



Template: Model Minute with Resolution to not undertake child-related activity

C/2.1.13.4

Annual adoption of the Safe Church Policy

To comply with the Act, the ten (10) National Principles for Child Safe Organisations 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 Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod Safe Church Policy as their risk management strategy; and
- to record a statement of commitment to the safety and protection of all people, including children
- a council resolution to be made or 'not rescinded' if the congregation decides to not offer child-related activities.

This process is to be recorded in Church Council 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 formally record THIS statement of commitment, and adopt the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod Safe Church Policy as our risk management strategy. We commit to implementing Safe Church practices and procedures and will utilise Safe Church resources and tools to assist our organisation to meet and demonstrate its responsibilities under the Safe Church Policy.

Resolution

"The Church Council also resolves or does not rescind their decision to not offer child-related activities until further notice. Accordingly, no church council member will be under statutory obligation to hold a blue card for the purpose of their office."

Agreed by consensus.

Signature: _____
Council Chairperson

Print name: _____



Revisions

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