

## Uniting Church in Australia

### ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE

24- 26 August 2018

**PRESENT** Deidre Palmer (President), Felicity Amery, David Baker, Rob Brown, Hayden Charles, Garry Dronfield, Colleen Geyer, Geoffrey Grinton, Sharon Hollis, Andrew Johnson, Elaine Ledgerwood, Fie Marion, Stuart McMillan, Kath Merrifield, Nicole Mugford, Catherine Pepper, Elaine Rae, Geoff Thompson, Yuko Tonai-Moore, Ian Tozer.

**In attendance:** Jenny Bertalan, David de Kock, Heather den Houting, Jane Fry, Peter Jones, Mark Lawrence, Matt Pulford and Ji Zhang.

**WORSHIP** On the Friday night, as part of the formation of the community, the President and Fie Marino preached and presided at the Service of Holy Communion. During the Service he acknowledged Cadigal Clan Nation of the Eora people by paying respects for the wisdom of their elders past and present, their care of country and to all descendants of this nation. On Saturday morning the worship was led by Garry Dronfield and the evening prayers were led by Elaine Rae. On the Sunday David baker conducted morning worship and the closing prayer in the afternoon was led by Felicity Amery.

**WELCOMES** The President welcomed all who will be regular participants in the Standing Committee meetings over the next three years, especially those who are newly-elected members.

#### APOLOGIES

**18.22** **It was resolved** to receive the apologies of Geoff Thompson, Jason Kioa, Steve Francis, and Dennis Corowa for the whole meeting, Jane Fry for Friday evening and Hayden Charles for Saturday evening and Sunday.

#### PASTORAL MATTERS

It was shared that Sarah, Steve Francis' daughter is in palliative care and that Andrew Johnson's grandmother passed away. It was also reported that Fu Xianwei, Chair of the National Committee of Three Self Patriotic Movement in China died. The participants also talked about the devastating impact of the widespread flooding across India's southern state of Kerala. The President led the meeting in prayer.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The General Secretary spoke to the agenda and timetable as listed in Document 1.

**18.23** **It was resolved** to approve the timetable and agenda of the meeting as outlined in Document 1, noting that the committee is free to vary the agenda at any time.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**18.24** **It was resolved to** confirm the minutes of the meeting held 22 – 25 March 2018 with the following corrections:

*Correction 1*

18.13.02 endorse the renewed delivery timetable for the Safe Church Unit;

18.13.03 with respect to the Uniting Church response to providing redress to survivors:

- a) note the prior consultation with UCA Assembly Ltd and other Councils of the Church which have occurred in support of the establishment of this legal entity; and
- b) direct UCA Assembly Ltd to create a legal entity (public company limited by guarantee) in accordance with the principles outlined in the Document 4B – Redress Background Paper, Document 4B-1 Structuring for the National Redress Scheme, Document 4B-2 being the Mechanism for Redress with both Assembly and Synod members , noting that UCA Assembly Ltd is to act on behalf of the Assembly member and be the initiating member for the purpose of incorporation;

And further consequential numbering changes.

*Additional corrections*

Delete Alison Atkinson-Phillips from the list 'Present' and add Rob Floyd to 'In Attendance'

Add 'Wendie Wilkie' to Minute 18.16.04

Add the list of Assembly Standing Committee appointments to Minute 18.17.02

Add Minute 18.21      it was resolved (by agreement) to propose to the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly that the First Peoples of Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are sovereign peoples in this land.

