



The Uniting Church in Australia
QUEENSLAND SYNOD

Uniting in Christ
acting with love
living with hope
witnessing in faith
working for justice



disciples
on the way

30TH SYNOD
MINUTES

24 - 28 MAY 2013

Alexandra Park Conference Centre | Rev Kaye Ronalds Moderator | Dr Shirley Coulson General Secretary

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**THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
Thirtieth Queensland Synod**

Constituted at 7.00pm on Friday, 24 May 2013

**Regulation 3.3.7 (a)(i)
Assembly Ex-Officio**

Corkin, Terence (Rev)

**Regulation 3.3.7 (a)(ii) and By-Law Q1.1.3
Synod Ex-Officio**

Ministers

Cox, John (Rev)
Gunton, Andrew (Rev)
Johnson, Bruce (Rev)
MacGregor, David (Rev)
Ronalds, Kaye (Rev)
Thompson, Geoff (Rev Dr)

Lay Members

Barnard, Chris (Mr)
Coulson, Shirley (Dr)
Cross, Anne (Ms)
Dutney, Neil (Mr)
McBryde, Andrew (Mr)
Packer, Robert (Mr)
Rae, Elaine (Mrs)
Thorpe, Neil (Mr)
Watson, Heather (Ms)

Regulations 3.3.7 (a)(iii) & (iv) and Synod Standing Committee Res. 12.133.01 & 12.133.02

The Presbyteries

Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane

Ministers

Arnett, Peter (Rev)
Baker, David (Rev)
Batty, Craig (Rev)
Brennan, Robert (Rev Dr)
Den Houting, Heather (Rev)
Griffin, Heather (Rev)
Hewson, Ann (Rev)
Hobson, Kath (Rev)
Kickbusch, Brian (Rev)
Lockhart, Peter (Rev)
McDonald, Euan (Rev)
Nolan, Elizabeth (Rev Dr)
Nottle, Josie (Rev)
Reynoldson, Russell (Rev)
Smallbone, Ian (Rev)
Statharkis, Costa (Rev)

Lay Members

Bennett, Robert (Mr)
Braithwaite, John (Pastor)
Brecknell, Douglas (Mr)
Brecknell, Jenny (Mrs)
Charles, Janice (Mrs)
Cook, Averil (Ms)
Crompton, Ray (Mr)
Doyle, Shirley (Mrs)
Fryga, Maureen (Ms)
Gomersall, Simon (Pastor)
Healy, Marilyn (Dr)
Kroll, Graheme (Mr)
Marais, Iris (Mrs)
Mudie, Terry (Mr)
Nydal, Jensen (Mr)
Rothery, Noel (Mr)
Scorgie, Ian (Mr)
Shaw, Ron (Mr)
Staines, Janet (Mrs)
Thompson, Harry (Mr)
Thompson, Janice (Mrs)
Waugh, Santana (Ms)

Presbytery of Calvary

Ministers

Adams, John (Rev)
Corowa, Dennis (Rev)

Lay Members

Hollingsworth, Lloyd (Mr)
Johnson, Ben (Mr)
Kowerapta, Issac (Mr)
Roughsey, Louisa (Ms)
Wapau, Palmer (Mr)
Yunkaporta, Herbert (Mr)

Presbytery of Central Queensland

Ministers

Ballment, Scott (Rev)
Ferguson, David (Rev Dr)
Gilbert, Brian (Rev)
Ingram, Glenn (Rev)
Louttit, Glenn (Rev)
McHugh, Wayne (Rev)
Sitton, Suzy (Rev)
Smith, Allan (Rev)
Tuilovoni, Stanley (Rev)
Tutin, Arthur (Rev)
Whyte, Jan (Rev)

Lay Members

Brown, Laura (Ms)
Caird, Gavin (Mr)
Core, Philipa (Mrs)
Cribb, John (Mr)
Hobson, Alan (Mr)
Hooper, Brendan (Mr)
Horton, David (Mr)
MacErlich, Rhonda (Mrs)
Muston, Donna (Mrs)
Payne, Andrea (Miss)
Whyte, Ken (Mr)

Presbytery of Mary Burnett

Ministers

Algate, Sue (Rev Dr)
Batson, Pam (Rev)
Fanning, David (Rev)
Fihaki, Hedley (Rev Dr)
Fox, Andrew (Rev)
Gaffel, Leonie (Rev)
Hanson, Linda (Rev)
Harriman, Bob (Rev)
Hoole, Brian (Rev)
King, Darren (Rev)
Nagel, Brian (Rev)
Osborne, Robin (Rev)
Overton, Peter (Rev)
Pienaar, Schalk (Rev Dr)
Stevenson, James (Rev)
Taubner, Peter (Rev)
Thomas, Dave (Rev)

Lay Members

Barton, Fay (Pastor)
Daniels, John (Mr)
Edgar, David (Mr)
Fanning, Susan (Mrs)
Gillespie, Allan (Mr)
Huth, Ann (Mrs)
Huth, Graham (Pastor)
Huth, Trevor (Mr)
Nicholson, Rollo (Mr)
O'Hara, Wendy (Mrs)
Pickering, Jenny (Mrs)
Smith, Phil (Pastor)
Staines, Helen (Mrs)
Toft, Adele (Mrs)
Turpin, Thelma (Mrs)
Walker, Lloyd (Dr)
Wishart, Ruth (Mrs)

Presbytery of Moreton Rivers

Ministers

Armstrong, Peter (Rev)
Burden, Lyn (Rev)

Lay Members

Adsett, Greg (Mr)
Airey, Ian (Dr)

Clark, Paul (Rev)
Cornford, Mark (Rev)
Dansie, John (Rev)
Davis, Lynne (Rev)
Fender, David (Rev)
Fisher, Rodney (Rev)
Fysh , Murray (Rev)
Henderson, Stephen (Rev)
Holden, Chris (Rev)
Hulbert, Anne (Rev)
Manopavan , Subramaniam (Rev)
Mawbey, Monique (Rev)
McRostie, Yvonne (Rev)
Mulcahy, Glenn (Rev)
Mullan, Paddi (Rev)
Ngaluafe, Fa (Rev)
Richards, Tanya (Rev)
Ruhle, John (Rev)
Sargeant, Wendi (Rev Dr)
Seto, Keren (Rev)
Skippen, Daniel (Rev)

Anquetil, Christine (Mrs)
Anquetil, Philip (Mr)
Barnard, Helen (Mrs)
Barton, Nathan (Mr)
Batkin, Geoff (Mr)
Bennett, Carolyn (Mrs)
Blackmore, Wendy (Ms)
Bowler, Karen (Ms)
Bridges, Leonie (Mrs)
Brunt, Robson (Mr)
Clarke, Graham (Mr)
Claydon, Jennifer (Mrs)
Gillingham, Iris (Mrs)
Greig, David (Mr)
Harris, Kathy (Ms)
Killey, Jessica (Ms)
Lance, Richard (Pastor)
Laurie, Fay (Mrs)
McDonald, Lynelle (Mrs)
Murray, Atholl (Mr)
Nugent, Danny (Mr)
Packer, Joe (Mr)
Reid, Graham (Mr)
Skippen, Beatriz (Mrs)
Stanyer, Terry (Pastor)
Talatonu, Faye (Mrs)
Thomas, Howard (Mr)
Unkles, Elaine (Ms)
Wood, Peter (Mr)
Yarrow, Cliff (Pastor)

