

Uniting Church in Australia

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE

18 – 20 November 2011

PRESENT Alistair Macrae (President), Jenny Brecknell, Michelle Cook, Terence Corkin, Andrew Dutney, Andrew Glenn, Geoffrey Grinton, Gregor Henderson, Andrew Johnson, Jason Kioa, Peter McDonald, Stuart McMillan, Isabel Thomas Dobson, Fatai Tapuelulu, Jenny Tymms, Robert Watson, Adrian White, Wendie Wilkie.

In attendance: Jenny Bertalan, Glenda Blakefield, Rob Brown, Shirley Coulson, Kay Dowling, Peter Jones, Chris Walker and Andrew Williams.

WORSHIP On the Friday evening, as part of the formation of the community, Michelle Cook preached and the President presided at the opening Service of Holy Communion. On the Saturday Adrian White led morning worship and Isabel Thomas Dobson led evening prayers. On the Sunday morning Jenny Tymms led morning worship and the closing prayer in the afternoon was led by Andrew Dutney.

WELCOMES The President welcomed all Assembly Standing Committee participants to the meeting. Robert Hoskin and Ian Glenny for matters related to the Beneficiary Fund, Stu Cameron for matters related to UnitingWorld, Craig Mitchell for the interim report of the Christian Education Research Fellowship, Ron Skilton for the discussion on the future of the Ministerial Education Commission and other MEC proposals, Keith Rowe for matters related to Relations with Other Faiths, Mark Neasey and Peter Andrews for the Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee and the budget.

RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

On behalf of Standing Committee, the President acknowledged the local Eora people and their role as custodians of the land on which the meeting took place.

APOLOGIES

11.47 It was resolved to accept the apology of Kim Anderson, Kisoo Jang, Graham Humphris, Lesley De Grussa-Macaulay, Ken Sumner and Kendall Trudgen for the whole meeting, Alistair Macrae for Sunday, Jason Kioa and Fatai Tapuelulu for Friday night.

PASTORAL MATTERS

The General Secretary informed the Standing Committee that Gregor Henderson and Kaisa Thomson (a member of Wesley Church, Canberra) are engaged to be married, with the date set for 10 March 2012. Michelle Cook shared that the Pastor at Aurukun died and the community was in mourning. It was also reported that Peter Jones' father and Glenda Blakefield's mother passed away. Other matters of general interest and concern were also reported.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The General Secretary spoke to the agenda and timetable as listed in Document 1. The participants reviewed the Agenda in Table Groups and offered feedback on which items should have the priority in the Agenda.

- 11.48** **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

- 11.49** **It was resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held July 15 - 17 2011.

NOTE

Standing Committee members were reminded of:

1. Constitution Clause 39(a) "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 Synods and/or Presbyteries and/or Congregations as the Assembly may determine."; and
2. the authority of the Standing Committee as set out in Regulation 3.6.34 and the resolutions of this Assembly on this subject (Assembly minute 09.08.07).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On the Saturday evening the President reported on his various activities since the last meeting of the Standing Committee. He started his report with reference to ecumenical relations, namely his meeting with the Anglican primate. He gave some insight into the last Ministers' Conference held in Adelaide, which had been the largest. Fresh Expressions was the theme of this gathering of ministers. He also made mention of the preparations for the Young Leaders' Conference. He spoke about his visit to the Synod of Western Australia at the invitation of the Moderator to visit all the UCA schools. He also expressed concern over the slippage in language and theological markers during services such as confirmation and baptism. After the last Standing Committee meeting he travelled to Korea at the invitation of the Korean Council of Churches and on Sunday he was going to China at the invitation of the Chinese Christian Council.

- 11.50** **It was resolved** to receive the report.

SYNOD SHARING

The Synod of South Australia was not able to provide input at this meeting. In table groups the participants discussed their expectations regarding the purpose and topics of the synod sharing time. The Standing Committee supported the continuation of this part of the Agenda with the expectation that the presentation would

- engage participants not just talk to them
- be more than an activity report but pick up the big issues and reflect theologically
- seek to make connection between local experience and any national implications
- over a triennium have each synod share and three times choose an issue on which all have input.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS STANDING COMMITTEE

1. **FUTURE OF THE MINISTERIAL EDUCATION COMMISSION (ASC MINUTES 10.66.02 AND 11.09)**

Andrew Dutney presented Document 9, consisting of a report on the responses to the Education for Ministry Discussion Paper.

