



Template: Model Minute for church councils and presbyteries

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Annual adoption of the child and youth risk management strategy

To comply with the Act, and the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) National Child Safe Policy [Framework](#) 2022, all church councils and presbytery committees are required each year to:

- formally adopt or reaffirm the Safe Ministry with Children [policy](#); and
- to record a statement of commitment to the safety and protection of all people, including children

This process is to be recorded in Church Council or Presbytery Committee Meeting Minutes. Here is some suggested wording:

Date: _____

Congregation: _____

is committed to providing safe places where people are cared for, nurtured and sustained and commits itself to the care, protection and safety of all people, particularly those who are vulnerable. We commit to ongoing compliance with requirements of the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 and the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020, the UCA National Child Safe Policy Framework 2022, and adopt the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod Safe Ministry with Children: Providing Safe Ministry Policy. We will ensure the implementation of procedures and resources to assist our congregation to meet and demonstrate its responsibilities under the Act.”

Agreed by consensus.

This meets the requirement of the Act to have a statement of commitment to the safety and protection of children, and a child and youth risk management strategy which is reviewed annually. In addition, we commit to implementing safe ministry practices regarding children and vulnerable adults in line with the UCA National Child Safe Policy Framework 2022.

Signature: _____

Council or Committee Chairperson

Print name: _____



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