building insurance costs, including alternative ways of managing the impost of insurance on Congregations to the February 2022 meeting.

MISSION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY CENTRE

- 9-Apr-2021 SSC21.56 APPROVE the scheduled dates and venues for the Resourcing Expo as shown below and provide the planning team authority to determine further dates and venues.
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| Sat. September | 18th Adelaide West UC |
| Sat. October 9th | Pt Lincoln (Unity Hill UC) |
| Sat. October 16th | Pt Pirie (Lighthouse UC) |
| Sat. October 23rd | Murray Bridge UC |
| Sat. October 30th | Robe UC (Tarooki Campsite) |
- SSC21.58 2. NOTE and APPROVE the Draft Organisational Chart as a working document, noting there are external relationships that are not shown.
- SSC21.59 3. APPROVE the Position Descriptions for:
- The Principal UCLT Position Description with the addition of “a Uniting Church member” be added as an essential personal attribute.
 - Executive Officer Mission Leadership Development Position Description merged with the Executive Officer ACD and Senior Academic Position Descriptions as a placement.
- SSC21.60 4. ESTABLISH a Joint Nominating Committee for Principal UCLT, the Committee to be the following persons:
- a. General Secretary or delegate
 - b. Chair MLD Board or delegate
 - c. A UCA faculty member (faculty to appoint)
 - d. A UCA College Principal (past or present) – (General Secretary and Chair, MLDB to appoint)
 - e. Simon Story – UCLT student and Synod Standing Committee member
 - f. CALD – General Secretary to appoint the SSC recommendation, subject to consent
 - g. UAICC member –Regional Council to appoint, noting the Synod Standing Committee’s recommendation, subject to consent.
- SSC21.61 5. REQUEST the Mission and Leadership Development Board to develop a Vice-Principal Position Description.
- SSC21.62 6. a. APPROVE the request of the MLDB to work with the Resources Board to identify funding for a further 1.0 FTE in order to fund the position of Principal UCLT.
- b. REQUEST the Chair MLDB, General Secretary, Executive Officer Resources and Chair Resources Board to facilitate the request (3a) and report to the 4-Jun-2021 Synod Standing Committee meeting.
- SSC21.63 7. NOTE that Rev Dr Christy Capper and Mr Craig Bailey will be Acting Principal UCLT for the remainder of 2021.

A media release for the afternoon of 9-Apr-2021 was announced to inform the Church of the resignation of Reverend Professor Andrew Dutney from the position of Principal, Uniting College for Leadership & Theology; Andrew will retain the Executive Officer Mission & Leadership Development role, enabling Andrew to assist the process of bringing in a new Principal and maintaining the stability of the UCLT.

The Moderator prayed for the MLDB, Andrew and the UCLT.

SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE
MAJOR DECISIONS February 2021 –April 2022

