

**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**VIA ZOOM**

**18 December 2023**

**PRESENT** Sharon Hollis (President), Sandy Boyce, David Busch, Michael Dobson, Linda Driver, David Fotheringham, Colleen Geyer, Mark Kickett, Richard La'Brooy, Nicole Mugford, Alison Overeem, Catherine Pepper, Charissa Suli, Lilliani Taahafe-Williams, Geoff Tompson, Ayla Williams, Anna Wilson, Kerry Wilson, Stuart Woodward.

**In attendance:** Jenny Bertalan and Lindsay Cullen.

**WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The President and the members of the Committee acknowledged the First Peoples of their respective land. The President welcomed all the members who attended this extraordinary meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee.

**APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Adam McIntosh, Deidre Palmer and Roberta Stanley.

**1. LGBTQI+ Apology Task Group Report (Documents 1 and 1A))**

The President presented Documents 1 and 1A, consisting of a summary report on the consultation held between the LGBTQI+ Task group and invited members of the Uniting Church who identify as LGBTQI+ on 28 November 2023 and the relevant resolutions from the July 2023 meeting of the Assembly Standing Committee. Discussion in breakout rooms followed.

**23.71 It was resolved to:**

23.71.01 receive the report;

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;

23.71.03 request the President to communicate the decisions to the Chair of the Task Group; and

23.71.04 notwithstanding resolutions 23.31.03, 23.31.05 and 23.31.06, request the President to inform those with responsibility to action these resolutions to cease any work already begun.

**The meeting finished at 7.30pm AEDT with prayer led by the President.**