



Uniting Church in Australia

ASSEMBLY

Assembly Standing Committee

10 – 12 NOVEMBER 2023

AGENDA

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

4.15pm

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

1.1 **Agenda Discussion**

1.2 **Questions to Frontier Services re their Report**

1.3 **Approval of Agenda**

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.*

1.4 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Proposal: *That Standing Committee confirm the minutes of the meeting held 21 – 23 July 2023 and those of the meeting held 8 October 2023.*

1.5 **Proposal re Minutes**

1.6 **Proposal re General Secretary (Interim) (Document 19)**

5.30pm

Break and dinner

6.30pm

2. **WORSHIP**

7.00pm

3. **APOLOGIES** - Nicole Mugford for Friday afternoon, Linda Driver for Sunday morning, Charissa Suli for Friday, Michael Dobson for Saturday afternoon

4. **WELCOMES** – Leo Iosifidis for matters related to the Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee report, Risk Management report, Rob Floyd and Lisa Sampson for matters related to the Frontier Services Report, John Cox and David de Kock for matters related to the National Safe Church Unit Scope Change; Andrew Johnson for matters related to the Act2 Report,

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)**

7.20pm

- 10. UAICC REPORT (Document 3)**

7.50pm

- 11. PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Document 4)**

8.10pm

Closing Prayer – The Examen

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER

11.00am

- 12. WORSHIP**

11.20am

- 13. GENERAL SECRETARY’S REPORT (Document 5)**

12.20pm

- 14. NATIONAL SAFE CHURCH UNIT CHANGE OF SCOPE (Document 6)**

12.50pm

Break

1.00pm

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

1.30pm

- 16. RISK REGISTER (Document 8)**

2.00pm

Break

3.00pm

- 17. FRONTIER SERVICES 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.

- 18. FRONTIER SERVICES BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS (Document 9A)**

3.45pm

- 19. UNITINGCARE AUSTRALIA 30TH ANNIVERSARY (Document 10)**

4.00pm

- 20. PROPOSAL FROM SA SYNOD (Document 20)**

4.15pm

4.45pm

Break

5.00pm

- 21. 17th ASSEMBLY REPORT (Document 11)**

5.45pm

- 22. NET ZERO EMISSIONS WORKING GROUP REPORT (Document 12)**

6.00pm
23. **CLOSING PRAYER – The Examen**

6.10pm *Break*

7.00pm *Soiree*

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

11.00am
24. **WORSHIP**

11.25am
25. **UCA ASSEMBLY LTD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

12.00pm
26. **UCA ASSEMBLY LTD BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS (Document 13)**

12.15pm *Break*

12.30pm
27. **ACT2 REPORT (Document 14)**

1.30pm
28. **LGBTIQ+ APOLOGY TASK GROUP REPORT (Document 15)**

*Reference: ASC Minute 23.XX
request the Apology to LGBTIQA+ Apology Task Group to develop the words of an apology, in consultation with LGBTIQA+ members of the Uniting Church; and to bring a draft to the November 2023 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee;*

2.15pm *Break*

3.00pm
29. **ASSEMBLY GENERAL SECRETARY RECRUITMENT (Document 16)**

Reference: ASC Minute 22.67.03

3.30pm
30. **CHURCH IN THE DIGITAL AGE REPORT (Document 17)**

*Reference: ASC Minutes 23.08.02 and 23.08.03
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;*

4.00pm
31. **MINUTE OF APPRECIATION (Document 18)**

4.15pm
32. **ASC BOOK DISCUSSION –**

4.45pm
33. **MEETING EVALUATION (Document 19)**

5.15pm **CLOSING PRAYER**

DATES FOR 2024:

15 – 17 MARCH 2024

23 - 25 AUGUST 2024

22 - 24 NOVEMBER 2024

CONSENT AGENDA