



Uniting Church in Australia

ASSEMBLY

Assembly Standing Committee

10 - 12 March 2023

AGENDA

FRIDAY 10 MARCH

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 meetings held 11 – 13 November 2022.*

3. QUESTIONS TO ASSEMBLY RESOURCING UNIT MINISTRY AND MISSION, AND CIRCLES FOR REPORTS

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 Investment Policy, Heather den Houting for matters related to Regulations Review Report, Ann Perrin and Josh Wyatt for matters related to the Church in the Digital Age Task Group Report, Andrew Johnson for matters related to the Act2 Report, Lin Hatfield Dodds for matters related to the Apology Task Group Report, Rob McFarlane for matters related to the Standards for Ministries Committee Report, Lisa Sampson for matters related to the Frontier Services National Director nomination.

Apologies: Kerry Wilson and **Raul Sugunanathan** for the whole meeting, Jane Fry for Saturday and Sunday

7.45pm

4. APPROVAL OF TIMETABLE AND AGENDA (Document 1)

5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (Document 1C)

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

6. ACTION REGISTER (Document 1B)

7. 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.”

8. RECEPTION OF REPORTS

9. CONSENT AGENDA (Documents 2)

8.05pm

10. UAICC REPORT (Document 3)

8.30pm

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Document 4)

8.55pm

Closing Prayer – The Examen

SATURDAY 11 MARCH

9.00am

Worship

9.15am

12. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Document 5)

10.15am

13. VIC/TAS SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE LETTER RE A VOICE TO PARLIAMENT (Document 6)

10.30am

Morning tea

11.00am

14. ASSEMBLY AUDIT, FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORT (Document 7)

11.30am

15. PROJECT POSSUM (Document 8)

12.30pm

Lunch

1.30pm

16. RISK MANAGEMENT (Document 9)

2.00pm

17. ASSEMBLY MINISTRY AND MISSION REPORT INCLUDING THE CIRCLES REPORT (Document 10)

As part of a regular schedule of reporting, Assembly Agencies report to the ASC as the oversight body. Agencies will report on issues of risk, governance and compliance, finance, and the work of the Agency.

3.30pm

Afternoon tea

4.00pm

18. SOGICE REPORT – TASK GROUP MEMBER NOMINATIONS (Document 11)

Reference: ASC Minutes 22.59.03 and 04 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.

4.15pm

19. A CALL TO ACTION REPORT – WORKING GROUP MEMBER NOMINATIONS (Document 12)

Reference: ASC Minute 2.56.03

note that recruitment for the Working Group continues and will be reported to the March 2023 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.

4.30pm

20. REGULATIONS REVIEW REPORT (Document 13)

5.00pm

21. FRONTIER SERVICES NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATION (Document 14)

5.25pm *The Examen*

6.00pm *Dinner with Presentation*

SUNDAY 17 MARCH

9.00am Worship

9.30am

22. CHURCH IN THE DIGITAL AGE TASK GROUP REPORT (Document 15)

10.15am

23. ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY (Document 16)

10.30am *Morning tea*

11.00am

24. ACT2 REPORT (Document 17)

11.45am

25. APOLOGY TASK GROUP REPORT (Document 18)

Reference: ASC Minutes 21.61.02, 22.36.05-06

21.61.02

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

22.36.05

request the Task Group to review the current Terms of Reference, informed by the following key issues: (see Minutes)

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;

12.30pm *Lunch*

1.30pm

26. 17TH ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP (Document 20)

2.00pm

27. STANDARDS FOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE REPORT (Document 19)

2.30pm

28. ASC BOOK DISCUSSION – Paragraph 2, part 3; and Paragraph 4

3.15pm

29. MEETING EVALUATION (Document 21)

3.45pm

CLOSING PRAYER

DATES FOR 2023: 21 – 23 JULY 2023
10 – 12 NOVEMBER 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

- **National Disaster Fund Management Committee Nomination**
- **Assembly Investment Advisory Committee Charter Amendment**