4-Jun-2021	SSC21.74	APROVE the revised Position Description for the Principal of UCLT, a 5 year placement.
15-Oct-2021	SSC 21.127 Oct	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXTEND the placement of Rev Dr Sean Gilbert for another 5 years from the 30.6.2022 to 30 June 2027. This decision to be conveyed to Dr Rev Sean Gilbert by the General Secretary. 2. COMMEND Rev Dr Sean Gilbert on his excellent review and for his participation in the development of the Professional Pastoral Supervision course. 4. a) REQUEST MLDB to progress its work to identify the vision, structure and long term sustainability of UCLT and Mission Resourcing. <li style="padding-left: 20px;">b) REQUEST MLDB bring a report to the December meeting with regard to the reports discussed at this meeting with a view to establishing a 2022 budget. 5. RECOGNISE that in response to the significant financial challenges faced by the MLD that the Synod Standing Committee acknowledge the significant pastoral implications for faculty and staff. 6. a) Receive with deep sadness and regret the letter of resignation from Rev Prof Andrew Dutney. 8. REQUEST MLDB to review the EO MLDB/ Principal role and bring a new Position Description/s to December Standing Committee.
3-Dec-2021	SSC21.169	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a) APPOINT a Principal/EO MLD for a 2-year period using the existing PD, with minor changes, commencing on 1 May 2022, with articulated areas of focus for the interim period. <li style="padding-left: 20px;">b) REQUEST the JNC to progress this and bring a name to the February meeting of Synod Standing Committee.
	SSC21.170	2. COMMEND the recent work of MLDB to decrease the 2022 call on the Synod Budget recognising the short-term strategies towards increasing income and REQUEST consultation with the Resources Board to achieve their strategies.
	SSC21.171	3. REQUEST the MLDB finalise 2022 budget arrangements and forward to the Resources Board meeting on 17 March 2022.
11-Feb-2022		RECEIVE the correspondence as shown:
	SSC22.08	<p>INCOMING</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Received 7/2/22 Letter of resignation from Rev Christy Capper, Vice-Principal and Director of Missiology at Uniting College for Leadership and Theology effective 30 June 2022. 2. Received 7/2/22 Letter of conclusion from Craig Bailey, Acting Principal and Director of Leadership effective 28-Apr-2022. 3. Received 11/2/22 Letter of resignation received from Tanya Wittwer. NB Tanya had extended from 21/12/21 to 31/03/22.
	SSC22.35	<p>5.1.2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. INCREASE the hours of Rev Dr Sean Gilbert, Lecturer in Ministry Practice, from 0.8FTE to 1.0 FTE from 1 March 2022.

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	SSC22.36	3.	a.	NOTE the Position Description for Executive Officer, Mission Leadership Development 0.5FTE
			b.	ASK the existing Principal JNC to progress the internal appointment of the MLDB 0.5FTE Executive Officer.
	SSC22.37	4.	a.	NOTE the draft Position Description for the Adelaide College of Divinity ACD Academic Dean (1.0FTE).
			b.	Realising the urgency for filling the vacancy REQUEST the Acting General Secretary in collaboration with HRRC and ACD Council, review and make appropriate changes to the Position Description for the Adelaide College of Divinity ACD Academic Dean (1.0FTE).and circulate the final document to the Synod Standing Committee for approval.
			c.	NOTING that a new Academic Dean is required by the end of June 2022, ESTABLISH a JNC to work towards the appointment of a new Academic Dean, subject to receiving a request from the Adelaide College of Divinity to-facilitate the process of seeking and appointing an Academic Dean and confirming its responsibility for the costs associated with the Academic Dean position
			d.	ASK the existing Principal JNC to be the JNC for the appointment of a new Academic Dean; with the addition of a representative from the Adelaide College of Divinity.
18-Mar-2022	SSC22.46			REQUEST Bronte Wilson, Moderator bring together a small group consisting of Kay Roberts-Thomson, Jan Trengove, Pam Bartholomeusz and the EO, MLD regarding the correspondence received from Kay and to progress the work around the vision, structure and long-term sustainability of UCLT and Mission Resourcing.
18-Mar-2022	SSC22.53			REQUEST the Chair of the Principal JNC proceed to call with the suggested name for Principal.
8-Apr-2022	SSC22.69	3.		NOTE the Memorandum of Understanding between Adelaide College of Divinity and Australian Lutheran College to the 0.3FTE secondment of the Academic Dean position from the ALC for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022.
	SSC22.70	4.		REQUEST EO, MLD work on the PD for the Academic Dean for 2023, and bring it to the Synod Standing Committee for approval

MISSION AND SERVICE FUND

9-Apr-2021	SSC21.51	3.		NOTE the Mission and Service Fund financial statements for the quarter ended 31 December 2020.
4-Jun-2021	SSC21.84			NOTE the Mission and Service Fund financial statements for the quarter ended 31 March 2021.
3-Sep-2021	SSC21.111			NOTE the Mission and Service Fund financial statements for the quarter ended 30 June 2021.
3-Dec-2021	SSC21.164	4.		NOTE the Mission and Service Fund financial statements for the quarter ended 30 September 202.
	SSC21.167	7.		ACKNOWLEDGE that the Mission and Service Fund, due to the financial impact of COVID-19, will not meet its balanced budget target in 2022.

