

Assembly Standing Committee
Action Register, 2021-2024 Triennium
 November 2022

No.	DATE	Action	DUE	ACTION BY	STATUS
1.	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	<i>Standard item – will be removed from Register from March 2023.</i>
2.	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
3.	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
4.	March 2021	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.	August 2021	Sharon Hollis, Rob Floyd, Geoff Thompson	Completed (report to August 2021 meeting)

5.	March 2021	<p>Report on Standards for Ministries Committee Meetings 21.22.02</p> <p>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
6.	March 2021	<p>Executive Council of Australian Jewry/UCA Dialogue 21.29.03</p> <p>a) receive the report of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry/UCA Dialogue;</p> <p>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</p> <p>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)
7.	August 2021	<p>Assembly Investment Advisory Committee 21.42.03</p> <p>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</p> <p>21.42.04</p> <p>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	AIAC	Completed
			No date specified	General Secretary AFARC AIAC	Completed March 2022 ASC meeting
8.	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
9.	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</p>	March 2022	General Secretary	Completed

		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.			
10.	Nov 2021	<p>General Secretary report / NS Redress Matter 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</p> <p>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.</p>	General Secretary	March 2022 March 2022	Completed
11.	March 2022	<p>General Secretary's Report – the Review of Assembly Secretariat and Strategy for Current Triennium; 22.08.03 request the General Secretary to take note of the feedback regarding the review and report to the July 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.</p>	General Secretary	July 2022	
12.	March 2022	<p>Redress Matters 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;</p> <p>22.09.05 request the National Director, Strategic Finance & Admin to undertake modelling regarding total potential liability, and associated provision required to be made;</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	General Secretary Leo Iosifidis General Secretary General Secretary	November 2022 See below July 2022 No date specified	<p><i>Report to the March 2023 ASC meeting</i></p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>

13.	July 2022	Review 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;	General Secretary	November 2022	Completed – in papers for November 2022 meeting
		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;	General Secretary	November 2022	Completed – in papers for November 2022 meeting
		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.	General Secretary	November 2022	Completed – in papers for November 2022 meeting
14.	July 2022	Chaplaincy Task Group Final Report 22.34.02 a) request the General Secretary to consider a way to progress the recommendations for further work; and b) bring a report back to the November 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.	General Secretary	November 2022	Completed – in General Secretary Report, November 2022 meeting
15.	March 2021 - July 2022	LGBTIQ Apology Task Group Report 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	Apology TG	August 2021	Completed
		21.61.02 request the Task Group to provide an update report to the March and November 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee	Apology TG	March 2022 & November 2022	Completed
		22.36.05 request the Task Group to review the current Terms of Reference, informed by following key issues: (see Minutes)	Apology TG		Report will be brought to March 2023 meeting Completed
		22.36.06 that the revised Terms of Reference and nominations for any changes to the Task Group membership as required be brought to the November 2022 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee;	Apology TG	November 2022	As above Completed

		22.36.08 request the Task Group to report back to the November 2023 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee on its work, with regular updates provided to the Assembly Standing Committee.	Apology TG	November 2023	
16.	July 2022	Continuing Witness 22.43.01 a) request members of the Continuing Witness Task Group to continue their work as agreed to in the resolution of the 16 th Assembly, and b) bring a report and any related proposals to the 17 th Assembly; and 22.43.02 request the General Secretary to arrange appropriate communications support for the Continuing Witness Task Group in discharging its responsibilities.	Continuing Witness TG General Secretary	17 th Assembly No date specified	
17.	July 2022	A call to action for climate justice: listening to First Peoples wisdom 22.44.01 request the General Secretary to write to Synods informing them of the <i>A Call to action on climate justice: listening to First Peoples Wisdom</i> resolution; 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; 22.44.03 request the Standards for Ministries Committee to include in their report to the 17 th Assembly info on any work and outcomes of this of this resolution. - approved 22.44.04 a) request the Assembly Circles, Advocates and Panels to include learning from the wisdom of First Peoples, care of creation, climate justice and the spiritual and theological basis for a zero emissions church into their work for the remainder of this triennium; and b) report back to the March 2024 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee. 22.44.05 a) request the Associate General Secretary to work with interested Assembly	General Secretary Standards for Ministries Committee Standards for Ministries Committee Assembly Circles, Advocates and Panels Associate	No date specified November 2022 17 th Assembly 2024 March 2024	Completed a) TOR completed – in

