



Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY
Assembly Standing Committee

11 - 13 March 2022

AGENDA

FRIDAY 11 MARCH

1.00pm

WORSHIP

Welcomes: Heather Watson for matters related to Governance Orientation, Jason Bryan for matters related to Investment Training/Information, Leo Iosifidis for matters related to Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee report, Claerwen Little and Geoff Batkin for matters related to UnitingCare Australia report, Lin Hatfield Dodds for matters related to LGBTIQ Apology Task Group report; Ann Perrin and Alex Sangster for matters related to Online Gathering for Holy Communion report.

Apologies: Charissa Suli for Sunday,

1.30pm

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:*

1. *amend the minutes of the meeting held 12 – 14 November 2021 by adding:*
 - a) *‘Associate’ to ‘General Secretary’ in Minute 21.62.03 to read:*
21.62.03 request the Associate 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; and
 - b) *adding Stuart Woodward to the list of members present; and*
2. *confirm the minutes of the meeting held 12 – 14 November 2021.*

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)
- 2.00pm
8. GOVERNANCE ORIENTATION 2
- 3.30pm Break
- 4.00pm
9. INVESTMENT TRAINING/INFORMATION
- 5.00pm Break
- 6.00pm
10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Document 3)
- 6.30pm
11. UAICC REPORT (Document 4)
- 7.00pm
12. QUESTIONS FOR UNITINGCARE AUSTRALIA REPORT
- 7.25pm Closing Prayer – The Examen

SATURDAY 12 MARCH

- 11.00am WORSHIP
- 11.15am
13. INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF ASC PROPOSALS TO 16TH ASSEMBLY RECONVENED MEETING
 - ACT2
 - CONTINUING WITNESS
 - REGULATIONS (DISCIPLINE, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS)
 - ONLINE GATHERING FOR HOLY COMMUNION
 ANY OTHERS
- 12.15pm
14. 16th ASSEMBLY RECONVENED MEETING REPORT (Document 5)
- 12.30pm
15. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Document 6)
 STRATEGIC PLAN AND BUSINESS PLAN
 REVIEW
 REDRESS MATTERS
- Reference: ASC Minutes 21.68.02 and 03
 21.68.02
 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
 21.68.03
 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*
- 2.00pm Break

3.00pm
**16. ASSEMBLY FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORT (Document 7)
ASSEMBLY INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR NOMINATION Document 7A)**

3.45pm
17. RISK REGISTER (Document 8)

4.15pm
18. CONTINUING WITNESS TASK GROUP REPORT (Document 9)

Reference: ASC Minute 21.48.05

5.00pm
19. ACT2 TASK GROUP REPORT (Document 10)

6.00pm *Break*

7.00pm
**20. OTHER REPORTS TO THE RECONVENED ASSEMBLY
- REGULATIONS REVIEW (Document 11)**

Reference: ASC Minute 21.62.03

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.

7.50pm Closing Prayer – The Examen

8.15pm *Soiree*

SUNDAY 13 MARCH

11.00am *Opening Worship*

11.45am
21. UNITINGCARE AUSTRALIA REPORT (Document 13)

12.30pm
22. LGBTIQ APOLOGY TASK GROUP REPORT (Document 14)

Reference: ASC Minute 21.61.02

request the Task Group to provide an update report to the March and November 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.

1.00pm
23. HOLY COMMUNION IN ONLINE SETTINGS (Document 12)

1.30pm
24. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2.00pm *Break*

3.00pm

**25. LETTER FROM NORTHERN SYNOD RE EXEMPTION FROM REGULATIONS
(Document 15)**

3.15pm

26. REMAINING BUSINESS

4.00pm

27. ASC BOOK DISCUSSION (Paragraphs 9, 10 and 11)

4.30pm

28. MEETING EVALUATION (Document 16)

4.45pm

Closing Prayer –

DATES FOR 2022:

15 – 17 July 2022

11 – 13 November 2022

Consent Agenda

ASSEMBLY INVESTMENT ADVISORY MEMBER NOMINATION

PANEL MEMBER NOMINATIONS

MINUTE OF APPRECIATION – REV DAVID JACKSON (DEFENCE FORCE

CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE)

DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION NATIONAL TASK GROUP REPORT

UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP REPORT