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| SSC21.168 | 8. | APPROVE the 2022 Mission and Service Fund budget, in particular: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) An operating budget deficit (on an accrual basis) of \$36,000 (as attached in Attachment 1, plus costs savings for MLD approved by the SSC at this meeting) b) A capital expenditure budget of \$220,550 c) The 2022 Mission and Service Fund operating budget deficit will be funded from retained earnings. |
| 8-Apr-2022 | SSC22.77 | NOTE the Mission and Service Fund financial statements for the quarter ended 31 December 2021. |

NCLS – 2021 CENSUS

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| 4-Jun-2021 | SSC21.75 | AUTHORISE the Uniting Church Foundation Grants Committee to allocate up to \$12,500 (from Leadership development initiatives) to reimburse Presbyteries for Ministry Agent participants costs. |
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MODERATOR NOMINATION COMMITTEE

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| 9-Apr-2021 | SSC21.45 | 1. APPROVE the amended Role and Person Specification Moderator. |
| | SSC21.46 | 2. APPROVE the amended By-Laws 12.1.11 to 12.1.18, setting out the nominating and election process. |
| | SSC21.47 | 3. APPROVE the Moderator Nomination Form, to include the change regarding the FTE of the role, for use by Presbyteries (and Congregations to forward to Presbyteries). |
| | SSC21.48 | 4. ENDORSE the timeline for the Moderator Nominating Process. |
| | SSC21.49 | 5. EXTEND the term of the current Moderator until the 2023 Synod meeting (the date of which is yet to be determined). |
| | SSC21.50 | 6. a. SEEK nominations for a member of Wimala Presbytery to join the Moderator Nominating Committee and

b. REQUEST the Synod Standing Committee to appoint a member of the Wimala Presbytery to the Moderator Nominating Committee. |
| 11-Feb-2022 | SSC22.22 | Prayerfully consider and discern persons as nominees for Moderator-elect.
These names be conveyed in confidence to, Acting Convenor, Moderator Nominating Committee, Mr. Malcolm Wilson mwilson@sa.uca.org.au no later than Friday 25 th February 2022.
<i>(NOTE. The proposer does not need to consult with the nominee. This is part of MNC role.)</i> |
| 18-Mar-2022 | SSC22.57 | 3. RESOLVE TO VARY By Law 12. 1 .14 (a) to enable that only TWO nominees be considered for election at the June 2022 Synod meeting, noting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Synod By-Law 12.1.14 (e) each nominee will be invited to have a support person with them on the day of the ballot. Synod By-Law 12.1.14 (f) Synod chaplains will gather with nominees while the ballot is being conducted, and provide pastoral and prayerful support during the process |

PARISH MISSION COUNCILS

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| 18-Mar-2022 | SSC22.49 | 1. REQUEST a report from Clayton Wesley Parish Mission Council for both the Wimala Presbytery and Synod that included its achievements and relationships. |
| | SSC22.50 | 2. REQUEST Rev Sue Page, Associate General Secretary to work with Wimala Presbytery to bring a report to Synod Standing Committee addressing the matters of Clayton Wesley Parish Mission Council. |
| | SSC22.51 | 3. CONDUCT an audit of current Parish Mission Councils. |

PARKIN MISSION PARKIN TRUST

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| 4-Jun-2021 | SSC21.76 | 1. a) APPROVE the changes to the Parkin Mission of South Australia Incorporated Deed of Settlement contained in the The Parkin Mission of South Australia Incorporated Act 1968-1976.

