



Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY
Assembly Standing Committee

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Title	Issues and Challenges for the Uniting Church for Nominees of President-Elect
Type of Paper (Information/Decision)	For discussion and decision
Assembly or ASC Minute	
Consultation	
Purpose	To provide information from the Assembly Standing Committee to nominees for the role of President-Elect at the 17th Assembly
Rationale & Findings Summary	<p>One of the important privileges and opportunities that are open to the UAICC, Presbyteries, Synods and Assembly members is to identify persons who are available for election as President-Elect of the Assembly. These nominations arise from prayerful consideration and through conversations among members of the church, often over an extended period.</p> <p>In considering nominations for the role of President-Elect, the Regulations require that the Assembly Standing Committee provide some guidance to the church, at least ten months before the Assembly meets, on the issues and challenges that lie before the church in the forthcoming period.</p> <p>ASC members are asked to consider the issues and challenges that will be provided to the Church and to the nominees as they consider this important role.</p>
Attachments	Attachment A: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities for the Uniting Church as provided to nominees for President-elect at the 16 th Assembly
Proposal/s	That the Assembly Standing Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identify issues and challenges that lie before the church in the forthcoming period to be addressed by those nominating as President-elect.
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ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE UNITING CHURCH

This information is provided by the Assembly Standing Committee to nominees for the role of President-Elect at the 16th Assembly

Promoting the joys, passion and hope of who we are as the Uniting Church as we walk together in our diversity

The Covenant

- Living out the Covenant and relationship to First Peoples

Our Foundations of being the Uniting Church

- Evolving and growing as a Church bearing witness to the Kingdom of God - modelling a countercultural way of living in the world
- Growing discipleship
- Enhancing the Church's capacity for theological conversations by encouraging familiarity with the Bible, and how to use it according to Uniting Church's understanding of the Bible
- Confidence in the Gospel - in the context of a declining Church and a multifaith context

Future of the Church

- Changing face of the church as worshipping communities
- Helping the church to respond effectively to rapidly changing contexts and ongoing marginalisation in society
- The church in a digital age
- Guiding the church through significant structural and regulatory change towards a sustainable future

Leadership

- The nature of ministry for the future
- Encouraging young leaders, listening to their voices for how they see the future of the Uniting Church

Oriented Towards Justice

- Resourcing the complex issues of life
- Climate justice - the impact of climate change
- Racial justice