11.51 It was resolved to:

11.51.01 receive the report;

- 11.51.02 recommend to the 13th Assembly that the
- a) Ministerial Education Commission be replaced by an Education for Ministry Working Group to advise the Assembly on the standards of education and training for the ministry of the Word, ministry of Deacon, ministry of Pastor and ministry of Lay Preacher; and
 - b) Mandate for the Education for Ministry Working Group be:

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY WORKING GROUP

RESPONSIBLE TO:

The Assembly

REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS:

The Assembly and the Assembly Standing Committee

VISION STATEMENT:

All education for ministry in the Uniting Church will foster:

- participation of the whole people of God in the mission of God revealed in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit;
- the centrality of the Scriptures in the life of the Church and the work of ministry;
- the importance of lifelong learning and formation in the Christian life for all people;
- the shared ministry of the people of God.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To advise the Assembly and the Assembly Standing Committee on the standards of formation, education and training for the ministry of the Word, ministry of Deacon, ministry of Pastor, and ministry of Lay Preacher in the Uniting Church.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

To advise the Assembly on:

1. policies relating to standards of formation, education and training for the specified ministries in the Uniting Church, including continuing education, professional development and supervision;
2. requirements for the recognition of an approved centre for training for ministry.

In addition the working group will:

1. facilitate regular national consultations of the faculties of approved centres for training for ministry and synod lay education and leadership development agencies;
2. facilitate cooperation and the sharing of expertise and resources for education for ministry between the synods;
3. encourage regular national networking of key leaders in formation, theological education, continuing education for ministry, lay education and leadership development, including MEBs.

MEMBERSHIP

- A Chairperson appointed by the Assembly
- 10 people, appointed by the Standing Committee with specific expertise in

- Strategic, innovative thinking about the future of the church
 - Theology
 - Missiology
 - Ministry Practice
 - Formation for Discipleship and Ministry
 - Higher Education
 - Vocational Education and Training
 - Distance Education
- including one person from each Synod, and reflecting the cultural and linguistic diversity of the Uniting Church.
- One person appointed by the UAICC
 - Up to 4 co options;
- c) Working Group make its first task to draft and recommend to the Assembly Standing Committee a Vision Statement for education for ministry in the Uniting Church today, taking account of the vision and commitments of the Basis of Union in the contemporary context and noting that the Assembly's current vision for all education for ministry in the Uniting Church was initially affirmed by the Eighth Assembly (1997),
- d) Working Group review the current work of the Ministerial Education Commission and make recommendations to the Assembly Standing Committee on how that work should be continued, reformed, or discontinued;
- e) Working Group in consultation with the Synods review the regulations concerning Ministerial Education Boards, Theological Colleges and Candidates and make recommendations to the Assembly Standing Committee including recommendations concerning the relationship of MEBs and Theological Colleges to the Working Group; and
- f) Standing Committee, on the advice of the Assembly Legal Reference Committee, be authorised to approve new Regulations to achieve these outcomes.

11.51.03 request the Working Group to:

- a) develop the rationale that will be provided in support of this proposal going to the 13th Assembly; and
- b) bring any subsequent proposals to the Standing Committee on this matter that might arise from this work.

2. RESPONSES TO THE CHAPLAINCY DISCUSSION PAPER (ASC MINUTE 10.54.02)

Chris Walker spoke to Document 21, consisting of a report on the responses to the Chaplaincy paper which was distributed to the church for comment.

11.52 It was resolved to:

11.52.01 receive the report; and

11.52.02 request the National Consultant for Theology and Discipleship to keep the responses for future reference.

3. RESPONSES TO THE MEMBERSHIP PAPER (ASC MINUTE 10.54.02)

Chris Walker introduced Document 22, consisting of a report on the responses to the Church Membership paper which was distributed to the church for comment.

11.53 It was resolved to:

11.53.01 receive the report;

11.53.02 request the National Consultant for Theology and Discipleship to report back to the Presbyteries on the nature of responses and the discussion that took place at the Standing Committee; and

11.53.03 include reference to this piece of work in the report of the Standing Committee to the 13th Assembly.