b) DETERMINE that the method of executing the changes be as advised by the State Attorney General's office. |
| 15-Oct-2021 | SSC21.123
Oct | 1. HOLD elections for the governors of the Parkin Mission and Parkin Trust at the ordinary Synod meeting or ordinary Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of each calendar year, whichever occurs later.
2. a) ELECT Paul Frisby as governor of the Parkin Mission and Parkin Trust for a three year term, concluding in the last quarter of the year 2024.
b) ELECT Peter Headland as governor of the Parkin Mission and Parkin Trust for a three year term, concluding in the last quarter of the year 2024 |
| 3-Dec-2021 | SSC21.139 | ELECT Rev Greg Walker as governor of the Parkin Mission and Parkin Trust for a three year term, concluding in the last quarter of the year 2024. |

PLACEMENTS AND SAFE CHURCH

Appointments

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| 9-Apr-2021 | SSC21.66 | APPOINT the following people (up to 4 people) as members of the Placements Committee (subject to consent): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rev Mark Kickett• Rev Dr Paul Goh• Rev Liz Dyson |
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PRESBYTERY MATTERS

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| 9-Apr-2021 | SSC21.01 | APPROVE a remunerated position for the POSSA Presbytery Secretary at an amount equivalent to 0.3 FTE stipend. |
| | SSC21.23 | 1. NOTE the amalgamation of Arthurton Uniting Church (ABN 92732915811) and Maitland Uniting Church (ABN 58822770977) congregations from November 2020. |
| | SSC21.24 | 2. NOTE the amalgamation of Urania (ABN 93 632 297 836) Uniting Church and Maitland Uniting Church (ABN 58822770977) congregations from February/ March 2021. |

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6-Aug-2021	SSC21.103	NOTE the closure of the Hare Street congregation (ABN 65287379158), as of 30 September, 2021 noting that the final service of worship will be 27 June 2021.
15-Oct-2021	SSC21.123 Oct	4. a) NOTE Wimala Presbytery Standing Committee Resolution 2021_0901_1 to dissolve and cease to recognise the Carrieton Uniting Church (ABN unknown*) congregation effective from 26th September 2021; and Wimala Presbytery Standing Committee Resolution 2021_0901_2 to endorse the resolution of the Orreroo Uniting Church Council (in consultation with Carrieton UC members) to hand the Carrieton Uniting Church Property back to the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA). b) NOTE Wimala Presbytery Standing Committee Proposal 2021_0817_01 to dissolve and cease to recognise the Yorketown Uniting Church (ABN 492 9134 4355) effective from 26 September 2021.
11-Feb-2022	SSC22.14	2. NOTE the decision of Generate Presbytery: 1. Noting that the Freedom Uniting Church congregation has not been meeting for some years, AGREE to dissolve and cease to recognise the former Freedom Uniting Church congregation from 17 November 2021 (Reg. 3.4.3 (a)). 2. Noting that Parafield Gardens Uniting Church had been given approval by the Presbytery of SA (26 February 2018) to regenerate the Freedom Uniting Church Paralowie as a second campus, AGREE to recognise the new church community (campus) at Paralowie as a faith community and a new church plant under the oversight of Parafield Gardens UC from 17 November 2021 (Reg. 3.9.2. (a))
18-Mar-2022	SSC22.55	NOTE the decision of Generate Presbytery to cease to recognise (dissolve) the Streaky Bay Faith Community (Reg. 3.9.2 (f) from 1 March 2022. ABN 91553615885.
8-Apr-2022	SSC22.74	AGREE to the request from Parafield Gardens Uniting Church Congregation to change the name to Waypoint Uniting Church.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS COMMITTEE (FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION)

Rev Mark Kickett

3-Sep-2021	SSC21.120	CONGRATULATE Rev Mark Kickett as he has been recognised as a UCA Minister from 23 July 2021.
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RESOURCES

