



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**ASSEMBLY**  
Assembly Standing Committee

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<b>Title</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Assembly Reconvened Meeting Update</b>
Type of Paper (Information/Decision)	For information and decision
Assembly or ASC Minute	<b>Reconvening the Meeting of the 16th Assembly</b> 21. XX a) adjourn the meeting of the 16th Assembly at the conclusion of the Closing Worship; and b) reconvene at a time and place and in a manner determined by the President. <b><i>(unconfirmed minute)</i></b>
Consultation	President, Chair Business Committee
Purpose	To update ASC on matters relating to the reconvened meeting of the 16 <sup>th</sup> Assembly; and to seek approval of Charissa Suli as member of the Business Committee.
Rationale & Findings Summary	See report
Attachments	Nil
Proposal/s	That the Assembly Standing Committee: 1. Receive the report. 2. Appoint Charissa Suli (President-elect) to the 16 <sup>th</sup> Assembly Business Committee
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# 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly Reconvened Meeting Update

## Meeting Dates

At the meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly Business Committee held on 25 October 2021, the President advised that the reconvened meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly will take place from the evening of Friday 6 May 2022 with worship, until 1.00pm Monday 9 May 2022.

It is hoped that the meeting will take place in person at Alex Park Conference Centre. However, planning for both in person and online scenarios is being done.

## Planning Principles

The following principles are guiding the planning for the reconvened meeting:

- We will need to plan for both in person and online scenarios
- The Church has to have the opportunity to bring proposals to the meeting, no matter what format the meeting takes
- Health orders, including evidence of vaccination against COVID19 will be adhered to
- If more than 10% of Assembly members are unable to attend due to border closures/health orders/similar, then the meeting will be held online
- If up to 10% of Assembly members are unable to attend due to border closures/health orders/similar, the Assembly will continue in a hybrid capacity for those members
- Members will participate in Community Working Groups prior to the meeting

## Timeline

- A detailed timeline is being developed. It will include:
- Decision gateways for how the meeting is held
- Dates for submission of proposals for the business of the Assembly
- Pre-meeting Community Working Groups
- Travel arrangements for members
- Pre-meeting arrangements for groups, eg Youthful Members Gathering

Preparation is also underway for reports that will be presented on behalf of the ASC, for the ASC to consider them at the March 2022 ASC meeting.

The Local Arrangements Committee has begun the logistics planning for the meeting.

## Communications

Members will be informed of the dates for the meetings, and other initial relevant information in the first week of November 2021.

Subsequent to this information, further details will be provided in a timely way to members and the wider Church.

## Business Committee

As the 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly is meeting over two meetings, it would be helpful for the President-elect to be a member of the Business Committee. The ASC is asked to approve this proposal.