4. REVISION OF THE REGULATIONS (ASC MINUTE 11.35.03)

Andrew Johnson presented Document 25, consisting of a report on the review of the regulations. The final draft of the regulations was provided to the participants of the Standing Committee meeting and the members of Legal Reference Committee one month prior to the meeting.

11.54 It was resolved to:

11.54.01 received the report;

11.54.02 approve the draft regulations, noting the deletion of the Alternative Regulations for Church Councils in Small Congregations (Attachment A) (*A complete hard copy of the revised Regulations will be attached to the official Archives copy of the Minutes and will be available in soft copy with the Assembly electronic file of the Minutes*);

11.54.03 authorise the General Secretary to approve the final revision of the Alternative Regulations for Korean Congregations and the Index;

11.54.04 determine the effective date for the new regulations to be 1 June 2012; and

11.54.05 express appreciation to Andrew Johnson for the significant amount of work undertaken in drafting the revised Regulations.

5. UNITINGWORLD CHURCH CONNECTIONS GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS (ASC MINUTE 11.40.02)

Stu Cameron spoke to Documents 14 and 14A, consisting of a proposal to establish a new governing body which covers the programs of Church Solidarity, Experience, Church Connections and Support Services.

11.55 It was resolved to:

11.55.01 receive the report;

11.55.02 agree to the establishment of a Church Connections National Committee with the delegations set out in the attached Mandate, effective upon the appointment of the membership of the National Committee;

11.55.03 approve the Mandate (Attachment B); and

11.55.04 request the National Director to bring nominations for the new National Committee to the March 2012 meeting of the Standing Committee.

6. WORKING GROUP ON ASSEMBLY GOVERNANCE (ASC MINUTE 11.36.03)

Andrew Glenn introduced Document 16, consisting of a report from the Working Group. Discussion followed.

- 11.56 It was resolved to:**
- 11.56.01 receive the report;
- 11.56.02 establish a Committee for a trial period of 18 months consisting of the President, President-elect, General Secretary, Adrian White, Michelle Cook and Geoffrey Grinton to:
- a) shape the agenda of ASC meetings with due regard to the urgency and strategic importance of items of business;
 - b) ensure that particular attention is paid to developing relationships between the new ASC and the agencies and synods; and
 - c) work with agencies to develop guidelines and a timetable for the agencies to report to the ASC in a timely, informative and succinct manner;
- 11.56.03 seek to ensure that the person identified as the Chairperson of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee for the next triennium be a member of the Assembly and therefore able to be co-opted to the Standing Committee;
- 11.56.04 request the General Secretary to ensure:
- a) that there is clear documentation outlining all matters relating to the governance of the Assembly and that this is made available to members of the ASC, relevant agencies and staff, and
 - b) that there is an appropriate induction process for the members of the new Standing Committee;
- 11.56.05 invite the incoming Standing Committee to note this report and to:
- a) review the operation, status, membership, directorship and utility of UCA Assembly Ltd;
 - b) consider the skill-base of the ASC and consider the co-option of additional members;
 - c) develop a set of priorities for its work over the next triennium; and
 - d) give further consideration to issues of Assembly governance; and
- 11.56.06 thank and discharge the Task Group

FROM ASSEMBLY BODIES

1. ASC – UAICC COVENANT SUPPORT GROUP

The General Secretary presented Document 4, consisting of a report on the work of the Support Group.

11.57 It was resolved to:

- 11.57.01 receive the report;

- 11.57.02 a) note that the triennial Conference of Congress will be held within one month of the 13th Assembly and therefore it is not possible for Congress to comply with the ASC decision that all proposals must be received no later than one month before the commencement of the Assembly;
- b) request the Congress National Executive to advise the General Secretary of any proposals that they will be submitting to the triennial Conference that may subsequently come to the 13th Assembly as proposals at least one month before the commencement of the 13th Assembly;
- c) agree to include in the Agenda of the 13th Assembly any amendments to these proposals that arise from the Conference, or which have not come from the National Executive; and
- d) request the National Executive to liaise with the General Secretary in future years so that the National Conference can be held at a time that will allow it to comply with the Assembly Standing Committee decision regarding the closing date for proposals to the triennial Assembly.

2. ASSEMBLY AUDIT, FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE

Peter Andrews and Mark Neasey spoke to Document 2, consisting of a report on the work of the Committee.

