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Minutes

**33rd  
Queensland  
Synod**

20–24 October 2017  
Alexander Park Conference Centre  
Mari St, Alexandra Headland  
Sunshine Coast

**THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA  
Thirty-Third Queensland Synod**

**Regulation 3.3.7 (a)(i)**

**Assembly Ex-Officio**

Mr Stuart McMillan

Ms Colleen Geyer

**Regulation 3.3.7 (a)(ii) and By-Law Q2.1.3**

**Synod Ex-Officio**

**Ministers**

Rev David Baker  
Rev Stuart Cameron  
Rev Heather den Houting  
Rev David Fender  
Rev Brian Hoole  
Rev Kaye Ronalds  
Rev Keren Seto

**Lay Members**

Mr Mark Bensley  
Mr Peter Burden  
Mr Peter Campbell  
Mr Ralph Collins  
Mr Peter Cranna  
Ms Anne Cross  
Mr John Lister  
Mr Dawson Petie  
Mrs Akesa Racava  
Dr Leigh Trevaskis

**Regulations 3.3.7 (a)(iii) & (iv) and By-Law Q2.1.2**

**THE PRESBYTERIES**

**Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane**

**Ministers**

Rev Peter Arnett  
Rev Craig Batty  
Rev Diane Bos  
Rev Monique Coughlin  
Rev Mosese Fangupo  
Rev Jeanette Gillam  
Rev Andrew Gunton  
Rev Dr Peter Hobson  
Rev Brian Kickbusch  
Rev Darren King  
Rev Peter Lockhart  
Rev Euan McDonald  
Rev Aaron Moad  
Rev David Nix  
Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan  
Rev Russell Reynoldson  
Rev Glen Schweitzer  
Rev Janet Staines  
Rev Faye Talatonu  
Rev Peter Taubner  
Rev Jenny Tymms  
Rev Melanie Wheeley

**Lay Members**

Mr Ken Acworth  
Mr Robert Bennett  
Mr Greg Braithwaite  
Mr Doug Brecknell  
Mrs Jenny Brecknell  
Mrs Lyn Campbell  
Mr Ray Crompton  
Mrs Shirley Doyle  
Mrs Ruth Duncan  
Mrs Philippa Ferrant- Smith  
Mr Peter Hall  
Mr Joshua Harbort  
Dr Marilyn Healy  
Mrs Christine Howden  
Mr Wesley Iuli  
Ms Elizabeth John  
Ms Erin Mawhinney  
Ms Lauren Murray  
Mr Vaoiva Panoa  
Mrs Suzanne Pocock  
Mr Luke Reynoldson  
Mr Noel Rothery  
Miss Jo Scarlett  
Mr Ian Scorgie

Mr Siasosi Semaia  
Mrs Meredith Stone  
Mr Harry Thompson OAM  
Mrs Jan Thompson  
Mr Shem Vesely  
Mrs Glen Walters  
Ms Gemma Ward  
Mr George Winter  
Mr Eric Woodrow

## Presbytery of Calvary

### Ministers

Rev John Adams  
Rev Richard Cassady  
Rev Dennis Corowa  
Rev Saimoni Davui  
Rev Craig Mischewski  
Rev Irinale Tadulala

### Lay Members

Ms Florence Charger  
Ms Isabel Hall  
Ms Baressa Jakonia  
Ms Ena Koongotema  
Ms Natalie Lewis  
Ms Louisa Roughsey

## Presbytery of Central Queensland

### Ministers

Rev Scott Ballment  
Rev Nathan Barton  
Rev Jenny Coombes  
Rev Matthew Hogg  
Rev Glenn Louttit  
Rev Wayne McHugh  
Rev Dr Julia Pitman  
Rev Jenny Potter  
Rev Ian Proctor  
Rev Suzy Sitton  
Rev Allan Smith  
Rev Arthur Tutin

### Lay Members

Mrs Delwyn Bambrick  
Ms Laura Brown  
Mr Gavin Caird  
Mr Peter Coombes  
Mr John Cribb  
Mr Roderick Faddy  
Mr Ron Hamilton  
Mrs Sheri Holland  
Mr Brendan Hooper  
Mr David Horton  
Ms Andrea Payne  
Mrs Beth Sawers

## Presbytery of Mary Burnett

### Ministers

Rev Sione Afu  
Rev Pam Batson  
Rev Stuart Bosch  
Rev Chris Crause  
Rev Dr David Ferguson  
Rev Dr Hedley Fihaki  
Rev Brian Nagel  
Rev Robin Osborne  
Rev Dr Schalk Pienaar  
Rev Catherine Solomon  
Rev James Stevenson  
Rev Dave Thomas  
Rev Iain Watt

### Lay Members

Miss Joan Burke  
Mr Peter Callaghan  
Mrs Louise Crittenden  
Mr Jim Hohnke  
Mr Graham Huth  
Mr John Ingram  
Mrs Sandra Keay  
Ms Delma Lovell  
Mr Mark Luatutu  
Mrs Val Mayes  
Mrs Susan Mortimer  
Mr Allan Mulcahy  
Mrs Sue Mulcahy  
Mrs Barbara Murray  
Mr Rollo Nicholson  
Ms Kay Nixon  
Mrs Wendy O'Hara