Presbytery of North Queensland

Ministers

Allen, Christy (Rev)
Blauw, Peter (Rev)
Clark, Russell (Rev)
Cornish, Bruce (Rev)
Cox, Barry (Rev)
Dewar, Mark (Rev)
Hardingham, Garry (Rev)
Harley, Anne (Rev)
Hee Seo, Myeong Priscilla (Rev)
Hun Weon, Young (Rev)
Kammermann, Shane (Rev)
Newell, Leo (Rev)
Pearson, Jim (Rev)
Rankin, Greg (Rev)
Smallwood, Luke (Rev)
Watson, Ron (Rev)
Woodward, Peter (Rev)

Lay Members

Brown, Jenny (Miss)
Bryde, Jan (Pastor)
Burmeister, Sharyn (Mrs)
Cauchi, Travis (Mr)
Cowen, John (Mr)
Cowen, Marcia (Pastor)
Dewar, Marie (Mrs)
Fraser, Greg (Mr)
Hall, Iris (Mrs)
Hosking, Richard (Mr)
Jorgensen, Joyce (Mrs)
Lobley, Bevan (Mr)
Mitchell, Helen (Mrs)
Ness, Ian (Pastor)
Savage, Ian (Mr)

Presbytery of South Moreton

Ministers

Batt, Colin (Rev)
Battersby, Orrell (Rev)
Branjerdporn, Lek (Rev)
Busch, Jenny (Rev)
Coombes, Malcolm (Rev Dr)
Dick, Helen (Rev)
Dunbar, Jock (Rev)
Edwards, Louise (Rev)
Elliott, Peter (Rev)
Fisher, Gwen (Rev)
Foote, Bradley (Rev)
Gibson, Lynne (Rev)
Gibson, Trevor (Rev)
Haak, Jim (Rev)
Keech, Graham (Rev)
Kilah, Harold (Rev)
Ko, James (Rev)
Lord, Ian (Rev)
Lucas, John (Rev Dr)
Matthews, Hohaia (Rev)
Mila, Viliami (Rev)
Miles, Bob (Rev)
Nicholls, Beth (Rev)
Ragata, Jovilisi (Rev)
Robinson, Alan (Rev)
Robinson, Tim (Rev)
Ross, Andrew (Rev)
Senituli, Lu (Rev)
Smale, Peter (Rev)
Spencer, Dona (Rev)
Wheeley, Melanie (Rev)
Wilson, Ian (Rev)

Lay Members

Alfredson, Peter (Dr)
Au, Gewa (Dr)
Ballment, Neil (Mr)
Baxter, Val (Mrs)
Benson, Clive (Mr)
Benson, Sue (Mrs)
Busch, David (Mr)
Clapham, Jenny (Mrs)
Dansie, Heather (Mrs)
Eivers, Hazel (Mrs)
Eivers, Rodney (Mr)
Foulkes, Lynton (Mr)
Gees, Matt (Mr)
Gibson, David (Mr)
Gilliland, Robert (Mr)
Graves, Con (Mr)
Hartwig, Andrew (Mr)
Helwig, Amanda (Miss)
Hill, Geoff (Mr)
Hohnke, Jim (Pastor)
Irving, Glyn (Mr)
Leth, Moses (Pastor)
Lipsett, Melissa (Pastor)
Lister, John (Mr)
Lister, Noela (Mrs)
Marett, Trevor (Mr)
Maying, Elizabeth (Mrs)
McGaw, Allison (Mrs)
McNaught, Daphne (Ms)
Miles, Kerry (Mrs)
Pearce, Russell (Mr)
Puot Paul, Rachel (Ms)
Rae, John (Mr)
Ragata, Amele (Mrs)
Richardson, Ann (Mrs)
Rowe, Greg (Mr)
Sandilands, Rob (Mr)
Schweitzer, Glen (Pastor)
Stanley, Libby (Ms)
Tschernez, Tricia (Mrs)

Presbytery of The Downs

Ministers

Callow, Rob (Rev)
Case, John (Rev)
Dix, Kate (Rev)
Gillies, Andrew (Rev)
Griggs, Tim (Rev)
Hamill, Linda (Rev)
Kruger, Marius (Rev)
Morris, May (Rev)
Raymond, Bruce (Rev)

Lay Members

Agnew, John (Mr)
Agnew, Joy (Mrs)
Burgess, Bob (Dr)
Cornford, Yvonne (Mrs)
Curnow, Annette (Mrs)
Curnow, Derek (Mr)
Denning, Pauline (Mrs)
Hemming, Rob (Mr)
Henman, Brian (Mr)

Shumack, Tony (Rev)
Sims, Jenny (Rev)
Slaughter, Graham (Rev)

Hewitt, Iven (Mr)
Kirk, Sharon (Mrs)
Neal, Allan (Mr)
Noble, Jenny (Mrs)
Proudlock, Wilma (Mrs)
Sorensen, Lorraine (Ms)

Regulation 3.3.7 (a)(v) and By-Law Q1.1.4

FIP Board

Cambridge, Bob (Mr)
Collins, Ralph (Mr)
Hanson, Allan (Mr)

Board for Christian Formation

Hennessy, Mike (Mr)
Thomas, Ranjeny (Prof)

UnitingCare Queensland Board

Barke, Craig (Mr)
Geyer, Colleen (Ms)
Pitman, David (Rev Dr)

Regulation 3.3.7 (vii) & 3.3.7 (c) & (d) and By-Law Q1.1.6 (a) & (b)

Co-options

Ash, Lauren (Miss)
Foulkes, Caroline (Mrs)

Regulation 3.3.7 (vi) and By-Law Q1.1.5

Candidates

Baunach, Matthew (Mr)
Takai, Unga (Mr)

**THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
QUEENSLAND SYNOD**

THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTIETH SYNOD

Held at

Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Alexandra Headlands, Queensland

24 May – 28 May 2013

The Constitution of the Synod

- 13.01** At the Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Mari Street, Alexandra Headlands, at 7.00 p.m. on Friday, 24 May 2013, the Uniting Church in Australia (Queensland Synod) met in worship. The Synod was duly constituted by the Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds, under the authority given by the Constitution and Regulations of The Uniting Church in Australia.

