

Assembly Standing Committee
Action Register, 2021-2024 Triennium
 November 2021

No.	DATE	Action	DUE	ACTION BY	STATUS
1.		Review Risk Register , and amend in light of ASC comments	Standing item	Associate General Secretary National Director, Strategic Finance & Administration	
2.	March 2021	Climate Change Plan 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.	November each year	General Secretary	
3.	March 2021	Church in the Digital Age Task Group 21.08.03 a) appoint Rev Ann Perrin as Co-convenor and a young Task Group member as Co-convenor; and b) authorise the General Secretary to contact that person;	No date specified	General Secretary	Completed
4.	March 2021	Extension of Online Gathering for Worship with Holy Communion 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.	No date specified ASC to review November 2021	General Secretary	Completed See additional resolution from Nov 2021 ASC meeting

5.	March 2021	<p>LGBTIQ Apology Task Group 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.</p>	August 2021	LGBTIQ Apology TG	Completed
6.	March 2021	<p>Lutheran / UCA Dialogue 21.20.02 a) request Sharon Hollis, Rob Floyd and Geoffrey Thompson to speak to the UCA members of the Dialogue; and b) bring proposals to the August 2021 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.</p>	August 2021	Sharon Hollis, Rob Floyd, Geoff Thompson	Completed (report to August 2021 meeting)
7.	March 2021	<p>Report on Standards for Ministries Committee Meetings 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.</p>	Nov 2021	SfM Committee	Completed
8	March 2021	<p>Executive Council of Australian Jewry/UCA Dialogue 21.29.03 a) receive the report of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry/UCA Dialogue; b) instruct the Assembly Resourcing Unit to bring a revised Terms of Reference to the August 2021 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee for approval; and c) instruct the Assembly Resourcing Unit to bring a proposed list of UCA members to the Dialogue to the August 2021 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee for appointment.</p>	August 2021	ARU	Completed (report to August 2021 meeting)
9.	August 2021	<p>Assembly Investment Advisory Committee 21.42.03 request the Assembly Investment Advisory Committee to incorporate the feedback from the Assembly Standing Committee into a twelve-month review of the policy, which is then brought back to the Assembly Standing Committee for consideration at the July 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee; and 21.42.04 request the General Secretary, in conjunction with the Assembly Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and the Assembly Investment Advisory Committee, to provide an information and education session for the Assembly Standing Committee regarding investments and related matters to an Assembly Standing Committee meeting prior to the review of the policy.</p>	July 2022 No date specified	AIAC General Secretary AFARC AIAC	Completed March 2022 ASC meeting

10.	August 2021	<p>ASC Governance Reference Committee 21.48.05</p> <p>a) request the General Secretary, the President and Nicole Mugford, to undertake a review of the ASC Governance Reference Committee, and</p> <p>b) report to the November 2021 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee regarding findings and recommendations; and</p>	November 2021	General Secretary President Nicole Mugford	Completed
11.	Nov 2021	<p>Extension of Online Gathering for Worship with Holy Communion 21.62.03</p> <p>request the General Secretary, in consultation with Advocates and Panels of relevant Circles of Interest and the Church in the Digital Age TG, to bring a report about the permanent approval of online gathering for worship with Holy Communion, including reflections on what has been learnt about Communion both through practicing online communion and abstaining from it, to the March 2022 ASC. If relevant it should also include proposals and rationale for the consideration of the 16th Assembly at its reconvened meeting in 2022.</p>	March 2022	General Secretary	Completed
12.	Nov 2021	<p>General Secretary report / NS Redress Matter 21.68.02</p> <p>request the General Secretary to convene a conversation with the Northern Synod regarding its resolution relating to redress responsibilities, and to report to the March 2022 ASC meeting on the outcomes. The conversation will include the General Secretaries of the Assembly and the Northern Synod, other relevant personnel and the National Director of UCA Redress Ltd.; and</p> <p>21.68.03</p> <p>note the Assembly Review Scope and that a further report will be brought to the March 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee receive the report.</p>	General Secretary	March 2022 March 2022	Completed
13.	Nov 2021	<p>Apology to LGBTIQ Apology TG 21.61.02</p> <p>request the Task Group to provide an update report to the March and November 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.</p>	General Secretary	March 2022 November 2022	Completed