Ms Janet Rasmussen  
Ms Karis Ross  
Mr Phil Smith  
Mrs Helen Staines  
Mrs Bonnie Trevanion  
Mrs Joan Whitmore  
Mr Ian Wilkinson

## Presbytery of Moreton Rivers

### Ministers

Rev Heather Allison  
Rev Peter Armstrong  
Rev Lyn Burden  
Rev Paul Clark  
Rev Harlee Cooper  
Rev Mark Cornford  
Rev John Cox  
Rev John Dansie  
Rev Rod Fisher  
Rev Linda Hanson  
Rev Christopher Holden  
Rev Anne Hulbert  
Rev Sandra Jebb  
Rev Bruce Johnson  
Rev David Dong Won Kim  
Rev Fa Matangi  
Rev Dr Rob McFarlane  
Rev Yvonne McRostie  
Rev Josie Neuendorff  
Rev John Ruhle  
Rev Michele Shumack  
Rev Beatriz Skippen  
Rev Dan Skippen  
Rev Tevita 'Unga Takai  
Rev Stanley Tuilovoni  
Rev Ben Webb

### Lay Members

Mr Geoff Batkin  
Mrs Carolyn Bennett  
Mrs Leonie Bridges  
Mrs. Seini Brooks  
Dr Yvonne Burns  
Mr Dominic Chan  
Mrs Rhona Collinson  
Mr Terry Edwinsmith  
Mr Paul Fletcher  
Mrs Iris Gillingham  
Mr Dave Greig  
Miss Rachel Hanson  
Mr Tim Holmes  
Mrs Bev Irwin  
Mr Peter Jenkins  
Ms Wendy Keeble  
Mr Scott McDonald  
Mrs Jill McNelley  
Mr Bruce Moore  
Ms Fiona Patterson  
Ms Margaret Pollock  
Ms Janet Shailer  
Mr Neil Storey  
Mr Peter T'Boi  
Ms Elaine Unkles  
Mr Carlisle Wyllie  
Ms Louisa Yu

## Presbytery of North Queensland

### Ministers

Rev Christy Allen  
Rev Bruce Cornish  
Rev Barry Cox  
Rev Michelle Cullen  
Rev Mark Dewar  
Rev David Ellis  
Rev Doug Foster  
Rev Garry Hardingham  
Rev Karama Ioapo  
Rev Shane Kammermann  
Rev David Kelly  
Rev Johnson Makoti  
Rev Tevita Mone  
Rev Greg Rankin

### Lay Members

Mrs Jan Bryde  
Mrs Sharyn Burmeister  
Mrs Helen Cifuentes  
Mrs Marie Dewar  
Mrs Janette Ellis  
Mr John Fifita  
Mr Chris Guise  
Mrs Sarah Guise  
Mr Richard Hosking  
Mr Bruce McCarthy  
Mr Ian Ness  
Mrs Leanne Osborn  
Mrs Carol Pitt  
Dr David Pohlmann

Rev Myeonh-hee (Priscilla) Seo  
Rev Young-hun Weon

Mrs Margaret Pohlmann  
Mr Ian Savage  
Mr Ron Searle

## Presbytery of South Moreton

### Ministers

Rev Orrell Battersby  
Rev Craig Blackburn  
Rev Somporn Branjerdporn  
Rev Jenny Busch  
Rev Helen Dick  
Rev Brad Foote  
Rev Trevor Gibson  
Rev Linda Hamill  
Rev David Hawke  
Rev Adam Low  
Rev David MacGregor  
Rev Dr David Mackay-Rankin  
Rev Bob Miles  
Rev Leo Newell  
Rev Beth Nicholls  
Rev Matt O'Donoghue  
Rev Alan Robinson  
Rev Stephen Rothery  
Rev Lu Senituli  
Rev Peter Smale  
Rev Dona Spencer

### Lay Members

Mr Neil Ballment  
Mr Tim Bennett  
Mr Brenden Burgess  
Mr David Busch  
Miss Jenny Cameron-Smith  
Ms Wendy Campbell  
Mr Lance Carey  
Mrs Jenny Clapham  
Mrs Rhonda Coleman  
Mr Rodney Eivers  
Mr Robert Gilliland  
Mr Con Graves  
Mr Mike Hands  
Mr Geoff Hill  
Mr Craig Hindman  
Mr Noah Kim  
Mrs Daphne Leggo  
Mrs Noela Lister  
Ms Julie Mackay-Rankin  
Mrs Allison McGaw  
Mrs Anne Mulder  
Ms Julia Munkas  
Mr Wilfred Nguyen  
Mr Bill O'Neill  
Dr Daniel Pampuch  
Mr Neil Rackham  
Mrs Elaine Rae  
Mr John Rae  
Mrs Sharyn Robinson  
Mr Greg Rowe  
Mr Jonathan Rulton  
Miss Meredith Smith  
Mrs Marilyn Swaby  
Mr Nick Talatonu  
Ms Helen Tualau

