



Uniting Church in Australia

ASSEMBLY

Assembly Standing Committee

21 – 23 July 2023

AGENDA

FRIDAY 21 JULY

4.30-5.45pm

1. **AGENDA DISCUSSION (ASC MEMBERS)**

2. **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.*

3. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Proposal: *That Standing Committee confirm the minutes of the meetings held 10 - 12 March 2023.*

4. **PROPOSAL RE MINUTES**

5. **QUESTIONS TO UNITINGWORLD RE THEIR REPORT**

6.00 pm *Dinner*

7.15pm **WORSHIP**

Welcomes – Leo Iosifidis for matters related to the Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee report, Risk Management report, Lisa Sampson for matters related to Frontier Services Board Nominations, Steve Bevis and Sureka Goringe for matters related to the UnitingWorld report, Malcolm Hinton for matters related to the Regulations Review Task Group report, Andrew Johnson for matters related to the Act2 report.

Apologies: Linda Driver, Lilliani Tahaafe-Williams and Jane Fry for the whole meeting, Charissa Suli for Friday

6. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (Document 1C)**

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

7. **ACTION REGISTER (Document 1B)**

8. **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.”

9. **RECEPTION OF REPORTS**

10. **CONSENT AGENDA (Documents 2)**

8.05pm

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Document 3)

8.30pm

12. UAICC REPORT (Document 4)

8.55pm *Closing Prayer – The Examen*

SATURDAY 12 JULY

9.00am *Worship*

9.15am

13. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Document 5)

10.15am

14. FRONTIER SERVICES BOARD NOMINATIONS (Document 6)

10.30am *Morning tea*

11.00am

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

16. ASSEMBLY AUDIT, FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS (Document 7A)

11.45am

17. RISK REPORT (Document 8)

12.30pm *Lunch*

1.30pm

18. UNITINGWORLD REPORT (Document 9)

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.

2.30pm

19. PROJECT POSSUM REPORT (Document 10)

*Reference: ASC Minute 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.*

3.30pm *Afternoon tea*

4.00pm

20. REGULATIONS REVIEW REPORT (Document 11)

5.00pm

21. LGBTIQ+ APOLOGY TASK GROUP REPORT (Document 12)

*Reference: ASC Minute 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.*

5.25pm Closing Prayer

6.00pm Dinner with Presentation

SUNDAY 23 JULY

9.00am Worship

9.30am
22. **17TH ASSEMBLY (Document 13)**

10.00am
23. **PRESIDENT ELECT SEARCH COMMITTEE (Document 14)**

10.30am Morning tea

11.00am
24. **ASSEMBLY GENERAL SECRETARY RECRUITMENT (Document 15)**

11.30am
25. **ACT2 REPORT (Document 16)**

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;

12.15pm
26. **AGENCY GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS REPORT (Document 1718)**

Reference: ASC Minute 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.

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm
27. **AGENCY GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS REPORT (Continued)**

2.00pm
28. **ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE UCA FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT NOMINEES (Document 18)**

2.30pm
29. **ASC BOOK DISCUSSION –**

3.15pm
30. **MEETING EVALUATION (Document 19)**

3.45pm **CLOSING PRAYER**

DATE FOR 2023: 10 – 12 NOVEMBER 2023

DATES FOR 2024:

15 – 17 MARCH 2024

23 - 25 AUGUST 2024

22 - 24 NOVEMBER 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Historical Society Report**
- **Assembly Archivist Report**
- **Defence Force Chaplaincy Report**
- **CCA Executive Member Report**
- **Standards for Ministries Committee Member Nomination**