Recognition of Traditional Owners of the Land

- 13.02** As part of the opening worship service, the Synod acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the 30th Synod met and gave thanks for their stewardship. Mr Tom Cleary provided a greeting on behalf of the Undambi people.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.03** (a) Notes the appointment by the Synod Standing Committee of the members of the Business Committee -
- Rev Kaye Ronalds (The Moderator)
Dr Shirley Coulson (The General Secretary)
Rev Brian Kickbusch
Rev Bruce Johnson
Rev Heather den Houting
Rev Josie Nottle
Miss Lauren Ash
- (b) Appoints Rev Brian Kickbusch as Convenor of the Business Committee; and
- (c) Authorises the Committee to co-opt other persons as necessary for specific business.
- 13.04** (a) Appoints Dr Michael Hewson as Convenor of the Facilitation Committee and authorises the Convenor to co-opt members for that Committee.
- (b) Appoints Rev Lyn Burden and Pastor Melissa Lipsett as Small Group Co-ordinators.
- 13.05** Appoints Mrs Ana Mila as Minutes Secretary.

- 13.06** Appoints Rev Heather den Houting as Convenor of the Ballot Committee and gives her authority to co-opt members for that Committee.
(Consensus)
- 13.07** Determines that the Roll of the Synod be as tabled at the third plenary session on Saturday, 25 May 2013.
(Consensus)
- 13.08** Determines that unless otherwise agreed, the hours of session for the Synod shall be –
- | | |
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| Friday, 24 May | 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. |
| Saturday, 25 May | 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. 7.15 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. |
| Sunday, 26 May | 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. |
| Monday, 27 May | 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 28 May | 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. 1.45 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. |
- (Consensus)
- 13.09** Determines that the Bar of the House be defined as the numbered tables in the auditorium.
- 13.10** Adopts the use of the procedures of *A Manual for Meetings in the Uniting Church (2001)*.
- 13.11** (a) Determines that all nominations for the election to the Synod Standing Committee, will close at 7.00pm, 25 May 2013 and that the ballots will be held as determined by the Business Committee, and
- (b) Endorses the decision of the Business Committee that nominations to all other Boards, Commissions and Committees closed on 22 April 2013.
(Consensus)
- 13.12** Determines that, unless otherwise resolved, appointments to membership of various Councils, Boards, Commissions and Committees, will be based on a simple majority and nominees must receive at least 50% of the votes to be elected.
- 13.13** Authorises the General Secretary to convey greetings on behalf of the Synod to other Synods within The Uniting Church in Australia.
- 13.14** Determines that General Proposals submitted by 5.00 pm. on 29 April 2013 (to be in the hands of the Synod Business Convenor at the c/- Synod Office, Auchenflower).
- 13.15** Authorises the Moderator, General Secretary and the Business Committee Convenor to confirm the Minutes of the 30th Synod.

GREETING TO THE GOVERNMENT/S OF THE DAY

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.16** (a) Authorises the Moderator to convey a greeting to the State and Federal Governments.
- (b) Approves that the following matters considered by the Synod be incorporated into the greeting to the appropriate government:
- (i) Care for older Australians based on need – request Government to implement an independent cost of care review.
 - (ii) Additional funding for support and care services for older Australians in rural and remote areas.
 - (iii) Affirm the ministry of Blue Care over the past 60 years for improving the life of Queenslanders.
 - (iv) Affirms the ministry of Lifeline over 50 years responding to people in emotional crisis.
 - (v) Concern for the vulnerability and safety of women in Micronesia and Pacific Island communities, and express support for programs to enable women to participate in leadership.
 - (vi) Notes with serious concern the breakdown in relationships between local government agents and the community leaders (who are also the UCA church leaders) and urges an increased recognition of traditional leadership and culture in indigenous communities.
 - (vii) Concern for the health and wellbeing of indigenous communities and the ongoing need for peace-making and reconciliation.
 - (viii) Impact of mining boom - provision of human services; fragmentation of communities; stress on households and individuals; the environment; farming land and expending all utility of the land for future generations; infrastructure and other related impacts.
 - (ix) Members took the opportunity to sign the Movement to End Poverty petition.
 - (x) Support for Micah Challenge's Finish the Race Campaign.

(Consensus)

ASSOCIATION OF VISITORS

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.17** Associates the following visitors with this Synod –

Dr Michael Hewson, Convenor of Facilitation Committee

Deacon Gary Stone, Guest Speaker for Norman & Mary Millar Lecture

Mr Bruce Mullan, Associate Director Church Solidarity (Pacific), UnitingWorld

Dr Libby Connors, Guest for *Impacts of mining on communities and the environment* Q&A (Senior lecturer at the University of Southern Queensland)

Dr Jim Cavaye, Guest for *Impacts of mining on communities and the environment* Q&A (Associate Professor at the University of Queensland)

(Consensus)

MODERATOR'S REPORT

It was RESOLVED that the Synod -

- 13.18** (a) Receives the Report of the Moderator.

(Consensus)

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 13.19** Receives the report of the General Secretary, together with Appendices and the Reports of the Synod Standing Committee, Finance and Property Services, Pastor Application Committee, Placements Committee, Project Officer – Christian Formation, Project Officer – Mission Engagement, Uniting Communications, Uniting World and Uniting Green.

Ministerial Changes

- 13.20** Notes the following ministerial changes contained in Appendix I to the report of the General Secretary –

1. RECEIVED BY ORDINATION

Ministry of the Word

Presbytery of Mary Burnett

Luke Smallwood

Presbytery of Moreton Rivers

Heather Allison

Somporn (Lek) Branjerdporn

Annelisifa (Fa) Ngaluafe

Presbytery of North Queensland

John Dansie

Rodney Fisher

Gregory Rankin

Presbytery of South Moreton

Melanie Wheelley

Ministry of Deacon

Presbytery of Central Queensland

Monique Mawbey

Presbytery of North Queensland

Peter Harvey

Presbytery of South Moreton

Craig Batty

2. DEATHS

Ministers of the Word

Ellis Bramley

Charles Cunningham

Alton Roy Hilderbrand

Evan Jones (previously acknowledged)
Donald Kassel
Des Rienecker
Keith Pearson Savage
Thomas Scarlett

Pastor

Col Amos
Ralph Pienkinna

3. RETIREMENTS

Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane

George Barnes
Burt Johns
David Wiltshire
Peter Woodward

Presbytery of Calvary

Richard Wallace

Presbytery of Mary Burnett

Ainslie Bos
Heather Selwood
John Selwood
George Woodward

Presbytery of Moreton Rivers

Christine Digby
Peter Dunstan
Charles Masih
Neil Sims

Presbytery of North Queensland

Viv Chapman

Presbytery of South Moreton

Alan Baker
Amos Manoharan
Ronald Bruce Warren

**4. MINISTERS / DEACONS / YOUTH WORKERS RECEIVED FROM
OTHER SYNODS**

Synod of New South Wales / ACT

Cong Sik An
James Gallagher
Hohaia Matthews
Maile Molitika
Anita Monro
Russell Morris
John O'Reilly