## Presbytery of The Downs

### Ministers

Rev Rob Callow  
Rev John Case  
Rev Andrew Gillies  
Rev David Graham  
Rev Tim Griggs  
Rev Stephen Henderson  
Rev Sunil Kadaparambil  
Rev Marius Kruger  
Rev Ansie Liebenberg  
Rev Willie Liebenberg

### Lay Members

Mr John Agnew  
Mrs Joy Agnew  
Mr Darren Armstrong  
Mr Kent Benn  
Mrs Barbara Betts  
Dr Bob Burgess  
Mrs Pauline Denning  
Mrs Tanya Errey  
Mrs Nicole Irwin  
Mr Peter Lee

Rev Graham Slaughter  
Rev Adam Tipple

Ms Claire Nicholls  
Mrs Jenny Noble  
Mrs Jodie Schiller  
Mrs Margaret Thorpe  
Mr Neil Thorpe  
Mr Alan Ward  
Mrs Lyn Ward  
Mrs Daphne Webster

**Regulation 3.3.7 (a)(v) and By-Law Q2.1.4**

**Finance, Investment and Property Board**

Mr Allan Hanson

**Board for Christian Formation**

Rev Gwen Fisher

**UnitingCare Queensland Board**

Mr Andrew McBryde  
Mr Nigel Alexander

**Regulation 3.3.7 (vi) and By-Law Q2.1.5**

**Candidates**

Ms Iris Marais  
Ms Santana Waugh

**THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA  
QUEENSLAND SYNOD**

**THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTY-THIRD SYNOD**

**Held at**

**Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Alexandra Headlands, Queensland**

**20 October – 24 October 2017**

**The Constitution of the Synod**

- 17.01** At the Alexandra Park Conference Centre Auditorium, Mari Street, Alexandra Headlands, at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 20 October 2017, the Uniting Church in Australia (Queensland Synod) met in session, during which the Synod celebrated in opening worship. The Synod was duly constituted by the Moderator, Rev David Baker, under the authority given by the Constitution and Regulations of The Uniting Church in Australia.

**Recognition of Traditional Custodians of the Land**

- 17.02** As part of the opening worship service, the Synod acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the 33<sup>rd</sup> Synod met, the Gubbi Gubbi people, and gave thanks for their stewardship.

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

- 17.03** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod -
- (a)** Notes the appointment by the Synod Standing Committee of members of the Business Committee and the authorisation by Synod Standing Committee to the Moderator and General Secretary to make further appointments to the Business Committee:

Rev David Baker (The Moderator)  
Rev Heather den Houting (The General Secretary)  
Rev David Fender (The Associate General Secretary)  
Ms Kellie Broderick (Executive Officer Corporate)
  - (b)** Notes the further appointments made pursuant to (a):

Rev Brian Kickbusch  
Rev Sandra Jebb  
Mr David Busch  
Mr Scott Guyatt  
Mr Ben Tupou
  - (c)** Appoints Rev Brian Kickbusch as Convenor of the Business Committee; and
  - (d)** Authorises the Committee to co-opt other persons as necessary for specific business.
- 17.04** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod –
- (a)** Appoints Mr David Busch as Convenor of the Facilitation Committee and authorises the Convenor to co-opt members for that Committee.
  - (b)** Appoints Rev Bradley Foote as Small Group Co-ordinator.

- 17.05** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod appoints Ms Lucille Korponay as Minute Secretary.
- 17.06** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod appoints Rev Glenn Louttit as Convenor of the Ballot Committee and gives him authority to co-opt members for that Committee.
- 17.07** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod appoints Rev Schalk Pienaar and Rev Melanie Wheeley as Pastoral Coordinators.
- 17.08** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod adopts the Roll of the Synod subject to the Roll only containing the names of members who register by 4.00pm on Saturday, 21 October 2017.
- 17.09** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod determines that unless otherwise agreed, the hours of session for the Synod shall be:
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| Friday, 20 October   | 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.  |
| Saturday, 21 October | 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.<br>2.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.                          |
| Sunday, 22 October   | 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.<br>2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.                          |
| Monday, 23 October   | 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.<br>2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.<br>7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 24 October  | 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.<br>1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.                          |
- 17.10** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod determines that the Bar of the House be defined as the numbered tables in the auditorium, unless numbered tables are not present, in which case the Bar of the House be defined as the auditorium.
- 17.11** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod adopts the use of the procedures of *A Manual for Meetings in the Uniting Church (2015)*.
- 17.12** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod –
- (a)** Endorses the decision of the Business Committee that nominations to Boards, Commissions and Committees closed on Friday 22 September 2017.
  - (b)** Determines that the ballots will be held as determined by the Business Committee.
  - (c)** Determines that, unless otherwise determined, appointments to membership of various Councils, Boards, Commissions and Committees, will be based on a simple majority and nominees must receive at least 50% of the votes to be elected.
  - (d)** Determines that, unless otherwise determined, ballot papers shall be destroyed following the declaration of a Ballot.
- 17.13** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod endorses the decision of the Business Committee that General Proposals were to be submitted by 5.00 pm. on Friday, 22 September 2017.
- 17.14** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod authorises the General Secretary to convey greetings on behalf of the Synod to other Synods within The Uniting Church in Australia.