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

### **18.25      It was resolved to:**

- a) note:
  - (i) Rob Brown's conflict of interest in relation to Documents 5 and 5C, Royal Commission National Task Group Report and Proposal and Attachments re Establishing a Safe Church Unit since he is the Interim General Secretary of the SA Synod and will be SA Synod's representative on the Unit; and
  - (ii) resolve that he be in attendance for this business but not participate;
- b) note:
  - (i) Yuko Tonai-Moore's conflict of interest in relation to Proposal 26, Section 2 in Document 8, Proposals Referred from the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly since she knows both the proposer and seconder well; and
  - (ii) resolve that she be in attendance and participate
- c) note:
  - (i) Colleen Geyer's conflict of interest in relation to Documents 5, 5A and 5B, Royal Commission National Task Group Report, UCA Redress Constitution and UCA Redress Member Charter since she chaired the Interim UCA Redress Board and she is a member nominee for UCA Assembly Ltd. for UCA Redress; and
  - (ii) resolve she be in attendance for this business but not vote;
- d) note:

- (i) Nicole Mugford's conflict of interest in relation to Document 9C, Assembly Circles – Advocates – Panel Members since she is a nominee for the panel of Next Generation Circle; and
  - (ii) resolve that she be absent for this business;
- e) note:
- (i) Stuart McMillan's conflict of interest in relation to Document 9C, Assembly Circles – Advocates – Panel Members since he is the nominee for the Advocate of the Walking Together with First and Second Peoples Circle; and
  - (ii) resolve that he be absent for this business;
- f) note:
- (i) Fie Marino's conflict of interest in relation to Document 12, ASC Governance Reference Committee since he is a nominee for the membership of the Committee; and
  - (ii) resolve that he be absent for this business.

### **NOTE CONSTITUTION CLAUSE 39**

Standing Committee members were reminded of the Constitution clause 39, as per ASC minute 00.71:

*“On matters which, by a two thirds majority vote, the Assembly deems to be vital to the life of the Church, the Assembly shall seek the concurrence of the Synods and/or Presbyteries and/or Congregations as the Assembly may determine.”*

### **ORIENTATION TO THE WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE**

On the Saturday morning Rob Floyd, Sureka Goringe, Leo Iosifidis, Jannine Jackson, Claerwen Little and Matt Pulford led the Standing Committee in a time of orientation to Assembly operations, structure and governance arrangements as contained in Documents 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E and 2F. The National Directors also offered a PowerPoint presentation which was followed by table group discussion. The second session of the orientation, led by Leo Iosifidis and Rob Floyd and supported by Documents 3, 3A, 3B and 3C, focused on the risk register and the responsibility the Assembly Standing Committee members have in risk management.

### **REFLECTIONS ON THE FIFTEENTH ASSEMBLY**

On the Sunday afternoon the Committee spent time reflection on the Fifteenth Assembly with the participants sharing their experiences of the Assembly.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

On the Saturday evening the President reported to the Standing Committee on his various activities since her installation at the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly in July 2018.

**18.26**            **It was resolved** to receive the report (Attachment A).

### **UAICC REPORT**

On the Saturday evening Garry Dronfield delivered a verbal report to the Standing Committee on the conversations UAICC had and the actions they took.

**18.27**            **It was resolved** to receive the report

## REFERRALS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE FROM THE FIFTEENTH ASSEMBLY

### 1. Proposals Referred to the Standing Committee from the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly

The General Secretary introduced Document 8, consisting of the resolutions of the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly which contain a referral to the Standing Committee.

#### 18.28 It was resolved to:

- 18.28.01 a) defer proposal 24 – Apology to LGBTIQ Australians to the March 2019 meeting of the Standing Committee; and
- b) defer Proposal 36 – Recognition of UCA Languages to the November 2018 meeting of the Standing Committee;
- 18.28.02 a) refer the Regulation changes proposed in Proposal 48 – Regulations: Membership of UAICC, Proposal 49 – Regulations: Membership of Assembly Committee and Proposal 50 – Candidates for Ministry and Proposal 51 – Regulations: Pastors to the Assembly Legal Reference Committee; and
- b) request the Assembly Legal Reference Committee to bring advice and final wording to the November 2018 meeting of the Standing Committee;
- 18.28.03 request the General Secretary to communicate with the Presbyteries, encouraging them develop a set of delegations for their Presbytery Standing Committees relating to their particular context in light of Proposal 26 – Regulations: Powers of a Presbytery Standing Committee;
- 18.28.04 approve Proposal 45 – National Conference Conversations with UAICC as amended below:

*That the Assembly resolve:*

- (a) *To request the General Secretary in consultation with UAICC, within the next triennium, to establish a process by which facilitated conversations can be held with National Conferences about Sovereignty and Treaty and what it means to be Second Peoples.*
- (b) *To request the Assembly Resourcing Unit, working with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC), to create opportunities and processes to encourage and develop ~~covenant~~ relationships between UAICC and National Conferences, noting that these ~~covenants~~ could include:*
- *opportunity for National Cross-Cultural workshops;*
  - *the development of Reconciliation Action Plans; and*
  - *opportunities to be part of 'Walking on Country' experiences with Congress members.*
- 18.28.05 in the light of the discussion at the meeting, reject Proposal 56 – Major Strategic Review; and
- 18.28.06 approve Proposal 58 – Pastoral Support for Seasonal Workers.

### 2. Matters from Resolutions from the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly that Require Action by the Standing Committee and/or the Assembly

The General Secretary spoke to Document 10, consisting of a report on the tasks to the Standing Committee and/ or the Assembly out from the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly.

#### 2.1 Proposal 9 – Domestic and Family Violence

*d) To request the Assembly Standing Committee, liaising with other parts of the Church, to*

*i. create educational, theological and liturgical materials for distribution to the wider church within the current triennium to resource the Church to meet these commitments; and  
ii. encourage Uniting Church members, synods, presbyteries, congregations, agencies, theological colleges and schools to carry out the commitments found in the Statement.*

**18.29 It was resolved to:**

18.29.01 request the Assembly Resourcing Unit, liaising with Synod and Agency personnel, to scope educational and theological materials relating to the Statement on Family and Domestic Violence adopted by the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly, and bring proposals relating to their development to the November 2018 meeting of the Standing Committee;

18.29.02 request the General Secretary to send the Statement on Family and Domestic Violence to Synod General Secretaries requesting its distribution to synods, presbyteries, congregations, agencies, theological colleges and schools, encouraging them to carry out the commitments found in the Statement, and asking them to make available personnel as appropriate to work with the Assembly Resourcing Unit in the above task; and

18.29.03 request the Assembly Resourcing Unit to report back to the Standing Committee in the final year of the triennium on the work.

**2.2 Proposal 23 – Regulations: Moderator Term of Office**

*(b) To make further changes to Regulation 3.6.3.1 and any other regulations that might be required as a consequence of Presidential Ruling #33.*

**18.30 It was resolved to:**

a) request the Assembly Legal Reference Committee to consider any further changes to Regulation 3.6.3.1, in addition to the deletion of Regulation 3.6.3.1(c), and any other regulations that might be required as a consequence of Presidential Ruling #33; and

b) bring related proposals to the March 2019 meeting of the Standing Committee;

**2.3 Proposal 28 - Day of Mourning**

*To request members of the Uniting Church to support a Day of Mourning to occur on the Sunday prior to 26<sup>th</sup> January each year, and to engage during worship services in activities such as reflection and discussion of the profound effect of invasion and colonisation on First Peoples.*

**18.31 It was resolved to** request the Assembly Consultant Covenanting to work with UAICC and the Assembly Resourcing Unit to develop resources for the Uniting Church for Sunday 20 January 2019.

