

## **CHURCH POLITY REFERENCE COMMITTEE MANDATE**

- Responsible to:** The Assembly
- Reporting arrangements:** The Assembly and the Standing Committee
- Mission Statement:** To advise the Assembly, the Standing Committee and the General Secretary on the polity of the church, in light of the Basis of Union, the Constitution and the Regulations.
- Mandate:**
1. To provide advice on matters of polity at the request of the Assembly, the Standing Committee or the General Secretary.
  2. To initiate with the General Secretary, the Standing Committee or the Assembly consideration of issues and concerns relating to the polity of the church.
  3. To assist other Assembly agencies (eg. Theology and Discipleship, Legal Reference Committee, National Secretariat) with advice on matters concerning the polity of the church.
  4. To assist with the drafting of amendments to the Constitution and the Regulations, as requested by the Assembly, the Standing Committee, the Legal Reference Committee or the General Secretary.
- Power to appoint:** The Reference Committee has power to appoint working groups to operate within this mandate.
- Membership of the Reference Committee:**
- Chairperson, appointed by the Assembly.  
Five to nine persons appointed by the Standing Committee, following receipt of nominations from the Reference Committee.
  - Chairperson and attending members to be resident within the Synod of South Australia.
  - One corresponding member from each of the other five synods, appointed by the Standing Committee.

*Approved by Assembly Standing Committee August 2006*