- 17.15** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod authorises Rev David Baker (Moderator), Rev Heather den Houting (General Secretary) and Rev Brian Kickbusch (Business Committee Convenor) to confirm the Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Synod.

### **ASSOCIATION OF VISITORS**

- 17.16** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod associates the following people with the Synod:

- (a)** For the purpose of the Inspired Sessions:

Irene Alexander  
Andy Goodacre  
Ken Hyndman  
Andrew Naylor  
John Frederick  
Nai Wagii  
Dave Copeman  
Steven Molkentin

- (b)** For the purpose of the UnitingCare report and breakout groups:

Alan Wilson  
Arthur Yannakou  
Brent McCracken  
Fred Wallace  
Glenys Webby  
Nina Du Thaler  
Matt Cuming  
Peter Gunn  
Shannon Foley  
Sue McKean  
Tamra Bridges  
Lorna Sullivan  
Wallis Westbrook  
Tracy Dare  
Tracey McFarland  
Sarah Lim

- (c)** For the purpose of the Board for Christian Formation Session:

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### **GREETINGS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE DAY**

- 17.17** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod –

- (a)** Authorises the Moderator to convey a greeting to the State and Federal Governments.
- (b)** Approves that the following matters considered by the Synod be incorporated into the greeting to the appropriate government:
- (i)** Congregational life: transforming, working to tend and build the health and wellbeing of communities; collaborating with other community organisations.

- (ii) First Peoples: rebuilding infrastructure; committed in covenant; requesting money for the Marpoon Church.
- (iii) Uniting care: committed to serving the last, the lost, and the least; concerned for unintended consequences of changes to funding; impact on our capacity to serve across the state.
- (iv) Schools: thankful for your support; investing in young lives so that they may be contributors.
- (v) Disaster Response: thanks is given for what they have done already and recognising ongoing needs within communities.

## **RETIREMENT OF MINISTERS**

It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod –

### **Rev Christopher Barr**

- 17.18** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Christopher Barr to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 28 February 2017 (Synod of NSW) under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)
- (b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Christopher Barr

### **Rev Russell Clark**

- 17.19** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Russell Clarke to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 December 2016 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
- (b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Russell Clark

### **Rev Dr Malcolm Coombes**

- 17.20** (a) Notes the advice of Dr Malcolm Coombes to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 March 2017 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
- (b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Dr Malcolm Coombes.

### **Rev David Fanning**

- 17.21** (a) Notes the advice of Rev David Fanning to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 January 2017 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
- (b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev David Fanning.

### **Rev Lynne Gibson**

- 17.22** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Lynne Gibson to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 December 2016 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
- (b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Lynne Gibson.

### **Rev Robert Harriman**

- 17.23** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Robert Harriman to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 January 2017 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
- (b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Robert Harriman

### **Rev Ivan Kirk**

- 17.24** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Ivan Kirk to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 4April 2017 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).
- (b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Ivan Kirk

### **Rev Russell Knight**

- 17.25** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Russell Knight to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 August 2016 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).  
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Russell Knight.

**Rev Raymond Nutley**

- 17.26** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Raymond Nutley to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 30 June 2016 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).  
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Raymond Nutley

**Rev Bruce Raymond**

- 17.27** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Bruce Raymond to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 August 2017 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).  
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Bruce Raymond

**Rev Jenny Sims**

- 17.28** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Jenny Sims to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 March 2017 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).  
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Jenny Sims.

**Rev Ian Smallbone**

- 17.29** (a) Notes the advice of Rev Ian Smallbone to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 August 2017 under Reg. 2.6.1(d)(i)(1).  
(b) Receives a minute of appreciation of the Ministry of Rev Ian Smallbone

**MEMORIAL MINUTES**

- 17.30** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod adopts the Memorial Minutes as presented concerning ministers who have died since the Thirty-Second Synod:

Rev Wilfred Blake  
Rev Judith Dalton  
Rev Richard Diffin  
Rev Jack Frewan-Lord  
Rev Arnold Gates  
Rev Ray Hunt (OBE)  
Rev Douglas Kirkup  
Rev Frank Le Bherz  
Rev Douglas McKenzie (OAM)  
Rev Margaret Mills  
Rev Robert Morgan  
Rev Albert (Trevor) Quant  
Rev Philip Ramsey  
Rev Gordon Robinson  
Rev Graham Ross  
Rev Edward (Ed) Smith (OAM)  
Rev Professor Hendrick (Hans) Spykerboer  
Rev Maxwell Vines  
Rev Brian Wells