		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.	General Secretary	November 2022	papers for November 2022 meeting Nominations brought to March 2023 meeting
18.	July 2022	Preventing Harm from Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Change Efforts (SOGICE) 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.	Associate General Secretary	November 2022	Completed – in papers for November 2022 meeting
19.	July 2022	Act2 22.42.05 request the Assembly Officers to appoint any outstanding nominees to the Act2 Steering Committee; 22.42.07 request the General Secretary arrange for the first meeting of the Project Steering Committee; 22.42.08 request the General Secretary make available resources for the establishment of the Act2 Project Unit as agreed to by the Assembly Standing Committee, and work with the Act2 Steering Committee regarding any resourcing requests; 22.42.09 request the Synods provide to the General Secretary any existing strategic and missional planning work they have undertaken to inform the work of the Act2 Project; and	Assembly Officers General Secretary General Secretary Synod General Secretaries	No date specified No date specified No date specified No date specified	Completed Completed Completed Completed
20.	Nov 2022	A Call to Action for Climate Justice – Net Zero Emissions Task Group 22.56.03 note that recruitment for the Working Group continues and will be reported to the March 2023 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.	AGS	March 2023	Completed

21.	Nov 2022	<p>Preventing Harm from Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Change Efforts (SOGICE) – Task Group 22.59.03 note that recruitment for the Task Group continues and will be reported to the March 2023 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee, 22.59.04 authorise the Assembly Officers to appoint members and the Convenor to the Task Group and bring a report to the March 2023 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.</p>	AGS	March 2023	Completed
			Assembly Officers	March 2023	Completed
22.	Nov 2022	<p>Agency Governance Documents 22.67.03 request the General Secretary to bring together a small group of Assembly Standing Committee members to prepare a paper on the governance documents of all Assembly agencies, to inform a discussion of the Assembly Standing Committee on its governance and oversight responsibilities of Assembly Agencies, and to report to the July 2023 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.</p>	General Secretary	July 2023	
23.	Nov 2022	<p>World Council of Churches General Assembly Report 22.70.02 request the General Secretary to investigate the possibility of the Assembly achieving a Gender Status Card, and including Break the Silence Sunday in the calendar for 2023; and 22.70.04 request the President, in consultation with Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, to work with UnitingWorld, Church Partners in West Papua and the Pacific Conference of Churches regarding possible advocacy to the Australian Government for West Papua.</p>	General Secretary	Not specified	
			President	Not specified	

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS TRIENNIUM

No.	DATE	Action	DUE	ACTION BY	STATUS
1.	07.17	<p>UnitingWorld Partnership Agreements</p> <p>17.35.02 give approval to the President to sign Partnership Agreements where:</p> <p>a) the National Director of UnitingWorld requests the Assembly General Secretary and President that an agreement be signed;</p> <p>b) The new Partnership Agreement is with a Partner Church with whom existing documented partnership arrangements have been in place previously; and</p> <p>c) the Partnership Agreement follows the standard format as the attached Partnership Agreement between EKN and UCA (Attachment B);</p> <p>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;</p> <p>17.35.04 request UnitingWorld to consult with the National Conferences or Executives before signing partnership agreements; and</p>	Ongoing	President	Report on Partnership Agreements will be made in the annual UnitingWorld Report to the ASC
			Ongoing	UnitingWorld	
			Ongoing	UnitingWorld	
2.	Nov 2018	<p>UAICC and structure</p> <p>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</p>	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
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