9-Apr-2021	SSC21.52	NOTE: a. the feedback from Presbytery Office Bearers, sought in light of the discussion at the 27 November 2020 Synod Standing Committee regarding the current distribution from the sale of surplus property to the New Ministry Development Fund, that any allocation of funding should be in step with the Property Review Report resolutions of Synod. b. The advice from the Resources Board, which recommends that, mindful of the resolutions of the 2021 Synod meeting in relation to the 'Property Review Report',
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- i. Any funding options provided by Synod to fund congregations' property matters identified in the congregations' Buildings Safety Reports should be in step with the resolutions from Synod 2021 regarding the Property Review Report.
 - ii. It does not support the use of funds held by the Synod in the 'New Church and Ministry Development Fund' to fund congregation property maintenance.
- 3-Dec-2021 SSC21.165 4. NOTE the inclusion of the following paragraph in the Property Sales Proceeds Policy:
'where there is a leasing lump sum payment that is equal to or greater than 5 times the average annual rental the whole lump sum should be categorised as 'property sales' under the Property Sales Proceeds Policy and any other payments made under the lease will continue to be covered by existing policies'.

Appointments

- 3-Dec-2021 SSC21.161 9. *In accordance with sections 11.(2)(d) and 11.(6) of 'The Uniting Church in Australia Act, 1976-1977', APPROVE the following appointments:*
- a. Steve Roder as a member of the Property Trust for a period of two years commencing from the rise of the December 2021 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2023 calendar year, whichever occurs later.
 - b. Rob Stoner as a member of the Property Trust for a period of two years commencing from the rise of the December 2021 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2023 calendar year, whichever occurs later.
 - c. Robyn Caldicott as a member of the Property Trust for a period of two years commencing from the rise of the December 2021 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2023 calendar year, whichever occurs later.
 - d. Michael McClaren as Chairperson of the Property Trust for a period of one year from the rise of the December 2021 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2022 calendar year, whichever occurs later.
 - e. Peter Battersby as Secretary of the Property Trust for a period of one year from the rise of the December 2021 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2022 calendar year, whichever occurs later.
- SSC21.162 10. APPOINT Mark Elford to the Resources Board for his 1st term commencing from the rise of the December 2021 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2023 calendar year, whichever occurs later.

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- SSC21.163 11. APPOINT Rob Stoner as Chairperson of the Resources Board commencing from the rise of the December 2021 Synod Standing Committee meeting and concluding at the Synod meeting or Synod Standing Committee meeting held in the final quarter of the 2023 calendar year, whichever occurs later.

Financial Reports

- 4-Jun-2021 SSC21.86 2. NOTE the Overview of 2020 Financial Statements Report for the year ended 31 December 2020.
- SSC21.87 3. APPROVE the adoption of the completed 2020 Financial Statements.
- SSC21.88 4. ACKNOWLEDGE the ongoing commitment of congregations to the wider Church through their 2020 Mission and Service Fund contributions.
- 3-Sep-2021 SSC21.112 2. APPROVE the amendments to the Disbursement of Funds when Congregations Close Policy.
- SSC21.129 4. Formally THANK Synod Leaders for the work they are doing to help the budget.
- 15-Oct-2021 SSC21.125 APPROVE the adoption of the financial statements as at 31 December 2020 for:
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a. Stillpoint Community
b. Generate Presbytery
c. Presbytery of Southern SA
d. Wimala Presbytery

STANDING COMMITTEE

Appointments

- 18-Mar-2022 SSC22.56 2. APPOINT the following people to the Synod Standing Committee Nominating Committee (subject to their agreement):
a. Rev Sue Page
b. Rev Andrew Robertson
c. Rev Mark Schultz
d. Rev Ann Phillips (Rural)

Appreciation

- 9-Apr-2021 SSC21.18 COMMEND Peter Battersby in his role of Executive Officer, Resources with the South Australian Synod.
- 4-Jun-2021 SSC21.89 1. ACKNOWLEDGE with gratitude the significant and faithful ministry in Mental Health Chaplaincy by the Rev Mark Boyce (Deacon).
- SSC21.90 2. REQUEST that the Moderator communicate our gratitude to Mark
- 3-Sep-2021 SC21.99 1. COMMEND AND THANK Rev Christy Capper and Craig Bailey for undertaking the role of Acting Principal.
- SC21.100 2. COMMEND AND THANK Rev Mark Kickett for his commitment to Congress SA.