Synod of Western Australia

Gary Whelband

5. MINISTERS / DEACONS / YOUTH WORKERS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER SYNODS

Synod of New South Wales / ACT

David Kidd

Barry Walker

Synod of Western Australia

Karyl Davison

Peter Harvey

6. MINISTERS RECEIVED FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Peter Overton

7. MINISTERS WHOSE RECOGNITION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN

Resignation

Robert Mitchell

Johan Loots

Michael Brumpton

Joseph Jang

Appointments

13.21 Notes the following appointments made by the Synod Standing Committee since the 29th Synod contained in Appendix II to the report of the General Secretary –

Board for Christian Formation

Reappointed from Nov 2011 until 30th Synod

Rev Lu Senituli

Mr Mike Hennessy

Appointed until 31st Synod

Professor Ranjeny Thomas

Calvary Christian College

Appointed from 30 Apr 2012 to Mar 2013

Mr Ted Burnett

Reappointed from 7 Mar 2013 to 6 Mar 2014

Mr Ted Burnett

Cromwell College Council

Appointed for a 3 year term from 20 April 2012

Rev Peter Lockhart

Reappointed for a 3 year term from 1 Jan 2012

Mr Barrie Rollason

Mr Ben de Jong

Mr Joe Goodall

Reappointed for a 1 year term from 1 Jan 2012

Rev Graham Cole

Emmanuel College Board

Appointed for a 3 year term from 20 Apr 2012

Rev Mark Cornford

Reappointed for a 5 year term from 7 Mar 2013

Mr Stephen Howell

Governance, Nomination and Remuneration Committee

Appointed until the conclusion of the 30th Synod from 3 Aug 2012

Mr Chris Barnard (Interim Chair)

Appointed until the conclusion of the 30th Synod from 20 April 2012

Mr Glenn Poole

Prof Myles McGregor Lowndes

Mr Tim Longwill

Mr Chris Barnard

Grace College Board

Appointed for a 3 year term from 3 August 2012

Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan

Appointed for a 3 year term from 1 Jan 2013

Ms Angela Hili

Mr Adrian Rex

Extends term of appointment until 31 Dec 2013

Mrs Mona Black

Mr Darryl Jensen

Reappointed for a 3 year term from Nov 2011

Rev Lyn Burden

Extends term of appointment until 31 Dec 2012

Mrs Ruth Grieve

Extends term of appointment until 31 Dec 2012

Rev Ray Herrmann (Chair)

John Flynn College Council

Reappointed for a 3 year term from 1 Jan 2012

Mr Geoff Whebell

Mr Martin Price

Mr Peter Phillips

Mr Lachlan Marsh

Mrs Annette Ireland

Jubilee Primary School – UCA Rep

Appointed for a 3 year term from 1 Jan 2012

Rev Orrell Battersby

Kings College Board

Reappointed for a 3 year term from 1 Jan 2013

Mr Gary Lynch

Reappointed for a 3 year term from 1 Jan 2012
Rev Ray Herrmann
Mr Craig Chapman

Lakes College Board

Appointed from 2 Nov until 31 Dec 2015
Mr Peter Solly

Appointed for a 3 year term from 31 Dec 2013
Mr Phillip Carlson

Reappointed for a 3 year term from 1 Jan 2013
Ms Melinda Harrison
Mr Craig Mercer

Reappointed for a 3 year term from 1 Jan 2012
Mr Andrew Aitken
Mr Scott Johnston

Extends appointment for a 3 year term from 1 Jan 2012
Mr Mike Millard (Chair)

Legal Reference Committee

Reappointed for a 1 year term from 1 Jun 2012
Mr Jim Demack

Reappointed for a 1 year term from 2 Nov 2012
Mr Peter Burden
Mr Neil Dutney

Ministerial Education Commission – Lay Education Representative
Mr Neil Thorpe

Moderatorial Candidature Task Group

Rev Peter Armstrong
Mr Geoff Batkin
Mr Bruce Johnson (Convenor)
Mr Andrew McBryde

Moreton Bay College Board

Appointed for a 3 year term from 1 Jul 2012
Mr Peter Davey

Appointed for a 3 year term from 7 Dec 2012
Dr Tania Burgess

Appointed from 7 Sept 2012 to 30 Jun 2014
Ms Jackie Branch

Appointed to fill casual vacancy to 30 Jun 2013
Mr Graham Dredge

Appointed as full member for a 3 year term from 1 Jul 2013 to 30 June 2016
Mr Graham Dredge

SCOTS PGC Council

Reappointed for a 3 year term from 1 January 2013

Mrs Jenny Garde
Mrs Bonnie Locke
Rev Tony Shumack

Appointed for a 3 year term from 7 Sep 2012

Mr David Cassel
Ms Sarah Littleproud

Reappointed for a 3 year term from 1 Dec 2011

Mr Doug Cosh
Mr Ken Harris

Shalom Christian College Board

Appointed for a 3 year term from date TBA

Mr Gary Doyle
Ms Brooke Prentis

Appointed for a 2 year term from date TBA

Ms Yvonne Cadet-James
Ms Judy Geary

Appointed for a 1 year term from date TBA

Rev Bruce Cornish

Synod Chaplaincy Commission

Appointment extended until 30th Synod

Rev Andrew Gunton (Chair)

Synod Committee for Counselling

Reappointed for a 1 year term from 20 April 2012

Rev David Baker
Rev Gerda Olafsen

Appointed for a 3 year term from 2 Nov 2012

Mrs Anne Patton

Synod Committee for Discipline

Appointed for a 1 year term from 3 August 2012

Mr Ian Park

Appointed for a 3 year term from 1 Jun 2012

Rev Lyn Burden

Synod Inter-Faith Relations Committee

Appointed from Nov 2011 until 30th Synod

Rev Mark Cornford
Rev David Won Kim
Rev Suzie Castle

Synod Ecumenical Relations Committee

Appointed from Nov 2011 until 30th Synod

Rev Ray Richmond

Rev David Won Kim
Rev Richard Lance
Rev Dr Clive Ayre

Synod Multi-Cross Cultural Ministry Committee

Reappointed for a 1 year term from Feb 2012

Rev Bradley Foote
Rev Lu Senituli

Reappointed for a 18mths term from 4 April 2013

Rev Bradley Foote

Reappointed for a 3 year term from 4 April 2013

Pastor Moses Leth
Rev Lu Senituli

Appointed for a 3 year term from 4 April 2013

Mr Francisco Lopez
Ms Akesa Racava
Ms Malotuto'atasi (Malo) Semaia

Appointed for a 3 year term from 2 May 2013

Rev Sandra Jebb

Trinity Theological College –Director of Studies in Ministry, Mission and Leadership

Dr Aaron Ghiloni

UCA representation on PMSA Council

Appointed for a 3 year term from 1 Jun 2012

Mr Matthew Kim
Mrs Robyn Solomon

Appointed for a 3 year term from 1 Jan 2013

Mr Jim Demack

UnitingCare Queensland Board

Reappointed for a 3 year term from 1 Feb 2013

Ms Jude Munro

Reappointed for a 3 year term from 1 Mar 2013

Mr Dawson Petie

Appointed for a 3 year term from 14 Mar 2013

Mr Andrew McBryde
Prof Myles McGregor Lowndes

Wontulp Bi-Buya College Management Committee

Reappointed from 2 March 2012

Rev Shayne Blackman
Rev Dennis Corowa
Ms Roberta Stanley

(Consensus)

Thirty-First Synod

13.22 Determines -

- (a) that the 31st Synod will be held from 10 October to 15 October 2014 at Alexandra Park, Alexandra Headlands.
- (b) that the Synod Standing Committee be given authority to vary the dates/times and the venue if necessary.

