

**Assembly Standing Committee  
Action Register, 2021-2024 Triennium  
July 2023**

No.	DATE	Action	DUE	ACTION BY	STATUS
2.	March 2021	<b>Church in the Digital Age Task Group</b> 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	<b>Extension of Online Gathering for Worship with Holy Communion</b> 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	<b>Lutheran / UCA Dialogue</b> 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	<b>Report on Standards for Ministries Committee Meetings</b> 21.22.02 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.	Nov 2021	SfM Committee	Completed

6.	March 2021	<p><b>Executive Council of Australian Jewry/UCA Dialogue</b> 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><b>Assembly Investment Advisory Committee</b> 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
8.	August 2021	<p><b>ASC Governance Reference Committee</b> 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><b>Extension of Online Gathering for Worship with Holy Communion</b> 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 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.</p>	March 2022	General Secretary	Completed

10.	Nov 2021	<p><b>General Secretary report / NS Redress Matter</b> 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><b>General Secretary's Report – the Review of Assembly Secretariat and Strategy for Current Triennium;</b> 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	Completed
12.	March 2022	<p><b>Redress Matters</b> 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 &amp; 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	<p><b>Review</b> 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</p>	General Secretary	November 2022	Completed

		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.	General Secretary	November 2022	Completed
			General Secretary	November 2022	Completed
14.	July 2022	<b>Chaplaincy Task Group Final Report</b> 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
15.	March 2021 - July 2022	<b>LGBTIQ Apology Task Group Report</b> 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		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	<p><b>Continuing Witness</b> 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<sup>th</sup> Assembly, and b) bring a report and any related proposals to the 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly; and 22.43.02 request the General Secretary to arrange appropriate communications support for the Continuing Witness Task Group in discharging its responsibilities.</p>	Continuing Witness TG  General Secretary	17 <sup>th</sup> Assembly  No date specified	Completed
17.	July 2022	<p><b>A call to action for climate justice: listening to First Peoples wisdom</b> 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<sup>th</sup> 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 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.</p>	General Secretary  Standards for Ministries Committee  Standards for Ministries Committee  Assembly Circles, Advocates and Panels  Associate General Secretary	No date specified  November 2022  17 <sup>th</sup> Assembly 2024  March 2024  November 2022	Completed       a) TOR completed – in papers for November 2022 meeting Nominations brought to March 2023 meeting

18.	July 2022	<p><b>Preventing Harm from Sexual Orientation &amp; Gender Identity Change Efforts (SOGICE)</b></p> <p>22.46 request the Associate General Secretary to develop Terms of Reference for a Preventing Harm from Sexual Orientation &amp; 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.</p>	Associate General Secretary	November 2022	Completed
19.	July 2022	<p><b>Act2</b></p> <p>22.42.05 request the Assembly Officers to appoint any outstanding nominees to the Act2 Steering Committee;</p> <p>22.42.07 request the General Secretary arrange for the first meeting of the Project Steering Committee;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Assembly Officers</p> <p>General Secretary</p> <p>General Secretary</p> <p>Synod General Secretaries</p>	<p>No date specified</p> <p>No date specified</p> <p>No date specified</p> <p>No date specified</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>
20.	Nov 2022	<p><b>A Call to Action for Climate Justice – Net Zero Emissions Task Group</b></p> <p>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.</p>	AGS	March 2023	Completed
21.	Nov 2022	<p><b>Preventing Harm from Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Change Efforts (SOGICE) – Task Group</b></p> <p>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,</p>	AGS	March 2023	Completed