**2.4 Proposal 30 - Disability Access Guidelines**

*(a) To adopt the following 'Statement of Access and Welcome' as a starting point for further conversation and action regarding justice and equality for people with disability as it provides a basis for the Assembly and Synods to develop their particular response to this matter*

*(b) To request the Standing Committee to develop disability access guidelines for use at all events and activities overseen by the*

*Assembly, and to encourage each Synod to develop similar disability access guidelines for use at Synod events and meetings*

- (c) *To encourage each Synod to develop Disability Action Plans in accordance with the federal Disability Discrimination Act 1992....*
- (d) *To request the appropriate Standing Committee to arrange for the development of an appropriate liturgical response which acknowledges the historical exclusion experienced by many people with disability.*

**18.32 It was resolved to:**

18.32.01 request the General Secretary to:

- a) send the **Statement of Access and Welcome** to all Synods as a starting point for further conversation and action regarding justice and equality for people with disability as it provides a basis for the Assembly and Synods to develop their particular response to this matter; and
- b) communicate the request for Synods to develop Disability Action Plans in accordance with the federal Disability Discrimination Act 1992, with the aim of eliminating access barriers pertaining to:
  - (i) Attitude/Theology and access and welcome;
  - (ii) Communication; and
  - (iii) Physical Environment;

18.32.02 a) request UnitingCare Australia to consider past work in the area of disability access guidelines, and develop guidelines for use at Assembly events and activities; and

- b) bring them for approval to the July 2019 meeting of the Standing Committee;

18.32.03 a) request the Transforming Worship Advocate to establish a Task Group to develop an appropriate liturgical response which acknowledges the historical exclusion experienced by many people with disability;

- b) bring this work to the March 2019 meeting of the Standing Committee.

**2.5 Proposal 52 - Peace Treaty between ROK and DPRK**

- (b) *To support the engagement of the Korean Christian Federation (KCF) in DPRK through World Council of Church Ecumenical Forum for Korea (EFK) and National Council of Churches in Korea (NCKK), and to encourage UnitingWorld to represent the UCA's interests in this as they are able*
- (c) *To support the World Council of Churches in their ongoing involvement in work towards a Peace Treaty between the two Koreas*
- (d) *To encourage the Australian Government in their work towards a peaceful Korean Peninsula*
- (e) *To write to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to inform them of this resolution*

**18.33 It was resolved to:**

18.33.01 refer (b) to UnitingWorld Board for their ongoing work with partner churches in Korea and with the World Council of Churches; and

18.33.02 request the President to write to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to inform them of this resolution, and encourage the Australian Government to continue to work towards a peaceful Korean Peninsula

**2.6 Proposal 54- Support for the Australian RC Church 2020 Plenary Council**

*(b) To ask congregations to join in this time of prayer for God's wisdom and openness to be with us all and especially with the bishops and lay leaders of the Roman Catholic church, and encourage them to exchange a symbolic gift of prayerful ecumenical solidarity (for example a candle to be lit in worship services to focus prayer for their fellow Christians) with a Roman Catholic congregation in their neighbourhood during their period of preparation.*

**18.34 It was resolved to:**

18.34.01 request the President to convey this resolution to the Bishops Conference of the Roman Catholic Church in Australia; and

18.34.02 request the President to write to the Synods in 2019 regarding congregations being in prayer for the 2020 Plenary Council and encouraging them to exchange symbolic gifts of prayerful ecumenical solidarity with a Roman Catholic Congregation in their neighbourhood during their time of preparation.

**2.7 Proposal 55 – Continuing Witness**

*(d) To request the Standing Committee to establish a Task Group to*

*(i) explore the reception and endorsement by the Uniting Church of specific statements and documents of 'continuing witnesses' (as understood in the Basis of Union) to which the Uniting Church would turn and listen as it "sharpen its understanding of the will and purpose of God" (Basis #11) being cognisant of our diversity within unity; and*

*(ii) bring relevant proposals to the 16th Assembly after consultation with Presbyteries.*

**18.35 It was resolved to:**

a) request the Assembly Resourcing Unit in consultation with the Assembly Circles of Interest Advocates to develop Terms of Reference and suggested membership for a Task Group to undertake this work; and

b) bring them for approval to the November 2018 meeting of the Standing Committee.

**2.8 Proposal 64 – Marriage and Same-gender Relationships**

The introduction by the General Secretary was followed by table discussion regarding Documents 6, 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D and 6D, consisting of a report from the Additional Marriage Liturgy Task Group, various drafts of the Additional Marriage Liturgy and the advice from the Polity Reference Committee.