(Consensus)

Synod Standing Committee - Meetings

13.23 Determines –

- (a) that meeting dates/times of the Synod Standing Committees shall be –

2013 6 June
5-6 July (Live-in)
1 August
5 September
3 October
7 November
5 December

2014 6 February
6 March
3 April
1 May
5 June
3 July (*only if required*)
7 August
4 September
No October Meeting
28-29 November (*live-in*)
4 or 11 December (*to be confirmed & only if required*)

- (b) that authority be given to the Moderator and the General Secretary to vary the dates/times if necessary.

(Consensus)

Presentation of Calendar Competition Winners

- 13.24** (a) Associates Ms Mardi Lumsden, Director of Uniting Communications, with the Synod for the purpose of presenting the Calendar Competition Winners
- (b) Congratulates the following winners of the Calendar Competition –

Ho-Se Kim
Jacob Hill
Emma Hill
Joshua Bornman
Cloe Yu Garmin
Alister Gomersall
Alexander Simpson

Hamish Gomersall
Julia Von Berky
Finn Jewell
Adrian Leonard
Brielle Powell
Shae Godfrey

(Consensus – carried by acclamation)

RETIREMENT OF MINISTERS

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

Rev Alan Baker

- 13.25** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Alan Baker to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 30 June 2012 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Alan Baker.

Rev George Norman Barnes

- 13.26** (a) Notes the advice of Rev George Barnes to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 January 2013 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev George Barnes.

Rev Ainslie Bos

- 13.27** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Ainslie Bos to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 May 2012 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Ainslie Bos.

Pastor Viv Chapman

- 13.28** (a) Notes the advice of Pastor Viv Chapman to withdraw his recognition as a Lay Pastor in accordance with Reg. 2.10.7(a) & (b) from 31 December 2011
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Pastor Viv Chapman.

Rev Christine Digby

- 13.29** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Christine Digby to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 20 January 2013 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Christine Digby.

Rev Peter Dunstan

- 13.30** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Peter Dunstan to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 28 February 2013 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Peter Dunstan.

Rev Albert (Burt) L Johns

- 13.31** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Albert (Burt) L Johns to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 30 November 2011 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Albert (Burt) Johns.

Rev Dr Amos Manoharan

- 13.32** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Dr Amos Manoharan to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 May 2012 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Dr Amos Manoharan.

Rev Charles Masih

- 13.33** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Charles Masih to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 30 April 2013 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Charles Masih.

Rev Heather Selwood

- 13.34** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Heather Selwood to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 December 2012 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Heather Selwood.

Rev John Selwood

- 13.35** (a) Notes the advice of Rev John Selwood to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 December 2013 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev John Selwood.

Rev Dr Neil Sims

- 13.36** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Dr Neil Sims to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 30 July 2012 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Dr Neil Sims.

Rev Dr Richard Wallace

- 13.37** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Dr Richard Wallace to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 30 April 2012 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Dr Richard Wallace.

Rev Ronald Bruce Warren

- 13.38** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Ronald Bruce Warren to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 December 2012 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Ronald Bruce Warren.

Rev David Wiltshire

- 13.39** (a) Notes the advice of Rev David Wiltshire to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 28 February 2013 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev David Wiltshire.

Rev George Woodward

- 13.40** (a) Notes the advice of Rev George Woodward to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 July 2012 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).

(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev George Woodward.

Rev Peter Woodward

13.41 (a) Notes the advice of Rev Peter Woodward to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 4 May 2012 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).

(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Peter Woodward.

(Consensus – carried by acclamation)

MEMORIAL MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Synod -

13.42 Adopts the Memorial Minutes as presented concerning ministers who have died since the Twenty-Ninth Synod.

Pastor Col Amos

Rev Evan Jones (previously acknowledged)

Pastor Ralph Peinkinna

Rev Des Rienecker

Rev Thomas Scarlett

(Consensus – carried by acclamation)

BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

13.43 (a) Receives the Report of the Board for Christian Formation, together with the Reports of Pilgrim Learning Community and Trinity Theological College.

(Consensus)

(b) Records its appreciation to Rev Dr Geoff Thompson, through the Minute of Appreciation read by the Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds.

Minute of Appreciation, Rev Dr Geoff Thompson

The Synod of Queensland records its appreciation for the ministry of the Rev Dr Geoff Thompson at Trinity Theological College. Geoff commenced at the College as Director of Studies – Systematic Theology on the 1st of July, 2001. As well as being a diligent lecturer he has undertaken many other roles in the life of the College. From 2004 until 2007, during the days of the Brisbane College of Theology, he was Academic Dean and then served as Director of Research and Graduate Studies. In 2010 he was appointed Principal of Trinity Theological College.

In the area of Systematic Theology, Geoff has developed and taught academic units at both undergraduate and postgraduate level and has brought focus particularly to the Australian Catholic University units: “Church: Uniting Purposes and Practices” and “Jesus, God and Salvation”.

He has been a theological resource, not just to this Synod, but to the whole church. He serves on the Assembly Doctrine Working Group and he has been an active member in Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools including co-organising the recent

conference in Brisbane. Geoff has worked together with a team of young ministry agents and the Moderator, to promote “Stretching Faith” which seeks to explore theological issues with young people in the Uniting Church. He has also provided input into “Summer Madness”, youth camp. He has co-organised the Basis of Union Conference, and he has been instrumental in organising Rollie Busch lectures. In addition he has been involved in the Uniting Church-Roman Catholic Church Dialogue.

As College Principal particularly, Geoff has worked with the national Ministerial Education Commission and has maintained the affiliation agreement with the Australian Catholic University. As Director of Formation at the College he has developed a sound Monday formation integration program and has ably provided oversight in the overall formation of the candidates. For more than a decade Geoff has been building relationships with students and therefore has made a significant impact on preparing ministry agents to serve across the synod and beyond. That understanding of so many ministry agents across the synod has informed the conversations about how best to place ministry agents for the benefit of the whole church and for their ongoing development. Geoff’s contribution to the placements process has been insightful and reliable. He frequently engaged with Presbytery Ministers as a group and as individuals. From time to time he has led retreats for Presbyteries.

Geoff has been involved in the ministry of his local church, signing up on rosters for the many tasks supporting worship and he has also helped in serving community meals on Wednesday nights with Wesley Mission. In this way he modelled servant leadership.