11.58 It was resolved to:

- 11.58.01 receive the report;
- 11.58.02 a) note the progress regarding the development of a Risk Management processes;
- b) agree to appoint up to six Standing Committee participants to participate in the risk management workshop; and
- c) appoint Kay Dowling, Andrew Glenn and Peter McDonald to attend the risk management workshop; and
- 11.58.03 request the Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee to provide a draft of a revised Charter and set of delegations for consideration at the next Standing Committee meeting

3. ASSEMBLY BUDGET 2012

Mark Neasey introduced Documents 3 and 3A, consisting of the proposed budget for 2012 for the Assembly agencies.

11.59 It was resolved to:

- 11.59.01 receive the report;
- 11.59.02 note with gratitude the contributions from Synods to the Assembly budget for 2012;
- 11.59.03 a) approve the 2012 budgets for
- Assembly Fund
 - UnitingWorld
 - UnitingWorld Relief & Development
 - UnitingCare; and

- b) note the allocations for Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress

4. BENEFICIARY FUND

Robert Hoskin and Ian Glenny presented a PowerPoint on various matters including the Benefund Ltd. Constitution, Beneficiary Fund Rules and strategic thinking about the Fund's future directions. They also spoke to Documents 5 and 5A and 6 and 6A as well as Document 7, consisting of reports on the above matters.

11.60 It was resolved to:

- 11.60.01 receive the report on the Constitution of the Benefund Ltd.;
- 11.60.02 approve the Constitution of Benefund Ltd. (Attachment C);
- 11.60.03 receive the report on the Beneficiary Fund Trust Deed and Rules;
- 11.60.04 amend with immediate effect Regulation 6.7.1 to read
"The Trustee with the consent of the Assembly may make or vary Rules ~~which are not inconsistent with these Regulations~~ dealing with any matter or aspect of investment, management or administration of the Fund, including (subject to Regulations 5.2.1(a) and 5.2.2) but not limited to:
- (a) the levels and conditions of Ministers and Congregational contributions and any other contributions and levies;
 - (b) the levels and conditions of benefit payments;
 - (c) the procedure for the appointment of member representation to the Board;
- provided that such Rules are undertaken in accordance with and do not infringe the requirements of the Act.";
- 11.60.05 amend with immediate effect Regulation 6.1.1 to read:
"The Assembly shall establish a fund, to be known as the Uniting Church in Australia Beneficiary Fund, providing benefits for Ministers, for the spouses and any other dependents of deceased Ministers and for such other purposes as may be approved by the Assembly";
- 11.60.06 consent to the amendment to the Rules of The Uniting Church in Australia Beneficiary Fund proposed to be effected by execution of a Deed Poll;
- 11.60.07 delete Regulations 6.1.2 to 6.8.1 with immediate effect following the execution of the Deed Poll;
- 11.60.08 receive the report on the future directions of the Beneficiary Fund; and
- 11.60.09 support the further investigation of a Defined Benefit pension benefit for new members and existing Category 5 members.

5. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Craig Mitchell delivered a PowerPoint presentation on, and spoke to, Document 23, consisting of a progress report on the Christian education research project.

- 11.61 It was resolved to** receive the report.

6. GENERAL REPORT

The General Secretary spoke to Document 27, consisting of a report on various matters.

11.62 **It was resolved to** receive the report.

7. LEGAL REFERENCE COMMITTEE

The General Secretary introduced Document 24, consisting of a report on the matters the Legal Reference Committee has dealt with since the July 2011 Standing Committee.

11.63 **It was resolved to:**

11.63.01 receive the report;

11.63.02 appoint Ms Karen Keogh as a member of the Assembly Legal Reference Committee; and

11.63.03 refer the draft Regulations for the admission of Ministers from another church back to the Legal Reference Committee with the comments from the Standing Committee.

8. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION COMMISSION

1. Re Pastor Issues

The General Secretary spoke to Document 10, consisting of a letter on the broader issues and challenges regarding the implementation of the specified ministry of Pastor.

11.64 **It was resolved to:**

11.64.01 a) receive the letter; and

b) advise the Ministerial Education Commission of the discussion at the Standing Committee;

11.64.02 note that the MEC intends to take a proposal to the 13th Assembly that there be a review of the Ministry of Pastor.

2. MEC's Role in Overseeing Lay Education and Concern re Advertising by Theological Colleges

The General Secretary presented Document 11, consisting of correspondence from the MEC regarding the issue of the role of the MEC with aspects of lay education.