**18.36 It was resolved to:**

18.36.01 receive the report of the Additional Marriage Liturgy Task Group;

18.36.02 approve the Additional Marriage Liturgy (2018) (by agreement);

18.36.03 authorise the Addition Marriage Liturgy (2018) for publication and use as at 21 September 2018;

- 18.36.04 approve the Notes for the Additional Marriage Liturgy and authorise them for publication and use;
- 18.36.05 request the General Secretary to distribute the Additional Marriage Service and Notes to the Church; and
- 18.36.06 release the Additional Marriage Service Task group from its duties.

**2.9 Proposal 65 – Sovereignty**

*In the light of:*

*(a) the Preamble to the Constitution of UCA which defines sovereignty to be the way in which First Peoples understand themselves to be the traditional owners and custodians, and  
(b) the Statement from the Heart’s acknowledgment that sovereignty is a spiritual notion, reflecting the ancestral tie between the land and First Peoples,  
to affirm that the First Peoples of Australia, the Aboriginal and Islander Peoples, are sovereign peoples in this land.*

**18.37 It was resolved to:**

- a) request the Assembly Consultant Covenanting to work with UAICC to develop Terms of Reference for a Task Group to consider the practical outcomes for the Church following this affirmation;
- b) bring them and suggestions for membership for approval to the November 2018 meeting of the Standing Committee; and
- c) bring progress reports to the future meetings of the Standing Committee.

**2.10 Proposal 66 – Climate Change (revised)**

- (a) To request the Assembly Resourcing Unit to develop the contents of proposal 19 as brought to the 15th Assembly as a discussion paper that contributes to this ongoing commitment;*
- (b) To work with First Peoples in Australia and our church partners in the Pacific, Africa and Asia and other faiths to together understand the impacts of climate change on traditional, spiritual and contemporary ways of life;*
- (c) To encourage Uniting Church members, synods, presbyteries, congregations, agencies and schools to:*
- (i) Continue to inform themselves and their communities about the causes and consequences of climate change and appropriate responses;*
- (ii) Advocate for government policies and political action to address climate change;*
- (iii) Listen to and learn from the voices of vulnerable people across the world who are experiencing firsthand the impact of climate change;*
- (iv) Consider ways we can reduce our contribution to climate change, individually and in our communities, set meaningful targets and be transparent with our efforts and outcomes;  
and*
- (v) to tell stories of best practice across remote, rural and urban contexts*
- (d) To request the Standing Committee to consider specific actions, resourcing and ways of connecting practically with other councils to address issues related to climate change.*

**18.38 It was resolved to:**

- 18.38.01 taking into account Resolution 18.12.01.01 of the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly, request the Assembly Resourcing Unit, liaising with UAICC, and Synod and Agency personnel to prepare a National Climate Action Plan and Reporting Framework, and supporting educational and theological materials, to resource the wider church to take action on climate change, and report back to the July 2019 meeting of the ASC;
- 18.38.02 request the General Secretary to write to Synod General Secretaries requesting them to distribute information about the Assembly Climate Change Proposal, the National Climate Action Plan and Reporting Framework, and the availability of resources to synods, presbyteries, congregations, agencies, theological colleges and schools, encouraging them to:
- a) continue to inform themselves and their communities about the causes and consequences of climate change and appropriate responses;
  - b) advocate for government policies and political action to address climate change;
  - c) consider ways they can reduce their contribution to climate change, individually and in their communities, set meaningful targets and be transparent with their efforts and outcomes and share their stories with the wider Church.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **1. Royal Commission (ASC Minute 14.87.02)**

John Cox introduced Documents 5, 5A, 5B, 5C and 5C-1, consisting of a report from the National Task Group, the UCA Redress Constitution, the UCA Redress Member Charter, documents re the establishment of a Safe Church Unit and its Charter.