## PROPOSALS FROM REPORTS

- 17.31 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Moderator.
- 17.32 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that:
- (a) The Synod receives the report of the General Secretary, together with Appendices and the Finance and Property Services, Communications and Marketing and Rural and Remote Ministry Task Group Interim Report.
  - (b) **The Synod:**
    - (i) Requests the Synod office to develop descriptions and models for different styles of churches within its 2017-2020 Key Change Initiatives projects;
    - (ii) Requests the Synod office, within its 2017-2020 Key Change Initiatives projects, to ensure the development of resources to assist presbyteries to identify strategic locations for outgoing and future development and resourcing;
    - (iii) Requests the Synod office to devise methods that enable churches to measure the health and vitality of their worship locations as part of its Strategic Locations Key Change Initiatives;
    - (iv) Requests Presbyteries to include plans for goals for rural and remote ministry in their Strategic Locations and One Church Key Change Initiatives;
    - (v) Support the Board for Christian Formation (BCF) to continue to oversee the development of intentional ministry in rural and remote locations;
    - (vi) Requests the Central Queensland Presbytery to develop, by the end of the year, a version of the Remote Area Ministry Project Interim Report that communicates general learning and outcomes in a manner useful for other presbyteries throughout the Synod.
- 17.33 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Assembly.
- 17.34 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod:
- a) Receives the Report of UnitingCare Queensland.
  - b) Records its appreciation for the leadership and discipleship of Ms. Anne Cross, CEO of UnitingCare Qld; former member of Synod Standing Committee, Synod Leadership Team, current participant in Synod Standing Committee, through the Minute of Appreciation read by Mr Craig Barke *(carried by acclamation)*
- 17.35 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of Wesley Mission Queensland.

## REPORTS FROM SYNOD COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COUNCILS

- 17.36 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Synod Standing Committee.
- 17.37 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Governance Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

- 17.38** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Advisory Committee on Ministerial Placements.
- 17.39** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod:
- (a) Receives the Report of the Board for Christian Formation, including the Report of Trinity College Queensland.
  - (b) Records its appreciation for the faithful work of Rev Peter Lockhart as the Chair of the Board of Christian Formation, through the Minute of Appreciation.  
(*carried by acclamation*)
- 17.40** It was **RESOLVED by Agreement** that the request (on the floor of Synod) for an independent review to be carried out of Trinity College Queensland for presentation at the 34<sup>th</sup> Synod be defeated.
- 17.41** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod:
- a) Receives the Report of the Finance, Investment and Property Board.
  - b) Records its appreciation for the service of Mr Ian Busch as a member of the Finance Investment and Property Board since February 2008, through the Minute of Appreciation read by Mr Ralph Collins (*carried by acclamation*)
  - c) Records its appreciation for the service of Mr Allan as a member of the Finance Investment and Property Board since 21 May 2010, through the Minute of Appreciation read by Mr Ralph Collins (*carried by acclamation*)
- 17.42** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Synod Schools and Residential Colleges Commission.
- 17.43** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod:
- a) Receives the Report of the Synod Chaplaincy Commission.
  - b) Records its thanks and appreciation for the faithful service to chaplaincy of Reverend Bruce Raymond, through the Minute of Appreciation. (*carried by acclamation*)
- 17.44** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee.
- 17.45** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Synod Inter-faith Relationships Committee.
- 17.46** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod –
- (a) Receives the Report of the Synod Multi Cross Cultural Reference Group,
  - (b) Records its thanks and appreciation for the faithful service of Deaconess Terani Lima as convenor of the Synod Multi Cross Cultural Reference Group since 2013 and as a member since 2006, through the Minute of Appreciation read by Rev David Busch.  
(*carried by acclamation*)

## PRESBYTERIES

- 17.47 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane.
- 17.48 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Presbytery of Calvary.
- 17.49 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Presbytery of Central Queensland.
- 17.50 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Presbytery of Mary Burnett.
- 17.51 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Presbytery of Moreton Rivers.
- 17.52 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Presbytery of North Queensland.
- 17.53 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Presbytery of South Moreton
- 17.54 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Presbytery of The Downs
- 17.55 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report: Presbytery Demographics and Finances.

## APPENDICES

- 17.56 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod note the ministerial changes as contained in Appendix 1 to these minutes.
- 17.57 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod note the appointments made by the Synod Standing Committee since the 32nd Synod as contained in Appendix 2 to these minutes.

## 34th SYNOD DATES

- 17.58 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod determines –
- (a) that the 34th Synod will be held from 17 May 2019 to 22 May 2019 at Alexandra Park, Alexandra Headlands.
  - (b) that the Synod Standing Committee be given authority to vary the dates/times and the venue of the 34<sup>th</sup> Synod if necessary.

## SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 17.59 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod determines –
- (a) that the meeting dates/times of the Synod Standing Committees shall be –

<b>2017</b>	2&3 November (Induction and Meeting)
	7 December

<b>2018</b>	1 February
	1 March
	5 April
	3 May
	7 June
	5 July
	2 August
	6 September
	4 October
	1 November
	6 December

- (b) that authority be given to the Moderator and the General Secretary to vary the dates/times of Synod Standing Committee meetings if necessary.

### **MODERATOR'S MEDALS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 17.60** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod congratulates the following persons who have been awarded the Moderator's Medal for Community Service in recognition of their work within community services –

Arnold Eggins  
Avis Eggins  
Thelma Aslett  
Roger Dennis  
Merle Edwards  
Terry Foley  
Phillip Gibson  
Jean Graham  
Jean Kays  
Janet McCaulkin  
Jan Newcomb  
Jean Nissen-Wiis  
Bernice Peterson  
Robyn Pugh

### **SPIRIT OF SYNOD AWARD – CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES**

- 17.61** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod congratulates Rev Yvonne McRostie who has been awarded the Spirit of Synod Award for her leadership within her congregation, as Chairperson of the Moreton Rivers Presbytery, and contribution to the community.

