



## Procedural Proposals 1-9

### 01 Roll of the Assembly

**That the Assembly resolve:**

**To adopt the roll of members, subject to any alterations advised to the General Secretary no later than 2.00pm on Thursday, 11 July 2024.**

Proposer: Lindsay Cullen

Secunder: Heather den Houting

### 02 Election of the President

**That the Assembly resolve:**

**To elect Rev Charissa Simone Manako-He-Lotu Suli as President of the Assembly, to hold office until the installation of her successor at the next ordinary meeting of the Assembly.**

Proposer: Lindsay Cullen

Secunder: Heather den Houting

#### **Rationale:**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly elected Rev Charissa Simone Manako-He-Lotu Suli as the President-elect.

### 03 Appointment of Minute Secretaries

**That the Assembly resolve:**

**To appoint the following persons as Minute Secretaries: Jenny Bertalan and Lara Regan**

Proposer: Lindsay Cullen

Secunder: Heather den Houting

### 04 Order of Business

**That the Assembly resolve:**

**To approve the order of business and the timetable submitted by the Business Committee, noting that decisions to vary the order of business and timetable can be taken by the Assembly at any time.**

Proposer: Lindsay Cullen

Secunder: Heather den Houting

### 05 Confirmation of the Minutes

**That the Assembly resolve:**





**To authorise the following persons to confirm the minutes of the Seventeenth Assembly:  
Lindsay Cullen, Charissa Simone Suli, Heather den Houting and Jane Fry.**

Proposer: Lindsay Cullen  
Seconder: Heather den Houting

**Rationale:**

It is the usual practice to authorise a small group of Assembly Officers and members of the Business Committee to confirm the Minutes.

**06 Ballots and Nominating Procedures**

**That the Assembly resolve:**

- (a) **To appoint Scott Ballment as Returning Officer, and Rohan Pryor as Assistant Returning Officer.**
- (b) **To appoint a Ballot Committee with responsibility for advising the Assembly on any questions relating to nominations and elections.**
- (c) **To appoint the following persons as members of the Ballot Committee: Scott Ballment (Convenor), Rohan Pryor (Assistant Returning Officer), Glen Schweitzer and Christie Allen.**
- (d) **To endorse the decision of the Business Committee that nominations for the Assembly Standing Committee, all Board and Committee Chairs and Advocates, close at 5pm on Sunday, 14 July 2024.**

Proposer: Lindsay Cullen  
Seconder: Heather den Houting

**07 Association of persons with the Assembly**

**That the Assembly associate the following persons with the Assembly for the business as listed, with the right to speak but not to vote:**

- 1. ecumenical guests
  - (a) from other Australian churches and the National Council of Churches in Australia for the whole or parts of the Assembly:  
  
Ms Elizabeth Stone, National Council of Churches in Australia  
Rt. Rev Peter Stuart, Anglican Church of Australia  
Rev John Gilmore, National Council of Churches in Australia
  - (b) from overseas churches and from international ecumenical bodies for the whole of the Assembly:  
  
Rev Dr Demianus Ice, Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera  
Rev James Bhagwan, Pacific Conference of Churches  
Rev Dr Tevita Havea, Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga  
Rev Dr Sameer Khimla, Church of North India – Durgapur  
Rev Dr Eui Sig Kim, Presbyterian Church of Korea



(b) for specific business of the Assembly:

Rev Seungjae Yeon for the whole Assembly (President's Chaplain)  
Andrew Johnson for Act2  
Margaret Pedler for Uniting Church Adult Fellowship  
Pam Grant for Uniting Church Adult Fellowship  
Bruce Binnie for Mercer  
Richard Arnold for Net Zero Emissions Steering Group  
Michael Mathias for Net Zero Emissions Steering Group  
Leo Iosifidis for Assembly Finances  
Rev Kaye Ronalds for Defence Force Chaplains Committee  
Rev Andrew Watters for Defence Force Chaplains Committee  
Rev Charles Vesely for Defence Force Chaplains Committee  
Rev Dr Bec Lindsay for Worship  
Sarah Lim for UCA Redress Limited  
Rev Jo Inkpin for the proposal from Sydney Presbytery

Proposer: Lindsay Cullen

Seconder: Heather den Houting

## 08 Reception of Reports

That the Assembly resolve:

To receive the following reports of Agencies, Committees and Work Units:

- B2 General Secretary**
- B3 Standing Committee**
- B3A Assembly Finances**
- B3B Apology to LGQTIQ+ Australians Task Group**
- B3C Net Zero Emissions Steering Group**
- B3D Disability Royal Commission National Task Group**
- B3E Act2**
- B3F President-elect Nomination Committee**
- B4 Assembly Resourcing Unit**
  - Being a Multicultural Church
  - Discipling the Next Generations
  - Growing in Faith
  - Seeking Common Ground
  - Transforming Worship
  - Walking Together as First and Second Peoples
  - Working for Justice
- B5 Continuing Witness Task Group**
- B6 Defence Force Chaplaincy**
- B7 Frontier Services**
- B8 Mercer Superannuation Trust**
- B9 National Safe Church Unit**
- B10 Standards for Ministries Committee**
- B11 Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress**
- B12 UC Adult Fellowship**
- B13 UC National History Society**
- B14 UCA Redress Limited**
- B15 UnitingCare Australia**





**B16 UnitingWorld**  
**B17 Synod Reports**

Proposer: Lindsay Cullen  
Secunder: Heather den Houting

**Rationale:**

The reception of reports is implicit in the presentation of the report; and does not imply endorsement of any suggested changes of policy contained within it. Any policy changes need the approval of separate proposals.

Reports are provided to the Assembly for its consideration and the opportunity to engage with the work that is included in the report.

**09 Threshold for the Appointment of the General Secretary**

That the Assembly resolve:

- (a) That at least two-thirds of the members present and voting must support the appointment of the General Secretary.
- (b) To approve that the session dealing with the appointment of the General Secretary be a private sitting of the meeting.

Proposer: Heather den Houting  
Secunder: Rachel Kronberger

**Rationale:**

At the 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly, the following was resolved:

- 15.16 Threshold for Assembly and Standing Committee Staff Appointments**
- a) determine that at least two-thirds of the members present and voting must support the appointment or re-appointment of the General Secretary in order for such a proposal to pass

**10 Venue for the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly**

That the Assembly resolve:

- (a) to receive with thanks the invitation of the Synod of South Australia to hold the Eighteenth Assembly within the bounds of the synod; and
- (b) to authorise the Standing Committee to determine the exact date and to negotiate with the Synod of South Australia as to the particular location and venues for the various Assembly functions.

Proposer: Lindsay Cullen  
Secunder: Heather den Houting