Amongst the faculty, Geoff has been a valued, diligent and supportive colleague. He has constantly brought clear thinking to the discussion table and his insight and vision have been greatly appreciated. Geoff has taught units for Pilgrim Learning Community and in this way become known and appreciated by many lay people in the synod.

Geoff’s contribution to the wider church has been demonstrated through his willingness to convene a focus group about leadership during the Together on the Way strategic planning and visioning process. The work of that group has been adopted as a strategic focus for the synod.

Geoff has published various book reviews and made other contributions in other media including *Journey* and appearing on ABC National radio.

Geoff has been prolific in his writings. Since commencing at the College his publications have included:

A. Books

- Jointly edited with Rob Bos, *Theology for Pilgrims: Selected Theological Documents of the Uniting Church in Australia* (Melbourne: Uniting Church Press, 2008)

B. Chapters or other Entries in Books

- “Jesus: The Story of Stories? Engaging with John Carroll” in Ian Weeks and Duncan Reid (eds), *A Thoughtful Life: Essays in Philosophical Theology, A Festschrift for Rev Professor Harry Wardlaw* (Adelaide: ATF, 2006), 97-112.
- “Barth: From Invisible Redemption to Visible, Hopeful Action” in Wayne Cristaudo and Wendy Baker (eds), *Messianism, Apocalypse and Redemption in 20th Century Thought* (Adelaide: ATF Press, 2006), 49-62.

- *“Remaining Loyal to the Earth’: Humanity, God’s Other Creatures and the Bible in Karl Barth” in David Horrell et al (eds), Ecological Hermeneutics: Biblical, Historical and Theological Perspectives (London: Continuum, 2010), 181-195.*
- *“Salvation Beyond the Church’s Ministry: Reflections on Barth and Rahner” in Ivor Davidson and Murray Rae (eds), Salvation and the Doctrine of God (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2011), 137-154.*
- *“Not quite unconfined: Rahner and Barth halt at apokatastasis” in, Sean Winter (ed), Immense, Unfathomed, Unconfined: The grace of God in Creation, Church and Community (Melbourne: Mosaic Press, 2013 forthcoming)*
- *Articles on “Religious Experience”, “Doctrine” and “Creation” in Tom Noble et al (eds), New Dictionary of Theology (Nottingham: IVP, 2013 forthcoming)*
- *“God has never left the church without faithful and scholarly interpreters of Scripture’: Faith, Confession and Scholarship” in William Emilsen (ed) The Uniting Church in the Third Millenium (Wipf & Stock, forthcoming 2013)*

C. Articles in Refereed Journals

- *“Theology, The Gospel and Ministerial Formation”, Uniting Church Studies 9:2 (2003), 24-44*
- *“Christ, Church and Scripture: Doctrinal Reflections on Paragraph 5 of the Basis of Union”, Uniting Church Studies 11:2 (2005), 30-49.*
- *“‘It Has Become Clear To Us....’: The Justification of the Ordination of Women to the Ministry of the Word in the Uniting Church in Australia”, Interface 8:2 (2005), 21-31.*
- *“Religious Plurality, Christian Doctrine and Karl Barth”, International Journal of Systematic Theology 8 (2006), 3-24*
- *“What’s ‘contextual’ and what’s ‘theological’ about contextual theology?”, CTC Bulletin XXIII:2 (2007) 94-99.*
- *“Does the Uniting Church have a theological future?”, Uniting Church Studies 15:2 (2009), 25-42.*
- *“Revelation, Providence and Openness: Reflections on Paragraph 3 of the Preamble”, Uniting Church Studies 16:1 (2010), 19-28.*
- *“‘Well, that’s just your perspective’: Guarding and Declaring a right Understanding of the Faith in a Relativist Culture”, Uniting Church Studies 17:2 (2011), 19-32.*
- *“Response to Val Webb”, Uniting Church Studies 17:2 (2011), 39-44.*
- *“Jesus, God and Atheism: Shaping a cultural space for conversation between faith and unbelief”, Uniting Church Studies 18:2 (2012), 15-28.*
- *“The Doctrines of Practical Theology and the Practice of Doctrine: Systematic Theology and Practical Theology in Dialogue” Pacifica 26:1 (2013), 17-36.*

D. Contributions to Secular Media

- “Inner God Hard to See”, Courier Mail, October 3rd, 2003
- “Is Tony Abbot a closet Protestant?” Online Opinion, Dec 24th, 2009, <http://www.onlineopinion.com.au/view.asp?article=9856>
- “Can we have an Easter without kitsch, please?” ABC Religion and Ethics, April 21st, 2011, <http://www.abc.net.au/religion/articles/2011/04/21/3197816.htm>
- “Jesus caught between Christians and Atheists”, ABC Religion and Ethics, Dec 13th 2011, <http://www.abc.net.au/religion/articles/2011/12/13/3390023.htm>
- “Religious Doctrines: more than intellectual commitments? Online Opinion, March 6^h 2013, <http://www.onlineopinion.com.au/view.asp?article=14760>

Geoff leads in a gentle and humble manner which earns the respect of colleagues and students.

He has been serving our Lord sincerely and faithfully and he will be greatly missed in the life of the College and the Queensland Synod. The Synod expresses its enormous appreciation and prays God’s blessing for him and his family and for his future service with the Victoria-Tasmania Synod.

(Consensus – carried by acclamation)

FINANCE, INVESTMENT AND PROPERTY BOARD

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.44** Receives the Report of Finance, Investment and Property Board. (Consensus)

GOVERNANCE, NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.45** Receives the Report of the Governance, Nomination and Remuneration Committee. (Consensus)

UNITINGCARE QUEENSLAND

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.46** (a) Associates the following people with the Synod for the purpose of the UnitingCare Queensland report and break-out group sessions:
- Ms Robyn Batten, Executive Director, Blue Care
Mr Richard Royle, Executive Director, UnitingCare Health
Mr Bob Gilkes, Executive Director, UnitingCare Community
Ms Anna Moynihan, Director of Strategy, UnitingCare Queensland
- (Consensus)
- (b) Receives the Report of UnitingCare Queensland. (Consensus)

Presentation of Moderator's Medals for Community Service

- 13.47** Congratulates the following persons who have been awarded the Moderator's Medal for Community Service in recognition of their work within community services –

Marie van Alphen
Neville J Cole
Estelle Crabb
Patricia Flint
Ria Jansen
Robert Kearney
Shirley Miller
Patricia Schwarz
Peggy Skinner
Marcia Thorning
Jean Vallis

(Consensus – carried by acclamation)

ASSEMBLY

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.48** Receives the Report of the Assembly. (Consensus)

CONGRESS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION UNIT LTD (CCDEU) INFORMATION SESSION

It was NOTED that the General Secretary reported to the Synod in Session on matters regarding the Congress Community Development and Education Unit (CCDEU). The Board appointed by Calvary Presbytery, had oversight over a cluster of educational, aged care and drug and rehabilitation services in Townsville, Cairns, Cooktown and on Torres Strait Island.