### **GENERAL PROPOSALS**

#### **GENERAL PROPOSAL 1 – TOWARDS A COHESIVE SOCIETY**

- 17.62** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod strongly encourage congregations to engage in constructive dialogue and fellowship with local communities of other faiths.

## GENERAL PROPOSAL 2 – QLD SYNOD GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE CHANGES

- 17.63 It was **RESOLVED by Agreement** that the proposal to Disband the Legal Reference Committee contained within the General Proposal: Queensland Governance Structure Changes be defeated.
- 17.64 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod approve the following actions with respect to the governance structure of the Queensland Synod:
- (a) Create two new committees of the Synod Standing Committee:
    - (i) Remuneration and Nomination Committee; and
    - (ii) Audit and Risk Committee
  - (b) Disband the Governance Nomination and Remuneration Committee.
  - (c) Appoint the current chair and committee members of the Governance Nomination and Remuneration Committee to be the chair and members of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

## GENERAL PROPOSAL 3 – THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

- 17.65 It was **RESOLVED by Agreement** that the 33rd Synod does not need to resolve the General Proposal: The Sanctity of Marriage now.
- 17.66 It was **RESOLVED by Agreement** that:
- (a) the information and discernment on the General Proposal: The Sanctity of Marriage, be provided to the National Assembly;
  - (b) Appreciation is expressed towards Rev Lu Senituli and Rev Hedley Fihaki for their work on the proposal.

## GENERAL PROPOSAL 4 – MODERATOR TERM OF OFFICE

- 17.67 It was **RESOLVED by Agreement** that the General Proposal: Moderator Term of Office be withdrawn.

## BALLOTS - SYNOD COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COUNCILS

### Board for Christian Formation

- 17.68 It was **RESOLVED by Ballot** that the Synod elects the following persons to the Board for Christian Formation –

Chair: Rev Stuart Cameron (until 35th Synod)

Members: Rev Peter Armstrong (until 35th Synod)  
Mr Callan Battley (until 35th Synod)  
Rev Chris Crause (until 35th Synod)  
Mr Grant Erickson (until 35th Synod)  
Rev Gwen Fisher (until 35th Synod)

Continuing Members:

Rev Lyn Burden (until 34th Synod)  
Rev Dr Neil Pembroke (until 34th Synod)



Ex-officio: Moderator  
General Secretary  
Director of Education for Ministry

### **Finance, Investment & Property Board**

**17.69** It was **RESOLVED by Ballot** that the Synod elects the following persons to the Finance, Investment & Property Board –

Chair: Mr Ralph Collins (until 35th Synod)

Members: Mr Geoff Ericksson (until 35th Synod)  
Rev Linda Hamill (until 35th Synod)  
Mr John Lister (until 35th Synod)

#### Continuing Members

Member: Mr Howard Morrison (until 34th Synod)  
Mr Hayden Gaffel (until 34th Synod)

Ex-officio: Moderator  
General Secretary  
Synod Property Officer

### **The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.)**

**17.70** It was **RESOLVED by Ballot** that the Synod elects the following persons to The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.) –

Chair: Mr Ralph Collins (until 34th Synod)

Members: Rev Linda Hamill (until 34th Synod)  
Mr John Lister (until 34th Synod)  
Mr Howard Morrison (until 34th Synod)  
Mr Hayden Gaffel (until 34th Synod)

Secretary: Synod Property Officer (ex-officio)

Ex-officio: Moderator  
General Secretary

### **Governance, Nomination Remuneration Committee**

**17.71** It was **RESOLVED by Ballot** that the Synod elects the following persons to the Governance, Nomination Remuneration Committee, noting that 33rd Synod resolution 17.54(b) disbands the Governance Nomination and Remuneration Committee and appoints the following members to the Remuneration and Nomination Committee –

Chair: Mr John Lister (until 35th Synod)

Members: Ms Bronwyn Clarkson (until 19 October 2020)  
Mr Glenn Poole (until 19 October 2020)

Ex-officio: Moderator  
General Secretary

## Synod Standing Committee

**17.72** It was **RESOLVED by Ballot** that the Synod elects the following persons to the Synod Standing Committee until the 34th Synod –

Ministerial: Rev Garry Hardingham  
Rev Bruce Moore  
Rev Lu Senituli  
Rev Catherine Solomon

Lay: Mr Neil Ballment  
Mr Geoff Batkin  
Dr Marilyn Healy  
Mr Scott McDonald  
Dr Daniel Pampuch  
Ms Louisa Yu

Ex-officio: Moderator  
Ex-Moderator  
Moderator-Elect  
General Secretary  
Chair, Finance Investment and Property Board  
Chair, UnitingCare Queensland Board  
Chair, Board for Christian Formation  
Chair, Governance Nomination Remuneration Committee  
UAICC for Queensland nominee

## 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**17.73** It was **RESOLVED by Ballot** that the Synod elects the following persons to the 15th Assembly –