### **18.39 It was resolved to:**

- 18.39.01 receive the report of the National Task Group;
- 18.39.02 note the work completed toward the establishment of the Redress entity within the Uniting Church, and the work going forward to become active scheme participants.
- 18.39.03
- a) approve the proposal to establish the Safe Church Unit;
  - b) note the proposal entails a five (5) year commitment to support and resource the Unit's work;
  - c) note that a review of the Unit's operation will be conducted at year three (3) to determine any necessary change needed to fulfil the outcomes articulated by the Church;
  - d) note that the establishment of the Safe Church Unit is in conjunction with each of the Synods;
  - e) note that contemporaneously with this resolution each of the Synods will consider resolutions in similar form to this resolution;
  - f) note the proposed membership of the Safe Church Unit as being the Assembly and each of the six (6) Synods;

- g) note the draft governance charter provided at appendix five (5) of the working paper; and
- h) provide in-principle endorsement of the governance charter, noting that a final governance charter will be provided for final endorsement.

## FROM ASSEMBLY BODIES

### 1. ASC Governance Reference Committee

The General Secretary presented Document 12, consisting of a report on the Committee's Term of Reference from the Governance Reference Committee Review Task Group.

Felicity Amery and Fie Marino declared conflict of interest with Document 12 and left the room.

#### 18.40 It was resolved to:

- 18.40.01 receive the report;
- 18.40.02 approve the amendments to the ASC Governance Reference Committee's Terms of Reference as outlined in this report; and
- 18.40.03 In addition to the President, President-elect and the General Secretary, appoint the following members of ASC to be members of the ASC Governance Reference Committee for the coming triennium:
  - Geoffrey Grinton
  - Felicity Amery
  - Fie Marino

### 2. Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee

Leo Iosifidis and Stuart Woodward presented Document 4, consisting of a report from the Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee to provide information and assurance to the ASC with respect to the management of finance, audit and risk issues across the Assembly.

#### 18.41 It was resolved to:

- 18.41.01 receive the report;
- 18.41.02 accept the accounting treatment with respect to recognizing a provision in the 30 June 2018 accounts with respect to known Mogumber claims;
- 18.41.03 accept the 2017/18 financials as presented and reviewed by the Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee;
- 18.41.03 approve the 2018/19 Budgets of the National Assembly and its agencies as reviewed by the Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee;
- 18.41.04.
  - (a) supports the recommendation to proceed to windup the Home Endowment Fund; and
  - (b) approve (as an initial step) changes to the rules of the fund such that, effective immediately, no new members are to be admitted to the fund, no future contributions for existing members are to be received by the fund and no new mortgages be issued by the fund; and
- 18.41.05 note and accept the Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee; Self Evaluation Assessment as attached to the report.