11.65 **It was resolved to:**

11.65.01 receive the letter; and

11.65.02 advise the Ministerial Education Commission that in the light of a proposal going to the 13th Assembly about the way in which MEC functions, the Standing Committee is deferring the discussion of the role of the MEC in oversight of lay education.

3. Professional Supervision Guidelines

Jenny Brecknell introduced Document 12, consisting of the latest Guidelines for Professional Supervision.

11.66 **It was resolved to:**

- 11.66.01 receive the report; and
- 11.66.02 endorse the Guidelines for Professional Supervision (Attachment D).

4. Seeking a Heart of Wisdom

Jenny Brecknell spoke to Document 13, consisting of the proposed Guidelines for continuing education for Uniting Church Ministry agents.

11.67 It was resolved to:

- 11.67.01 receive the report; and
- 11.67.02 endorse the document "Seeking a Heart of Wisdom" as guidance for the church in the fulfillment of the continuing education requirements for persons in the relevant Specified Ministries (Attachment E).

9. RELATIONS WITH OTHER FAITHS WORKING GROUP

Glenda Blakefield and Keith Rowe spoke to Document 20, consisting of a paper "Friendship in the Presence of Difference" which is being prepared by the Working Group for the 13th Assembly.

11.68 It was resolved to:

- 11.68.01 receive the report; and
- 11.68.02 support the direction of the paper.

10. UNITINGWORLD

Stu Cameron presented Document 15, consisting of a report on the strategic direction of UnitingWorld for 2012 – 2014.

11.69 It was resolved to receive the report.

11. WORKING GROUP ON DOCTRINE

Chris Walker introduced Document 18, consisting of the paper *Discerning the Work of the Holy Spirit, Guidelines for People and Communities of Faith* from the Working Group to provide guidance to the Church in matters that are currently under discussion.

11.70 It was resolved to:

- 11.70.01 receive the paper; and
- 11.70.02 refer the paper back to the Working Group on Doctrine for further work in the light of the discussion at the Standing Committee.

12. WORKING GROUP ON WORSHIP

Chris Walker spoke to Document 17, consisting of new worship resources in relation to the sacrament of Baptism and the Reaffirmation of Baptism called Confirmation.

11.71 It was resolved to:

- 11.71.01 receive the report;

- 11.71.02 approve the inclusion (as options) in the service, *The Sacrament of Baptism and the Reaffirmation of Baptism called Confirmation*, those sections of the equivalent service of the United Church of Canada; (Attachment F); and
- 11.71.03 a) approve the liturgical resources related to decisions on the UCA Preamble: a Prayer of Confession, an Affirmation of Faith and a Word of Mission for use in congregational worship and other gatherings of the church;
- b) authorize the Working Group on Worship to approve the alternative affirmation of faith for use by people for whom English is a second language in the light of discussion at the Standing Committee; and
- c) encourage the Working Group on Worship to produce the Prayer of Confession and the Word of Mission in words that are suitable for use by people for whom English is a second language.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. GENERAL BUSINESS

The General Secretary presented the business in Document 26, consisting of various matters.

11.72 It was resolved to:

- 11.72.01 receive the report;
- 11.72.02 note the decision of the Standing Committee, by email ballot in September, to appoint Mr Mark Neasey as a Director and the Company Secretary of UCA Assembly Ltd;
- 11.72.03 propose to the 13th Assembly that
- a) the Assembly authorize the Assembly Standing Committee, on the advice of the Legal Reference Committee and after appropriate consultation, to amend the following parts of the Regulations, as and when the Standing Committee deems it necessary
- The Code of Ethics,
 - The Manual for Meetings,
 - The Alternative Regulations for Korean Congregations, and
 - Part 7 - the Discipline Regulations;
- b) regulation 4.10.4 (a) be deleted with immediate effect; and
- c) the Assembly authorize the Assembly Standing Committee, on the advice of the Legal Reference Committee to amend Regulation 2.7.9A such that the Assembly is removed as a place to which appeals are submitted and appeals under Regulation 2.7.9A go to the Synod Secretary in the Synod in which the appeal arises and that the Synod Secretary be required to refer the appeal to another Synod for action;
- 11.72.04 appoint Mrs Amel Michael Manyon, Dr Tangikina [Tangi] Moimoi Steen and Rev Lu Sentuli as members of the Reference Committee for Multicultural and Cross Cultural Ministry;
- 11.72.05 a) receive the correspondence from the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania Working Group on Christian – Jewish Relations; and
- b) communicate to the Working Group that the boycott request came from the Palestinian Christians, World Council of Churches and the