Members Ministerial:  
Rev Peter Armstrong  
Rev Hedley Fihaki  
Rev Rodney Fisher  
Rev Dr Julia Pitman  
Rev Glen Schweitzer  
Rev Lu Senituli  
Rev Keren Seto  
Rev Faye Talatonu

Members Lay: Ms Jenny Brecknell  
Mr David Busch  
Mr Scott Gutatt  
Ms Elaine Rae  
Mr Neil Thorpe  
Mr Ben Tupou

Presbytery nominations, ex-officio and youth members

Members Ministerial:  
Rev Christy Allen  
Rev Dennis Corowa  
Rev Chris Crause  
Rev Tim Griggs  
Rev Andrew Gunton

Rev Yvonne McRostie  
Rev Dr Kerry Pierce  
Rev Andrew Ross

Members Lay: Mr John Agnew  
Mrs Lyn Anderson  
Mr Joshua Harbort  
Ms Natalie Lewis  
Mr Scott McDonald  
Mrs Susan Mortimer  
Ms Donna Muston  
Ms Gaye Pitman

Ex-Officio: Rev David Baker  
Rev Heather den Houting  
Youth – TBA  
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### THE NORMAN AND MARY MILLAR MEMORIAL LECTURE

**17.74** The Moderator welcomed Ms Anne Cross, the 2017 Norman and Mary Millar Lecturer, and invited her to address the Synod.

### COURTESIES EXTENDED

**17.75** It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod places on record its sincere appreciation of:

- The Coordinators of the Synod Worship Celebration and the various cross cultural involvement. The worship leaders, band, singers, dance group, visual presentations, readers, pray-ers and presenters of the Synod Bible Studies for providing and leading our daily worship at Synod;
- The Business Committee Convenor, members of the Business Committee and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Synod Project Manager;
- The Facilitation, Small Groups and Ballot Convenors, and members of their respective teams;
- The staff of the Synod Office;
- The volunteers across various roles, including the Prayer team;
- The Moderator's Chaplains and the Pastoral Coordinators;
- The Coordinators of the Celebration of Ministries;
- Staff of UnitingCare Queensland for facilitating the Moderator's Medals;
- The #inspired**uniting**church sessions organiser and presenters;
- The creation and production team for the Synod Meeting Briefing video;
- All staff of the Alexandra Park Conference Centre for support in preparation and hosting the Synod;
- To all the tradeshow exhibitors;
- Vision Books, and for their assistance and support of the book launches during the 33<sup>rd</sup> Synod
- Ms Anne Cross, the Norman and Mary Millar Memorial Lecturer for 2017.

- Special thanks to Wesley Mission Queensland for their sponsorship and support of Synod as well as the contribution made by NGS Super;
- The Moderator, the Rev David Baker and the General Secretary, Rev Heather den Houting, for their leadership of the Synod meeting; and
- The members of Synod for their time, dedication and discernment.
- God, our Father, Son and the Holy Spirit as we met to his glory

### **CLOSE**

The Thirty-Third Synod was closed with a Closing Worship led by the Moderator and the General Secretary.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Synod Minutes were confirmed by the Moderator, General Secretary and the Business Committee Convenor (as per Min 17.15) on 1 November 2018.

		
_____ Moderator	_____ General Secretary	_____ Convenor Business Committee

## APPENDIX 1 – MINISTERIAL CHANGES

### 1. RECEIVED BY ORDINATION

#### **Ministry of the Word**

##### **Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane**

Sharene Fechner  
Glen Schweitzer  
Janet Staines  
Adam Tipple

##### **Presbytery of Moreton Rivers**

Nathan Barton  
Aaron Moad  
Beatriz Skippen

##### **Presbytery of North Queensland**

Michelle Cullen

#### **Ministry of Deacon**

##### **Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane**

David Nix

### 2. DEATHS

#### **Ministers of the Word**

Wilfred Blake  
Judith Dalton  
Richard Diffin  
Jack Frewan-Lord  
Arnold Gates  
Raymond Hunt, OBE  
Douglas Kirkup  
Frank Le Bherz  
Douglas McKenzie, OAM  
Margaret Mills  
Robert Morgan  
Albert (Trevor) Quant  
Philip Ramsey  
Gordon Robinson  
Graham Ross  
Hendrik (Hans) Spykerboer  
Ed Smith, OAM  
Maxwell Vines  
Brian Wells

**3. RETIREMENTS**

**Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane**  
Ian Smallbone

**Presbytery of Mary Burnett**  
David Fanning  
Robert Harriman  
Raymond Nutley

**Presbytery of South Moreton**  
Malcolm Coombes  
Lynne Gibson  
Ivan Kirk  
Russel Knight

**Presbytery of North Queensland**  
Russell Clarke

**Presbytery of The Downs**  
Jenny Sims  
Bruce Raymond

**Synod of NSW**  
Christopher Barr

**4. MINISTERS /  
DEACONS / YOUTH  
WORKERS RECEIVED  
FROM OTHER SYNODS**

**Synod of New South Wales / ACT**  
John Martin  
Michelle Shumack

**Synod of South Australia**  
Esteban Lievano

**Synod of Western Australia**  
Karama Ioapo

**5. MINISTERS RECEIVED  
FROM OTHER  
DENOMINATIONS**

Helen Dick

**6. MINISTERS RECEIVED  
BY READMISSION**

Bruce Moore

**7. MINISTERS WHOSE  
RECOGNITION HAS  
BEEN WITHDRAWN**

Terry Ayling  
Andrew Fox  
Melanie Perkins

## APPENDIX 2 – APPOINTMENTS (since 32<sup>nd</sup> Synod)

### **Board for Christian Formation**

Appointed for an eight-month term from 2 February 2017 to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Synod:  
Mr Callan Battley