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- 3-Dec-2021 SSC21.173 1. EXPRESS thanks to Ms Sharonne Price for outstanding leadership of the Synod Sexual Misconduct Committee and her continuing leadership in safe ministry practice.
- SSC21.174 2. EXPRESS their thanks to Rev Naomi Duke for chairing Placements Committee during a difficult time of transition for the committee as we moved back to multiple presbyteries and PRC's. As well as leading the Placements Committee through the pandemic and the challenges Covid brought to our processes.
- 11-Feb-2022 SSC22.09 WRITE to Rev Christy Capper, Craig Bailey and Tanya Witter expressing appreciation for their work at Uniting College for Leadership and Theology and praying for Gods sense of Call and timing on their lives.

Meetings

- 9-Apr-2021 SSC21.25 APPROVE the following additional meeting dates of the SSC:
- 3-Dec-2021
 - 11-Feb-2022
 - 1 April 2022
 - 6 May 2022
- 6-Aug-2021 SSC21.104 DETERMINE the follow dates for the next meeting of the Synod:
- a. The Celebration of Ministry service is held as a stand-alone event on 27 February 2022.
 - b. The Synod meeting be held as follows:
 - i. Online meeting on Saturday 18 June 2022. This would include some proposals, but also engagement with reports in online electives.
 - ii. Face to face meeting held between Thursday 23 June to Saturday 25 June (all three days may not be necessary), at a venue to be determined.

Moderator

- 3-Sep-2021 SSC21.121 3. a. APPOINT the following to conduct the Moderator's Mid-Term Review.
1. Mrs Jan Trengove
 2. Rev Philip Gardner
 3. Mr Bruce Ind
 4. Rev Andrew Robertson

Synod Membership Review Task Group

- 6-Aug-2021 SSC21.106 APPROVE membership of the Synod Membership Review Task Group as Rev Dr Graham Vawser; David Buxton, Michelle Harris, and Kerry Wilson and Rev Sue Page as convenor.
- 15-Oct-2021 SSC21.123 ADOPT the recommendation for the model of Synod membership make up
Oct provided by the Synod Membership Review Group's report.

STIPENDS

6-Aug-2021	SSC21.106	8. a. APPROVE Schedule A Stipends and Allowances for 2022 for budget planning purposes, and the increases be affirmed at the December Synod Standing Committee meeting.
9-Apr-2021	SSC21.26	APPROVE Schedule A Stipends and allowances 1 July to 31 December 2021.
3-Dec-2021	SSC21.136	1. a. APPROVE Schedule A Stipends and Allowances for 2022. b. REQUEST the General Secretary write to congregation treasurers explaining the increase to stipend and allowances.
	SSC21.137	2. DIRECT Stipends Committee to: a. DISBURSE the funds accumulated in the TEQ as at 31 December 2021 as follows: 20% to each presbytery; 40% retained by Synod, with funds are to be used for the purpose of subsidizing travel. b. DISBURSE collection of the TEQ for 2022 and 2023, as at 31 December each year as follows: 20% to each presbytery; 40% retained by Synod, with funds to be used for the purpose of subsidizing travel. c. REVIEW the collection and disbursement of the TEQ at the end of 2023. d. UPDATE the Ministerial Stipends & Related conditions of Placement Handbook & By-Laws to reflect the new arrangements. e. ENSURE that a contribution to the TEQ is made for every Minister of the Word, Deacon and persons exercising the Ministry of Pastor role in a placement. f. DECREASE the contribution rate of TEQ to \$120 for 2022 and 2023.
	SSC21.138	3. DETERMINE that in the case of the Moderator –elect, the Synod is responsible for providing accommodation when the Moderator-elect becomes the Moderator; whether that be via a manse, the accommodation allowance if the Moderator-elect owns their own home, or if rental accommodation is required, the Synod will pay the full rental amount. The choice of accommodation and budget will be a joint decision between the Moderator-elect and the Synod (through Stipends Committee).