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS TRIENNIUM

No.	DATE	Action	DUE	ACTION BY	STATUS
1.	07.17	UnitingWorld Partnership Agreements 17.35.02 give approval to the President to sign Partnership Agreements where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the National Director of UnitingWorld requests the Assembly General Secretary and President that an agreement be signed; b) The new Partnership Agreement is with a Partner Church with whom existing documented partnership arrangements have been in place previously; and c) the Partnership Agreement follows the standard format as the attached Partnership Agreement between EKN and UCA (Attachment B); 	Ongoing	President	Report on Partnership Agreements will be made in the annual UnitingWorld Report to the ASC
		17.35.03 request that UnitingWorld present a list of Church Partners with whom documented partnerships exist in their reporting to the Standing Committee and the triennial Assembly or as requested by the Standing Committee;	Ongoing	UnitingWorld	
		17.35.04 request UnitingWorld to consult with the National Conferences or Executives before signing partnership agreements; and	Ongoing	UnitingWorld	
2.	Nov 2018	UAICC and structure Develop a proposal that considers current structures under which UAICC operates, both nationally and in Regional Councils; and resources being applied in all parts of the Church to develop leadership within the UAICC	March 2019	General Secretary and Assembly Consultant, Covenanting	Unable to be completed by March 2019 – progress report will be presented at March 2020 meeting

3.	July 2019	<p>Horizon Strategy a) thank and discharge the Horizon Strategy Working, and c) request the General Secretary to monitor the issues covered by the Horizon Strategy Working Group, with the ability to reconvene the Working Group when required</p> <p>Property TG b) not to discharge the Property Task Group but to request them to incorporate feedback from the Standing Committee into revised Principles for a national approach and request the General Secretary to use electronic decision making for the approval of the Principles when they are available.</p>	Ongoing	General Secretary	
4.	March 2020	<p>Assembly Funding and Budget 20.26.03 convene a broad national conversation with Synods and entitled agencies regarding the impact on, and response of the whole Church with respect to the commonwealth national redress scheme and child sexual abuse civil litigation. (2020)</p>	2020 No date specified	General Secretary	In progress Interim report brought to November 2020 ASC meeting General Secretaries will review annually when they meet together. Gen Sec will report to ASC if required. Completed
5.	Nov 2020	<p>Sovereignty Affirmation – Practical Outcomes Task Group 20.86.02 request Synods and UAICC National Executive to work with the Assembly on developing comparable: a) policies regarding allocation of property sale proceeds and bequests; b) employment policies for First Peoples including adequate cultural competency training for all Synod and Assembly Staff; and c) protocols regarding the accountabilities and responsibilities between Regional Councils and Synods and between UAICC National and the Assembly; 20.86.03 request work outlined in Minute 20.85.02 to be on the agenda for the ongoing meetings between General Secretaries and the UAICC National Executive; 20.86.04 request the General Secretary to report to the in August 2021</p>	Ongoing Ongoing	Synod General Secretaries, UAICC National Executive Synod General Secretaries, UAICC National Executive	

	meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee regarding progress on these matters;	August 2021	General Secretary	
20.86.05	request the Standards for Ministries Working Group, in conjunction with UAICC National Executive, to develop policy that facilitate consistent orientation to UAICC, Covenant, Sovereignty of First Peoples and Australian First Peoples' Theologies for the formation of specified ministries and lay education;	Ongoing	Standards for Ministries WG, UAICC National Executive	
20.86.06	provide feedback to the Task Group on the model of congregational engagement proposed in this section;	Ongoing		Completed
20.86.07	request the National Schools Consultative Group to work with Covenanting Consultant to strongly encourage that UCA schools include the UAICC and UCA Covenanting journey as part of their curriculum;	Ongoing	National Schools Consultative Group, Stuart McMillan	
20.86.08	affirm the direction of the advocacy protocol document and request the Task Group to bring a more formal document to the March 2021 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee after consultation with National Justice Network and National UAICC;	March 2021	Sovereignty TG	Completed