CCDEU has a long history of providing high quality culturally appropriate education for indigenous students (boarders from remote communities and day students from Townsville area) at Shalom Christian College (1992) and more recently at other campuses. Shalom Elders Village was established in 1995 and other aged care and drug and alcohol programs since then.

Concerns about whether funds provided by the Commonwealth were being used for the right programs were raised by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. It became clear that the recent rapid expansion of services gave rise to significant governance, administrative, financial and relational difficulties leading to the appointment of Voluntary Administrators on 20 August 2012.

There followed a painful and stressful season for all involved as the Synod worked with Calvary Presbytery, CCDEU Board, the Administrators, funding entities and UnitingCare Queensland to manage the complexities and to ensure the long term provision of educational and community services.

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.49** Receives the information regarding CCDEU. (Consensus)

PRESBYTERIES

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.50** Receives the Report of the Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane. (Consensus)
- 13.51** Receives the Report of the Presbytery of Calvary. (Consensus)
- 13.52** Receives the Report of the Presbytery of Central Queensland (Consensus)
- 13.53** Receives the Report of the Presbytery of Mary Burnett. (Consensus)
- 13.54** Receives the Report of the Presbytery of Moreton Rivers. (Consensus)
- 13.55** Receives the Report of the Presbytery of North Queensland. (Consensus)
- 13.56** Receives the Report of the Presbytery of South Moreton. (Consensus)
- 13.57** Receives the Report of the Presbytery of The Downs. (Consensus)

SYNOD BIOETHICS COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.58** **(a)** Receives the Report of the Synod Bio-Ethics Committee. (Consensus)
- (b)** Receives the booklet “Emotional, spiritual and ethical end of life issues”, and encourages its distribution. (Consensus)

SYNOD CHAPLAINCY COMMISSION

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.59** Receives the Report of the Synod Chaplaincy Commission. (Consensus)

SYNOD ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.60** Receives the Report of the Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee. (Consensus)

SYNOD INTER-FAITH RELATIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.61** Receives the Report of the Synod Inter-faith Relationships Committee. (Consensus)

SYNOD MULTI-CROSS CULTURAL COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the Synod -

- 13.62** Receives the Report of the Synod Multi-Cross Cultural Committee. (Consensus)

SYNOD SCHOOLS COMMISSION

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.63** (a) Associates the following people with the Synod for the purpose of the Synod Schools Commission report and break-out group sessions:
- Mr Simon Armstrong, Principal of The Lakes College
Ms Robyn Newell, Year 7 Teacher from The Lakes College
The Year 7 Students from The Lakes College
Ms Sharon Ive, Shalom Christian College
Mr Toni Gray, Shalom Christian College
Mr Mike Millard, Member of Schools Commission
Ms Annette Dale, Member of Schools Commission
- (Consensus)
- (b) Receives the report of the Synod Schools Commission. (Consensus)

UNITINGWORLD

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.64** (a) Associates the following people with the Synod for the purpose of the UnitingWorld Report:
- Mr Bruce Mullan, Associate Director Church Solidarity (Pacific), UnitingWorld
Rev Minwas More, Visitor from PNG Province of Central Highlands – Mendi
Mrs Omo Akivi, Visitor from PNG Province of Central Highlands – Mendi
- (b) Receives the Report of UnitingWorld. (Consensus)

GENERAL PROPOSALS

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYNOD POST DISASTER RECOVERY TEAM/S

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.65** (a) Refers to the Synod Standing Committee (SSC) the creation of a Post Disaster Recovery (PDR) Plan for the period six months to two years after the event, in consultation with Presbyteries, UnitingCare and Assembly to assist in the provision of pastoral care to communities affected by a disaster event.
- (b) Noting that the plan is to include -
- (i) Resourcing, costs, skills, deployment and training of PDR Team/s including psychological first aid, communication skills, pastoral care, loss & grief counselling; and
- (ii) PDR Team/s working alongside Congregations and Ministry Agents.
- (c) The PDR Plan and Team/s to be established by 30 June 2014.

(Consensus)

DISBANDING OF THE SYNOD BIOETHICS COMMITTEE

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.66** Thanks and disbands the Synod Bioethics Committee.

(Consensus – carried by acclamation)

SUPPORTING MICAH CHALLENGE’S FINISH THE RACE CAMPAIGN

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.67** (a) Acknowledging progress towards advancing the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, resolve to actively encourage the church to continue support for the Make Poverty History and Micah challenge coalitions and engage with the Finish the Race campaign in 2013 through prayer, promotion and political and community engagement.
- (b) Request the Moderator write to the Prime Minister and the Federal Opposition Leader indicating the Synod’s support of the Finish the Race campaign.
- (c) Encourage Uniting communications to continue to share information on the Finish the Race campaign.
- (d) Invite Church members, councils and groups to actively promote the Movement to End Poverty petition with resources from the Micah challenge website.

(Consensus)

CLOSURE OF THE HOUSING ACQUISITION FUND (HAF)

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.68** (a) Determines that Synod close the Housing Acquisition Fund (HAF) to any new members from 27 May 2013.
- (b) Directs the Synod Standing Committee to close the HAF, and as far as practicable not disadvantage members with current balances in the HAF.

- (c) In settling with individual members, the FIP Board to arrange rollover of a member's HAF balance to the member's nominated superannuation fund, fringe benefits account or other account, and further pay up to a limit of 15% tax on that amount from the General Reserve;

(Consensus)

- (d) Requests the GNRC to look at the total ministerial remuneration package and to report to the 31st Synod on the total living allowance package

(Consensus)

REPORT OF HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.69** Commend the Report of House Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Australia (Link: http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ra/fifodido/report.htm) to individuals and congregations as a source of information regarding what is happening in rural communities.

(Consensus)

SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATES FOR MINISTRY

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.70** (a) Direct the Board for Christian Formation and Governance, Nomination and Remuneration Committee to determine measures by which ministry candidates may receive improved financial and other support, particularly during their candidature and upon exit, and
- (b) Report on this to the 2014 Synod in session (31st Synod).

(Consensus)

BALLOT COMMITTEE REPORT

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.71** Receives the Report of the Ballot Committee.