SYNOD PLANNING & STRATEGY (MISSION & PROPERTY) WORKING GROUP

9-Apr-2021	SSC21.15	1. APPROVE the Synod Planning & Strategy (Mission & Property) Working Group Skills Matrix as agreed by the Synod Standing Committee's (SSC) nomination process.
	SSC21.16	2. AUTHORISE the General Secretary to contact the list of potential members for the Working Group, consistent with the priorities identified by the SSC and following email approval, call the first meeting of the Synod Planning and Strategy (Mission & Property) Working Group early in May.
	SSC21.17	3. APPROVE the Synod Planning & Strategy (Mission & Property) Working Group Timeline.

SYNOD MEETING

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| 11-Feb-2022 | SSC22.15 | 3. | HOLD the in person portion of the meeting of the Synod from 9.30am to 5.30pm on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 June at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre. |
| | SSC22.16 | 4. | HOLD the Celebration of Ministry service on Sunday, 31 July 2022 at a venue yet to be determined. |
| 8-Apr-2022 | SSC22.76 | 6. | REQUEST Business Committee consider the possibility of the Synod meeting being open to all through technological means and advise of the outcome of their deliberation at the next meeting of Synod Standing Committee. |

YORKE PENINSULA REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

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| 11-Feb-2022 | SSC22.17 | 5. | NOTE the work and recommendations of the Yorke Peninsula Restructure Task Group. |
| | SSC22.18 | 6. a. | DESIGNATE the seventeen congregations and faith communities on Yorke Peninsula as a Parish Mission to be designated the Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission under Regulation 3.9 (Alternative Local Church Structures). |
| | SSC22.19 | b. | NOTING the Congregations within the Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission Council remain separate for the purposes of Mission and Service Fund contributions, Presbytery Pool allocation determination. |
| | | 7. | APPOINT the membership of the Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission Council (Reg 3.9.1 (c)) which will comprise of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three representatives from each cluster • all ministry agents in placement • two representatives from each of Wimala and Generate Presbyteries • one representative from Synod The Yorke Peninsula Restructure Intentional Interim Minister would resource the Council. |
| | SSC22.20 | 8. | REQUEST the Presbyteries and clusters bring names of representatives to the April 2022 Synod Standing Committee for appointment. |
| | SSC22.21 | 9. | APPOINT Bronte Wilson, current Moderator as the initial Chair of the Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission Council. |
| 8-Apr-2022 | SSC22.75 | | APPOINT the nominated persons to the Yorke Peninsula Regional Mission council. |

UNITING ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER CHRISTIAN CONGRESS (UAICC)

9-Apr-2021 SSC21.55 APPROVE the delegation of the following Presbytery responsibilities to UAICC SA as shown below:

