



Uniting Church in Australia

ASSEMBLY

Assembly Standing Committee

11 – 13 November 2022

AGENDA

FRIDAY 11 JULY

4.30-5.30pm **AGENDA DISCUSSION (ASC MEMBERS)**

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 15 – 17 July 2022 with the deletion of David Fotheringham's name from the list of those present.*

3. QUESTIONS TO FRONTIER SERVICES RE UPDATE

6.00 pm *Dinner*

7.15pm **WORSHIP**

Welcomes – Leo Iosifidis for matters related to the Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee report, Risk Management and UCA Assembly Limited (UCAAL)Annual Assembly, Lisa Sampson and Rob Floyd for matters related to Frontier Services, Chair and Board Director of UCA Assembly Limited for matters related to UCAAL Annual General Assembly; Lin Hatfield Dodds and Sureka Goringe for matters related to UnitingWorld; Andrew Johnson for matters related to Act2, Rob Floyd for matters related to Climate Action Plan; **Denise Liersch and Craig Thompson for matters related to UCA-Lutheran Dialogue, Lindsay Cullen for matters related to SOGICE and A Call to Action reports; Malcolm Hinton for matters related to the Regulations Review report**

Apologies: Roberta Stanley, David Busch, Lilliani Tahaafe-Williams and Philip Gardner for the whole meeting;

Connecting Again

7.45pm

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (Document 1C)

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

5. ACTION REGISTER (Document 1B)

6. 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.”

7. **RECEPTION OF REPORTS**
8. **CONSENT AGENDA (Documents 2)**
- 8.05pm
9. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Document 3)**
- 8.30pm
10. **UAICC REPORT (Document 4)**
- 8.55pm *Closing Prayer – The Examen*

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- 9.00am *Worship*
- 9.15am
11. **GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT (Document 5)**
- Redress**
Reference: ASC Minutes:
22.09.04
request the General Secretary to enter into further conversations with the Northern Synod re the liability for redress and civil matters relating to child sexual abuse at Croker Island Mission from 1969-1972;
22.09.07
request the General Secretary to bring a report to the July 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee on all matters in these resolutions, including how the liability for redress and civil matters relating to child sexual abuse at Croker Island from 1941-1968 will be apportioned in the Assembly; and
22.09.08
request the General Secretary to have a conversation with the Chair, UnitingWorld Board and National Director, UnitingWorld regarding decisions made by the Assembly Standing Committee in relation to these matters
- Review**
Reference; ASC Minutes:
22.29.02
request the General Secretary to consider the current Assembly Strategic Plan cycle in the light of work from the 16th Assembly reconvened meeting, and bring any proposed changes re priorities and resourcing in a bridging plan for the period from November 2022 until the 17th Assembly, to the November 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee;
22.29.03
request the General Secretary to bring a summary of support offered to Assembly governance committees and task groups, including the adequacy of resourcing this support to the November 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee;
22.29.05
request the General Secretary to develop a protocol for how Assembly committees and groups meet for the November 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.
- 10.15am
12. **ASSOCIATE GENERAL SECRETARY NOMINATION (Document 6)**
- 10.30am *Morning tea*
- 11.00am
13. **ASSEMBLY AUDIT, FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORT (Document 7)**
- 11.30am

14. RISK MANAGEMENT (Document 8)

Reference: ASC Minute 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;

12.00pm

15. UCA ASSEMBL LTD. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12.30pm *Lunch*

1.30pm

16. FRONTIER SERVICES UPDATE (Document 9)

2.15pm

**17. UNITINGWORLD BOARD CHAIR NOMINATION (Document 10)
REDRESS MATTERS – UNITINGWORLD REPORT**

18. REGULATIONS REVIEW REPORT (Document 11)

3.30pm *Afternoon tea*

4.00pm

**19. PREVENTING HARM FROM SEXUAL ORIENTATION & GENDER IDENTITY
CHANGE EFFORTS (SOGICE) REPORT – TASK GROUP TERMS OF
REFERENCE AND MEMBER NOMINATIONS (Document 12)**

Reference: ASC Minute 22.46

request the Associate General Secretary to develop Terms of Reference for a Preventing Harm from Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Change Efforts Resource Development Task Group, including nominations for the Task Group, for approval at the November 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.

4.30pm

**20. A CALL TO ACTION REPORT - TASK GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE AND
MEMBER NOMINATIONS (Document 13)**

Reference: ASC Minutes:

22.44.02

request the Standards for Ministries Committee to identify the most appropriate way to embed learning from the wisdom of First Peoples, care of creation, climate justice and the spiritual and theological basis for a zero emissions church into formation, education and training for the specified ministries of the Uniting Church and report back to the November 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee;

22.44.05

a) request the Associate General Secretary to work with interested Assembly Standing Committee members to develop Terms of Reference for a Net Zero Emissions Working Group; and

b) that these Terms of Reference and nominations are brought to the November 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.

5.00pm

5.25pm *The Examen*

6.00pm *Dinner*

7.15pm *Soiree*

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

9.00am *Worship*

9.30am

**21. WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT
(Document 14)**

10.15am

10.30am *Morning tea*

11.00am

22. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REPORT (Document 15)

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.

11.30am

23. ACT2 REPORT (Document 16)

12.15pm

24. OUR VISION FOR AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH (Document 17)

12.30pm *Lunch*

1.30pm

25. UCA-LUTHERAN DIALOGUE REPORT (Document 18)

2.00pm

2.30pm

26. ASC BOOK DISCUSSION

3.15pm

27. MEETING EVALUATION (Document 19)

3.45pm

CLOSING PRAYER

**DATES FOR 2023: 10 – 12 March 2023
21 – 23 July 2023
10 – 12 November 2023**

Consent Agenda

- **Letter from Northern Synod re Exemption from Regulations**
- **Disability Royal Commission National Task Group Report**
- **UCA Redress Limited Annual Report**