		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.	Assembly Officers	March 2023	Completed
22.	Nov 2022	<b>Agency Governance Documents</b> 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.	General Secretary	July 2023	
23.	Nov 2022	<b>World Council of Churches General Assembly Report</b> 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	General Secretary	Not specified	
		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.	President	Not specified	Completed
24.	March 2023	<b>Redress</b> <b>23.19.06</b> seek confirmation from the UnitingWorld Board that such sharing will be instituted prior to the end of April 2023; and 23.19.07 request the President and the Assembly General Secretary to convey this minute to the UnitingWorld Board Chair.	General Secretary/President	Not specified	Completed
25.	March 2023	<b>A Voice to Parliament</b> 23.22.04 communicate the support of the Uniting Church in Australia for the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice to Parliament to parliamentary leaders;	General Secretary	Not specified	
		23.22.05 invite the whole Uniting Church to see the referendum as a challenge to reflect further on our own practices in our relationships with First Peoples within and outside the Church in expressing the priority of the Covenant with the UAICC; and	General Secretary	Not specified	Completed

		23.22.06 request the Assembly General Secretary to provide resourcing to the Church in support of the 'yes' campaign, pointing to the Church's previous Covenant commitments and resolutions.	General Secretary	Not specified	Completed
26.	March 2023	<b>Project Possum</b> 23.21.05 request the General Secretary to provide a written report to the Assembly Standing Committee regarding outcomes from the national meeting 21-22 April 2023 as soon as possible after the meeting.	General Secretary	Not specified.	Completed
27.	March 2023	<b>SOGICE</b> 23.10.03 request: a) the Associate General Secretary to convene the first meeting of the Task Group and identify a convenor; and b) request the Assembly Officers to approve any more members to the Task Group.	Associate General Secretary  Assembly Officers	Not specified  Not specified	Completed  Completed
28.	March 2023	<b>Church in the Digital Age Task Group Report</b> In order further to equip the Uniting Church in its worship, witness and service in a digital age; 23.08.02 request the Advocate and Panel of Transforming Worship to report to the Associate General Secretary on any learnings coming from the ongoing use of digital and hybrid settings for worship across the Church for incorporation into a report to the November 2023 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee; 23.08.03 request the Advocate and Panel of Discipling the Next Generation to report to the Associate General Secretary on any learnings coming from the ongoing use of digital platforms by emerging generations, for incorporation into a report to the November 2023 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee; 23.08.04 request the Advocate and Panel of Growing in Faith, to prepare a report for the March 2024 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee with respect to the following issues in the light of the 'Digital Age' a. The theology and practice of being ecclesia, b. How we understand humanity and personhood, c. The theology and practice of the sacraments; and	Transforming Worship Advocate /AGS  Discipling the Next Generation Advocate/AGS  Growing in Faith Advocate/AGS	November 2023  November 2023  March 2024	
29.	March 2023	<b>Assembly Secretariat Sustainability Working Group</b> 23.15.04 authorise Assembly Officers to appoint the Convenor of the Working Group; and 23.15.05	Assembly Officers  General	Not specified	



		request the Assembly General Secretary to convene the first meeting of the Working Group as soon as is practicable.	Secretary	Not specified	Completed
30.	March 2023	<b>Act2 Project</b> 23.11.02 noting the decision of 16 <sup>th</sup> Assembly regarding Act2 and the draft budget of the Act2 Project, request the Assembly General Secretary write to each of Synods requesting they consider what financial contribution they are able to make to fully funding the Act2 Project for the 2023-24 financial year.	General Secretary	Not specified.	Completed
31.	March 2023	<b>Apology Task Group</b> 23.09.03 request the President to consult with ASC members and others as appropriate regarding next steps, and to bring a report to the July 2023 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.	President	July 2023	Completed
32.	March 2023	<b>Standards for Ministries Committee Report</b> 23.17.05 note the intention of the Standards for Ministries Committee to bring a nomination for a new member to the next meeting of the Committee.	Standards for Ministries Committee	July 2023	Completed

## ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS TRIENNIUM

No.	DATE	Action	DUE	ACTION BY	STATUS
1.	07.17	<p><b>UnitingWorld Partnership Agreements</b></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	
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2.	Nov 2018	<p><b>UAICC and structure</b></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><b>Horizon Strategy</b> 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><b>Property TG</b> 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><b>Assembly Funding and Budget</b> 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><b>Sovereignty Affirmation – Practical Outcomes Task Group</b> 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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