



Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY
Assembly Standing Committee

12 – 14 November 2021

AGENDA

FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER

5.30pm **WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

GOVERNANCE ORIENTATION

7.15pm *Break*

7.25pm **WORSHIP/REFLECTION**

Welcomes: Sarah Lim for matters related to UCA Redress Ltd.; John Cox for matters related to Safe Church Unit, Rob McFarlane for matters related to the Standards for Ministries Committee; Chair and Directors of UCA Assembly Limited for matters related to the UCAAL Annual General Meeting; *Lin Hatfield Dodds for matters related to the LGBTIQ Apology Task Group report,*

Apologies: David Busch for Saturday morning; John Dunn for Sunday, Raul Sugunananthan for the whole meeting, Linda Driver for the last session on Sunday afternoon, *Richard La'Brooy for Friday night.*

1. APPROVAL OF TIMETABLE AND AGENDA (Document 1)

Proposals: *That Standing Committee (i) in accordance with Minute 02.08.05 consider whether the content and emphasis of the agenda reflects an appropriate level of focus on matters of contemporary significance to the Church; and (ii) 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.*

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Proposal: *That Standing Committee confirm:*

- *the minutes of the meeting held 27 – 29 August 2021 with the following amendments:*
 - *21.40 – AFARC: Delete “Table discussion ensued”.*
 - *21.41.02 – AIAC: The narrative should say: “Stuart Woodward introduced Documents 13, 13A and 13B,”*
 - *Page 7 - Date for 2121 should be 2021; and*
- *the minutes of the meeting on 14 October 2021.*

Proposal:

In keeping with the following from the Confidentiality of ASC Papers Statement - *The minutes of the ASC are provided publicly on the Assembly website following their confirmation by the following meeting of the ASC. In order for this to occur, the ASC will decide whether certain minutes are to be kept confidential and for how long.* – resolve to keep Minute 21.50 confidential, with no time limit, as it refers to a confidential matter with respect to an Assembly staff member.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (Document 1C)

Members identify conflicts of interest and resolve on how to address them.

4. ACTION REGISTER (Document 1B)

5. **NOTE CONSTITUTION CLAUSE 39**
Standing Committee members are 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.”

6. **RECEPTION OF REPORTS**
7. **CONSENT AGENDA (Document 2)**

SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER

11.00am **WORSHIP (INCLUDING PASTORAL MATTERS)**

11.45am
8. **UAICC REPORT (Document 3)**

12.15pm
9. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Document 4)**

12.45pm *Break*

1.00pm
10. **GENERAL SECRETARY’S REPORT (Document 5)**
CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHER SYNOD (Document 5A)
STRATEGIC PLAN AND BUSINESS PLAN (Document 5B)

2.00pm *Break*

3.00pm
11. **ASSEMBLY FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORT (Document 6)**

3.30pm
12. **RISK REGISTER (Document 7)**

4.00pm
13. **ASC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW (Document 8)**

Reference: ASC Minute 21.48.05

- a) *request the General Secretary, the President and Nicole Mugford, to undertake a review of the ASC Governance Reference Committee, and*
- b) *report to the November 2021 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee regarding findings and recommendations*

4.15pm
14. **DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION NATIONAL TASK GROUP ASC MEMBER (Document 9)**

4.30pm
15. **STANDARDS FOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE REPORT (Document 10)**

Reference: ASC Minute 21.22.02

- b) *request the Committee to bring a subsequent report on the matters highlighted by the Assembly Standing Committee members to the November 2021 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.*

4.45pm *Break*

5.00pm

16. NATIONAL SAFE CHURCH UNIT AND UCA REDRESS LTD (Documents 11 and 12)

5.00pm Closing Prayer – The Examen

6.00pm *Break*

7.00pm **SOIREE**

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER

11.00am Opening Worship

11.30am

17. UCA ASSEMBLY LTD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12.15pm *Break*

12.30pm

18. ACT2 TASK GROUP REPORT AND ACT2: CONSIDERING AFRESH OUR LIFE TOGETHER (Documents 13 and 13A)

1.30pm

19. LGBTIQ APOLOGY TASK GROUP REPORT (Document 14)

Reference: ASC Minute 21.19.02

request the Task Group to provide a report including a proposed project plan and any budget implications to the August 2021 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.

2.00pm *Break*

3.00pm

20. ONLINE GATHERING FOR WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION REPORT (Document 15)

Reference: ASC Minute 21.10.03

request the General Secretary to review the Guidelines for the Online Gathering for Worship with Holy Communion in order to include Church congregations and other Uniting Church communities of faith which may find it necessary or appropriate to meet partially in a gathered community while also welcoming participation by others who join the community through real-time or recorded broadcasts; to be effective until the end of November 2021 in keeping with the approval of online gathering for worship with Holy Communion.

3.30pm

21. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT (Document 16)

Reference: ASC Minute 21.07.02

request that the Secretariat and each Agency report to the November meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee each year on their progress towards achieving the targets set in the Climate Action Plan.

3.50pm

22. 16TH ASSEMBLY RECONVENED MEETING 2022 UPDATE (Document 17)

4.10pm

23. ASC BOOK DISCUSSION

4.55pm

24. MEETING EVALUATION (Document 18)

5.15 pm Closing Prayer –

DATES FOR 2022:

11 – 13 March 2022
15 – 17 July 2022
11 – 13 November 2022

Consent Agenda

- Disability Royal Commission National Task Group Report
- Executive Council of the Jewry – UCA Dialogue Member Appointment
- Church in the Digital Age Task Group Report
- Chaplaincy Task Group Report
- Regulations Review Task Group Report
- Standards for Ministries Committee Appointment
- Appointment of Panel Members