National Council of Churches in Australia and the kit is very balanced in that it provides information from both perspectives on the issues;

- 11.72.06 determine that in the triennium 2012 – 2015 the Ministerial Education Commission Executive shall be located within the bounds of the Synod of South Australia (Regulation 2.2.17 (a));
- 11.72.07 appoint Ms Rads Sukumar, Ms Emma Parr and Rev Ian Pearson to the proposals sub committee for the 13th Assembly;
- 11.72.08 appoint Mr Robert Watson (Chairperson), Mrs Barbara Bennewith (Secretary), Mr Bob Lockley (Treasurer), Rev Marion Millin, Ms Joy Emmeluth, Mr Ian Passmore, Rev Ray Foster, Mrs Kay Lockley, Mrs Aladina Foster and Ms Helen McMillan as the National UCAF Committee for 2012 – 2015;
- 11.72.09 note the resignation of Mr Ed Walker as a Director of UCA Assembly Ltd.;
- 11.72.10 a) note the resignation of Mr Ed Walker as a member of the Management Committee of the National Disaster Fund; and
- b) appoint Paul Bartlett, Philip Bickerstaff, Cynthia Coghill and John Hayes as members of the Management Committee of the National Disaster Fund until August 2012;
- 11.72.11 appoint Rev Patty Lawrence to the Emmaus Board and National Secretariat;
- 11.72.12 grant the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania exemption from Regulation 3.5.20 and provide the following alternate Regulation 3.5.20 for the appointment of the next General Secretary:
- Should a vacancy occur in the office of Secretary between ordinary meetings of the Synod, the Standing Committee of the Synod shall bring a nomination to a special meeting of the Synod convened for the purpose.;
- 11.72.13 a) note the advice of the UAICC National Executive that the following proposal will be submitted to the 13th Assembly:
- “That the Assembly add a new question to ordination, induction and commissioning services in which the respondent affirms the covenant between the UAICC and the Uniting Church and will serve Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people;”
- b) refer the UAICC resolution to the Working Group on Worship and invite its consideration of the proposal and how its intention might be carried forward; and
- c) request the Working Group on Worship to provide advice to the General Secretary so that, if required, negotiations can take place with the UAICC on possible amendments to the proposal before submission to the 13th Assembly.

2. MOGUMBER MISSION COMPLAINT

The General Secretary presented Documents 8 and 8A, consisting of a report on the claim from former residents of Mogumber Mission for an ex gratia payment for alleged abuse experienced while residents of Mogumber Mission. Document 8A contained the submission from the UAICC and the Assembly to the National Inquiry into the separation of Aboriginal and Islander Children from their families.

11.73 It was resolved to:

- 11.73.01 receive the report;
- 11.73.02 note that the General Secretary has prepared meeting notes reflecting the Standing Committee's current thinking in relation to the principles and possible processes for dealing with claims for compensation arising from former residents of Mogumber home;
- 11.73.03 request the General Secretary to:
- a) convene a meeting of the ASC Covenant Support Group prior to the March meeting of the Standing Committee to enable discussion of these meeting notes;
 - b) invite the UAICC to respond to the principles as currently developed and to make suggestions on any future process that the Assembly may develop for addressing claims for compensation;
 - c) continue to make inquiries that will assist the Standing Committee to better appreciate the full extent of possible claims against the Assembly; and
 - d) bring a report on the discussion at the Covenant Support Group and the result of other inquiries to the March meeting of the Standing Committee.

3. RULES OF MINISTERS' HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

The General Secretary presented Document 19, consisting of a report on the proposed new rules for the Ministers' Home Endowment Fund, which is currently administered by the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

11.74 It was resolved to:

- 11.74.01 receive the report; and
- 11.74.02 approve the new Rules for the Home Endowment Fund (Attachment G).

CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 3.45pm with prayer led by Andrew Dutney.

2012 MEETING DATES

16 – 18 March 2012
24 – 26 August 2012
16 – 18 November 2012