(Consensus)

Synod Standing Committee

- 13.72** Elects the following members of Synod to the Synod Standing Committee –

Ministers

Rev Linda HAMILL
Rev Garry HARDINHAM
Rev Graham KEECH
Rev Lu SENITULI

Lay

Mr John AGNEW
Mr Neil BALLMENT
Mr Geoff BATKIN
Mr Allan HANSON
Pastor Melissa LIPSETT

Moderator-Elect

- 13.73** Elects the following Uniting Church member as Moderator-Elect for the Synod of Queensland –

Moderator-Elect: Rev David BAKER

SYNOD COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COUNCILS

- 13.74** **Finance, Investment & Property Board**

Elects the following persons to the Finance, Investment & Property Board –

Member: Mr Robert CAMBRIDGE
Mr Ralph COLLINS
Mr Bruce PEDEN

- 13.75** **The Uniting Church Property Trust (Q.)**

Elects the following persons to The Uniting Church Property Trust (Q.) –

Chair: Mr Andrew McBRYDE

Member: Mr Ian BUSCH
Mr Robert CAMBRIDGE
Mr Ralph COLLINS
Mr Allan HANSON

Secretary: Mr Robert PACKER (Ex-officio)

Board for Christian Formation

- 13.76** Elects the following persons to the Board for Christian Formation –

Chair: Rev Peter LOCKHART

Members: Dr Gewa AU
Rev Lyn BURDEN
Rev Dr Neil PEMBROKE

Governance, Nomination and Remuneration Committee

- 13.77** Elects the following persons to the Governance, Nomination and Remuneration Committee –

Chair: Mr Chris BARNARD

Members: Mr Tim LONGWILL
Mr Myles McGREGOR-LOWNDES
Ms Olivia NOTTLE
Mr Glenn POOLE
Mr Nathan ROBERTSON

The Schools Commission

13.78 Elects the following persons to The Schools Commission –

Chair: Rev David MACGREGOR

Members: Mrs Annette DALE
Mr Michael HENNESSY
Ms Noela LISTER
Mr Michael MILLARD

Synod Chaplaincy Commission

13.79 Elects the following persons to the Synod Chaplaincy Commission –

Chair: Rev Andrew GUNTON

Synod Legal Reference Committee

13.80 Elects the following persons to the Synod Legal Reference Committee –

Chair: Mr Peter BURDEN

Members: Mr Jim DEMACK
Mr Neil DUTNEY

Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee

13.81 Elects the following persons to the Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee –

Members: Mr John AGNEW
Rev Dr Clive AYRE
Mr Neil BALLMENT
Rev Craig BATTY
Rev Jock DUNBAR
Pastor Richard LANCE

Synod Inter-Faith Relationships Committee

13.82 Elects the following persons to the Synod Inter-Faith Relationships Committee –

Members: Mr John AGNEW
Rev Dr Clive AYRE
Mr Neil BALLMENT
Rev Heather GRIFFIN
Rev Ann HEWSON
Rev Sue PICKERING
Rev Garth READ

Synod Multi-Cross Cultural Committee

13.83 Elects the following persons to the Synod Multi-Cross Cultural Committee –

Chair: Deaconess Terani LIMA

Member: Rev Hohaia MATTHEWS

THE NORMAN AND MARY MILLAR MEMORIAL LECTURE

- 13.84** The Moderator welcomed Chaplain Gary Stone, the 2013 Norman and Mary Millar Lecturer, and invited him to address the Synod.

COURTESIES EXTENDED

It was RESOLVED that the Synod –

- 13.85** Places on record its sincere appreciation of –

The Moderator, the Rev Kaye Ronalds, for her leadership of the Thirtieth Synod

The General Secretary, Dr Shirley Coulson, for the preparation of, and assistance in processing the business of the Synod

The Business Committee Convenor, Rev Brian Kickbusch, and the members of the Business Committee

The Convenor of the Facilitation Committee, Dr Michael Hewson and the members of the Facilitation Committee

The Small Group Co-ordinators, Rev Lyn Burden and Pastor Melissa Lipsett

The Convenor of the Ballot Committee, Rev Heather den Houting and the Scrutineers Rev Lynne Davis and Rev Schalk Pienaar, the Pastoral Coordinators

Mrs Sharon Kirk and the Moderator, who co-ordinated the Celebration of Ministries

Rev Dr Geoff Thompson, Rev Dr Malcolm Coombes and Dr Aaron Ghiloni who presented the Synod Bible Studies

Rev Mel Perkins for co-ordinating the daily closing prayer and visual worship space

Rev Wayne McHugh and Proserpine Whitsunday Uniting Church Compassion Candles Team for the top table candle

The Moderator's Chaplain, Mrs Sharon Kirk

Ms Faye Laurie and Ms Shirley Doyle, Top Table Assistants

Rev David MacGregor and Mrs Sharon Kirk, for coordinating the Synod Worship Celebration

The worship leaders and musicians co-ordinated by Rev David MacGregor and Mrs Sharon Kirk, for providing and leading our daily worship at Synod

The Principal and staff of Unity College for the use of the auditorium for our Synod Worship Celebration

Mr Ian Edgar, Manager, Alexandra Park Conference Centre for support in preparation and hosting the Synod

Mr Ian Edgar and Mr Peter Stockland for their logistical co-ordination and the daily running of the Synod venue. Mr Shane Thompson, Catering Manager and Alex Park kitchen staff who provided superb meals for the Synod. All staff at Alexandra Park Conference Centre for their hard work and hospitality

Chaplain Gary Stone who presented the Norman and Mary Millar Memorial Lecture for 2013

Rev John Cox for co-ordinating the sessions on “Conversations on the Work of God/Spotlight”

Mr David Munro, Synod Risk and Insurance Manager, for his coordination of security with Mr Ian Edgar during the Synod

The members of staff of Uniting Communications for their commitment to the daily updating of the Synod website for those who could not attend Synod as well as their work, creativity and ideas in promoting our Synod activities, the Calendar competition as well as co-ordinating marketing and sponsorship of the 30th Synod: Ms Mardi Lumsden, Ms Holly Jewell, Mr Rohan Salmond, Ms Marion Ganga, Miss Tara Burton, Ms Sue Hutchinson, Mr Osker Lau and Ms Katie Lewis

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The Presbytery Ministers for Chairing the Break-out Groups and organising prayer for each Presbytery

Rev Peter Blauw for co-ordinating the airport shuttle bus

Mr Scott Guyatt for co-ordinating the Synod worship celebration bus

The Prayer Co-ordinator for the onsite Prayer Support at Alex Park: Mrs Jane Bell

Dr Libby Connors, Dr Jim Cavaye, Rev Dr David Ferguson and Mr Phil Smith for facilitating the UnitingGreen Q&A session regarding “Impacts of mining on communities and the environment”

The members of staff of the Office of the Moderator and General Secretary: Mrs Ana Mila, Miss Kristine Bromiley, Mrs Marjorie Griffiths, Ms Lucille Korponay, Ms Annette Dale, Ms Anne Osborne and Mr Silvio Angelucci

Special thanks to Wesley Mission Brisbane for their support of Synod by providing the funds for the “Disciples on the way” fish shaped USBs

Wesley Mission Brisbane is an activity of the Albert Street Uniting Church and aims to meet the needs of people in the community who may be marginalised, disadvantaged or in need of assistance.

We are also grateful for the contribution made by NGS Super, Canon and Execugifts.

(Consensus – carried by acclamation)

CLOSE

The Thirtieth Synod was closed with a Service of Holy Communion led by the Moderator and the General Secretary.