- 18.44.07 CHURCH POLITY REFERENCE COMMITTEE  
 Chair: Gordon Ramsay  
 Andrew Dutney Ian Price  
 Jenny Tymms Chris Budden  
 Michelle Cook Haloti Kailahi
- 18.44.08 ASSEMBLY LEGAL REFERENCE COMMITTEE  
 Chair: Warwick van Ede  
 Malcolm Gledhill Peter Butt  
 Andrew Johnson Rob Ewing  
 Karen Keogh
- 18.44.09 ASSEMBLY FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE  
 Chair: Stuart Woodward  
 Peter McDonald Tony Engel  
 Ben Kohen
- 18.44.10 ASSEMBLY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE  
 Chair: Vivienne Lee  
 Matthew Moore Jason Bryan  
 Chris Dickman
- 18.44.11 DEFENCE FORCE CHAPLAINCY  
 2018 Chair: David Thiem  
 2019 Chair: Charles Vesely  
 Murray Earl Robyn Kidd  
 Gary Whelband Alan Williams  
 David Jackson Phil Anderson  
 Murray Lund Andrew Delbridge  
 Nikki Coleman (from 2019)
- 18.44.12 BEING A MULTICULTURAL CHURCH CIRCLE PANEL  
 Advocate: Matagi Vilitama  
 Angie Griffin Bryan Gilmour  
 Emmanuel Audisho Hee-jeong Sylvia Yang  
 Jason Kioa Kisso Jang  
 Levon Kardashian Moses Leth  
 Steve Bernaudo Viviana Ravitali
- 18.44.13 DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATIONS CIRCLE PANEL  
 Advocate: Steve Molkentin  
 Bradon French Robin Yang  
 Sione Hehepoto Virginia Lavaki  
 Leviana Tuiloma Nicole Mugford
- 18.44.14 GROWING IN FAITH CIRCLE PANEL  
 Advocate: Ann Perrin  
 Margaret Campbell Kylie Crabb  
 Liam Miller Matthew Julius  
 Peter Walker Rachel Kronberger  
 Tau'alofa Anga'aelangi
- 18.44.15 SEEKING COMMON GROUND CIRCLE PANEL  
 Advocate: Amelia Koh-Butler  
 Alison Bleyerveen April Kailahi  
 Geoff Boyce Heather Griffin  
 Marie Wilson Siosiana Joyce Tangi  
 Tara Curlewis
- 18.44.16 TRANSFORMING WORSHIP CIRCLE PANEL  
 Advocate: Alexandra Sangster  
 Alison Whish David McGregor

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|          | James Aaron<br>Radhika Sukumar-White   | Paul Walton<br>Warwick Cadenhead |
| 18.44.17 | WALKING TOGETHER AS FIRST AND SECOND PEOPLES CIRCLE PANEL<br>Advocate: Stuart McMillan<br>Thresi Mauboy Wohangara      Gewa Au<br>Jennie Gordon                      Michelle Cook<br>Seungjae Yeon              |                                  |
| 18.44.18 | WORKING FOR JUSTICE CIRCLE PANEL<br>Advocate: Loni Vaitohi<br>Bea Skippen                          Cindy James<br>Do Young Kim                        Zac Hatfield Dodds   |                                  |
| 18.44.19 | adopt the Terms of Reference for the Lutheran Church of Australia – UCA Dialogue; (Attachment )  |                                  |
| 18.44.20 | appoint the following UCA members to the LCA – UCA Dialogue:<br>Anna Grant-Henderson - Convenor<br>Michael Champion<br>Denise Liersch<br>Paul Stephens<br>Craig Thompson   |                                  |
| 18.44.21 | adopt the Terms of Reference for the Executive Council of Australian Jewry – UCA Dialogue; (Attachment ) and   |                                  |
| 18.44.22 | appoint the following UCA members to the Executive Council of Australian Jewry Dialogue:<br>Matthew Wilson – Convenor<br>Alison Bleyerveen<br>Edwin Carter<br>Graham McAnalley<br>Rob McFarlane<br>Tara Curlewis |                                  |

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### 1. Actions since the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly

The General Secretary spoke to Document 7, consisting on a report on actions taken since the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly with respect to the marriage proposal, including status of actions.

#### 18.45 It was resolved to:

18.45.01 receive the report; and

18.45.02 request the General Secretary to send a summary of the request from the Attorney-General's Department regarding the status of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations within the Uniting Church and the response to that request from the General Secretary to the Synod General Secretaries, for the information of Presbytery Ministers and Chairpersons, and other bodies as appropriate.

### 2. ASC Skills Matrix and Co-options

The General Secretary presented Document 11, consisting of a report on the skills that ASC members bring to the Committee; and the subsequent need for any further co-options.

**18.46 It was resolved to:**

18.46.01 receive the report; and

18.46.02 approve the co-option of Stuart Woodward (Chair, Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee) as a member of the Standing Committee for the current triennium.

**CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 4.00pm with prayer led by Felicity Amery.

**DATES FOR 2019:**     **8 – 10 March 2019**  
                              **19 – 21 July 2019**  
                              **8 – 10 November 2019**