From Regulations 3.1.3

- Oversight of Ministers:
 - (a) Pastoral and Administrative oversight of all Ministers and Pastoral charges within the bounds.
 - (i) Counselling and disciplining of Ministers in accordance with Regulations 5.4.1-5.4.3;
 - (ii) Ensuring Ministers receive regular professional supervision;
 - (iii) Providing opportunities for further training.
 - (b) Maintaining and reviewing annually the roll of Ministers;
- Oversight of Congregations:
 - (d) Oversight of all Congregations within the bounds, including:
 - (i) The formation of, the alteration of the bounds of and the dissolution of Congregations and other pastoral charges within the bounds; (See Reg. 3.4.1 and 3.4.4).
 - (ii) Conducting consultations on the life and witness of Congregations within the bounds in accordance with Regulation 3.1.4;
 - (iii) Receiving and dealing with matters referred to it by Congregations and Church Councils as provided for in Regulation 3.3.3(d) and the transmission of those matters where appropriate;
- Wider work of the church:
 - (e) Promoting the wider aspects of the work of the Church
- Selection and Oversight of Candidates:
 - (f) Taking such part in the selection, pastoral care and oversight of candidates for the specified ministries of the Church as required by the Synod and/or Assembly;
 - (g) Dealing with applications from Ministers of the Word or Deacons concerning change of ordained ministry in accordance with Regulation 2.3.2.6;
- Ordination, Accreditation or Recognition of Specified Ministries:
 - (h) The ordination of candidates who have fulfilled the prescribed requirements for the office of Minister of the Word or Deacon
 - (i) Recognising specified ministries;
- Oversight of Lay Preachers:
 - (j) The exercise of oversight Lay Preachers within its bounds
- Placement and Appointment of Specified Ministries and Supervision of Vacancies:
 - (k) The supervision of vacancies in pastoral charges and the filling thereof subject to any right of the bodies concerned to take part in the placement of Ministers;
 - (l) The placement of Lay Pastors and Youth Workers as may be required;
 - (m) Designating appointments for the Ministry of Pastors and recognising and commissioning Pastors;
 - (n) In the exercise of its responsibility for the oversight of congregations during periods when the Congregation does not have a Minister in placement

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Other

- (q) Providing for persons other than Ministers of the Word or Deacon to preside at the celebration of the sacraments;
- (r) Determining from time to time, and for good and sufficient reasons, the extent to which a Minister who is designated as on a leave of absence, retired or not available for placement (See Reg. 2.6.1) shall be limited in the exercise of all or any of the functions of ministerial office. Any such determination shall be immediately reported to the Moderator and the Secretary of the Synod.

Consultations on the Life and Witness of a Congregation:

- (a) Consultations on the life and witness of a Congregation shall be conducted (by UAICC, in consultation with the Presbytery), with the Congregation including any Ministers, Youth Workers, Pastors or Lay Pastors serving in placements in the Congregation and any Community Ministers serving in the Congregation.

- 6-Aug-2021 SSC21.114 APPROVE the delegation of the following Presbytery responsibilities from Regulation 3.9.2 to UAICC SA:
- a. A Presbytery may recognize as a Faith Community a grouping of people who;
 - i. are seeking to explore the implications of faith in God, gathering in order to serve the community and / or nurturing one another in faith; or
 - ii. are worshipping together and seeking to relate to the Church for nurture and support, and
 - iii. apply to the Presbytery to be recognized as a Faith Community
 - b. A Faith Community may include confirmed members of the Church who hold their membership in a Congregation or who have their membership recorded with the Presbytery.
 - c. A Faith Community will order its life, under the oversight of the Presbytery, so as to encourage its participants, develop its mission, and be accountable for its resources, and may seek the guidance of a Presbytery about possible ways to do so.
 - d. A Faith Community may appoint leaders from its participants and may designate a participant to attend meetings of the Presbytery.
 - e. A Faith Community may apply to Presbytery to be recognized as a Congregation. A Presbytery may request a Faith Community to make such an application.
 - f. A Presbytery may cease to recognize a Faith Community.

15-Oct-2021 SSC21.126 APPROVE the Memorandum of Understanding between the UAICC in SA
Oct and the SA Presbyteries.

- 8-Apr-2022 SSC22.79 1. NOTE The total project cost for the Oodnadatta Building of \$572,184
- SSC22.80 2. NOTE The total proposed expenditure from the Congress Capital Fund of \$630,887, being made up of:
- 1. Oodnadatta Church Building - \$538,650
 - 2. Raukkan Bus - \$82,237
 - 3. Other Minor Capital Works - \$10,000

UNITINGCARE

- 11-Feb-2022 SSC22.11 1. NOTE the Position Description for the 0.6FTE Interim UnitingCare SA Liaison Officer
- SSC22.12 2. NOTE the appointment of Rev Dr Adrian Brown to the placement of Interim UnitingCare SA Liaison Officer 0.6FTE for a period of 6 months.