



Uniting Church in Australia

ASSEMBLY

Assembly Standing Committee

15 – 17 MARCH 2024

AGENDA

FRIDAY 15 MARCH

1.15pm

1. AGENDA DISCUSSION (ASC MEMBERS)

1.1 Agenda Discussion

1.2 Questions to Regulations Review Task Group and LGBTIQ+ Task Group re their reports

1.3 Questions to Assembly Resourcing Unit and the Circles of Interest 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 10-12 November 2023 and those of the meeting held 18 December 2023.*

2.15-2.30pm *Afternoon tea*

2.30pm

2. WORSHIP

3.00pm

3. INTRODUCTION TO ASC WORK FOR THE 17TH ASSEMBLY (ACT2, CONTINUING WITNESS TASK GROUP REPORT, COOPTIONS, TOWARD ZERO EMISSIONS WORKING GROUP REPORT, ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT)

6.00 *Dinner*

7.00pm

4. APOLOGIES – Linda Driver for the whole meeting, Catherine Pepper for Friday, James Aaron for Sunday afternoon,

5. WELCOMES – Leo Iosifidis for matters related to the Assembly Audit, Finance and Risk Committee report including the Project Possum report, Risk Management report; Andrew Johnson for matters related to the Act2 report, Lin Hatfield Dodds for matters related to the LQGTIQ+ Apology Task Group report, Heather den Houting and Malcolm Gledhill for matters related to the Regulations Review Task Group report, Rachel Kronberger for matters related to the Continuing Witness Task Group report, Rob McFarlane for matters related to the Standards for Ministry Committee report, Richard Arnold for matters related to the Toward Zero Emissions Working Group report, Liam Miller for matters related to the Growing in Faith Circle of Interest report, Anna Grant-Henderson for matters related to the UCA-Lutheran Dialogue report,

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 (Document 2)

7.20pm

11. PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Document 3)

7.50pm

12. UAICC REPORT (Document 4)

8.20pm

Closing Prayer – The Examen

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

9.00am

13. WORSHIP

9.15am

ACT2 REPORT (Document 5)

10.30am

Morning tea

11.00am

14. LQGTIQ+ APOLOGY TASK GROUP (Document 6)

*Reference: ASC Minutes 23.56 and 23.71.02
request that a final report from the Task Group outlining work to date be brought to the March 2024 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee; with a decision as to whether it is attached as an appendix to the Assembly Standing Committee report to the 17th Assembly, and any other associated decisions, be made at the March 2024 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee;*

11.45am

15. REGULATIONS REVIEW TASK GROUP REPORT (Document 7)

12.30pm

Lunch

1.30pm

16. CONTINUING WITNESS TASK GROUP REPORT (Document 8)

*Reference: ASC Minute 22.43.01
a) request members of the Continuing Witness Task Group to continue their work as agreed to in the resolution of the 16th Assembly, and
b) bring a report and any related proposals to the 17th Assembly*

2.00pm

17. ASSEMBLY AUDIT FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORT INCLUDING PROJECT POSSUM (Document 9)

Reference: ASC Minute 23.XX

23.XX request the General Secretary to bring a report to the March 2024 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee regarding the progress and status of Project Possum.

2.40pm

18. RISK REPORT (Document 10)

3.00pm

19. UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP WINDING UP (Document 21)

3.30pm

Break

4.00pm

20. STANDARDS FOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE REPORT (Document 11)

4.30pm

21. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Document 12)

5.00pm

22. GAZA/ISRAEL SITUATION (Document 13)

6.00pm

Dinner

7.30pm

23. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REPORT (Document 20)

8.00pm

24. ANY CARRY OVER BUSINESS

8.30pm

Closing Prayer – The Examen

SUNDAY 17 MARCH

9.00am

25. WORSHIP

9.15am

26. 17TH ASSEMBLY REPORT INCLUDING COPTIONS, PRESIDENT-ELECT NOMINATIONS AND REQUEST FROM THE SYNOD OF VICTORIA/TASMANIA RE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS (Document 14)

10.30am

Morning tea

11.00am

27. ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE 17TH ASSEMBLY (Document 15)

11.50am

28. LUTHERAN-UCA DIALOGUE TERMS OF REFERENCE (Document 16)

12.10pm

29. DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION NATIONAL TASK GROUP REPORT (Document 17)

12.30pm

Lunch

1.30pm

**30. ASSEMBLY RESOURCING UNIT AND CIRCLES OF INTEREST REPORTS
(INCLUDING GROWING IN FAITH CIRCLE OF INTEREST REPORT ON HOLY
COMMUNION (Document 19))**

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.

Growing in Faith Circle of Interest Report Reference: ASC Minute 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'

*The theology and practice of being ecclesia,
How we understand humanity and personhood,
The theology and practice of the sacraments; and*

2.00pm

31. TOWARD ZERO EMISSIONS TASK GROUP REPORT (Document 18)

2.30pm

32. ADVICE TO THE NEXT ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE

2.55pm

33. MEETING EVALUATION (Document 21)

3.15pm

34. CLOSING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

DATES FOR 2024:

21 APRIL 2024

30 AUGUST – 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

22 - 24 NOVEMBER 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

- Lutheran Dialogue Replacement UCA Member
- Frontier Services Appointment of Board Chair until 17th Assembly