Resignation accepted effective 31 December 2016:

Mr Peter Lockhart  
Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan

Appointed for a seven-month term from 3 March 2017 to the closure of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Synod:

Rev Stuart Cameron

### **Cromwell College Board**

Appointed for a three-year term from 6 October 2016 to 6 October 2019:

Mrs Judy Young  
Ms Dayrelle Abbey

### **Finance Investment Property Board**

Appointed for a three-year term from 6 October 2016 to the 34<sup>th</sup> Synod:

Mr Hayden Gaffel

### **Governance Nomination Remuneration Committee**

Appointed for a three-year term from 4 June 2016 to 3 June 2019:

Ms Bronwyn Clarkson  
Mr Hayden Gaffel  
Mr Glenn Poole

Resignation accepted effective 4 June 2016:  
Professor Myles McGregor-Lowndes

Resignation accepted effective 6 October 2016:  
Mr Hayden Gaffel

Resignation accepted effective 11 October 2016:

Mr Tim Longwill

Resignation accepted effective 2 March 2017:  
Mr Andrew McBryde (Chair and member)

Appointed for a seven-month term from 3 March 2017 to the closure of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Synod:  
Mr John Lister (Chair)

Appointed for a six-month term from 5 May 2017 to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Synod:

Mr Greg Adsett

### **John Flynn College Council**

Appointed for a three-year term from 7 April 2017 to 6 April 2020:

Rev Bruce Cornish  
Mr David King

Reappointed for a three-year term from 7 July 2017 to 6 July 2020:

Ms Heather Humphries

### **The Lakes College Board**

Appointed for a three-year term from 4 May 2016 to 4 May 2019:

Mr Peter Solly

Appointed for a three-year term from 2 June 2016 to 2 June 2019:

Mr Gary Adsett

Appointed for a three-year term from 3 March 2017 to 2 March 2020:

Mrs Melva Hobson

Appointed for a three-year term from 7 April 2017 to 6 April 2020:

Ms Wendy Boglary  
Mr Craig Mercer

### **Moreton Bay College Board**

Appointed for a three-year term from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019:

Mr Graham Dredge

Appointed for a three-year term from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019:

Dr Julie Beeby

Extension of appointment for a six-month term from 1 January 2020 to 1 July 2020:

Dr Julie Beeby

Extension of appointment for a six-month term from 1 January 2019 to 1 July 2019:

Mr Neil Ballment

Reappointed for a one-year term from 7 July 2017 to 1 July 2018:

Mr Col Sutcliffe

### **Multi-Cross Cultural Reference Group**

Appointed as Convenor and Chairperson from 6 October 2016:

Ms Akesa Racava

Resignation accepted effective 6 October 2016:

Ms Terani Lima

Appointed for a three-year term from 5 May 2017 to 4 May 2020:

Ms Louisa Yu

Appointed for a three-year term from 7 April 2017 to 6 April 2020:

Mr David Busch

Rev Tevita'Unga Taki

Reappointed for a one-year term from 7 April 2017 to 6 April 2018:

Mr Jack Shao

### **Presbyterian and Methodist Schools Association (PMSA) Board**

Extension of appointment for a three-month term from 30 March 2017 to 30 June 2017:

Mr Gary Lynch

Appointed for a three-year term from 26 June 2017 to 25 June 2020:

Mr Cornelius Graves

Reappointed for a three-year term from 7 July 2017 to 6 July 2020:

Mr Greg Adsett

### **Schools and Residential Colleges Commission**

Appointed for a three-year term from 4 June 2016 until the 34th Synod:

Mr Mike Hennessy

Mrs Noela Lister

Reappointed for a six-month term from 4 June 2016 to 31 December 2016:

Mr Mike Millard

Resignation accepted effective 13 June 2016:

Dr Marilyn Healy

Appointed for a three-year term from 1 December 2016 to 1 December 2019:

Ms Anne Copeland

### **Scots PGC College Council**

Appointed for a three-year term from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019:

Mr Martin Webb

Reappointed for a three-year term from 2 February 2017 to 31 January 2020:

Mr Peter Campbell

### **Shalom Christian College Board**

Reappointed for a four-month term from 1 December 2016 to 31 March 2017:

Mr Mike Millard

Reappointed for a three-month term from 5 February 2017 to 30 April 2017:

Mrs Elaine Rae

Appointed for a three-year term from 3 March 2017 to 2 March 2020:

Ms Wendy Boglary

Ms Yvonne Cadet-James

Resignation accepted effective 6 April 2017:

Ms Wendy Boglary

Appointed for a three-year term from 7 April 2017 to 6 April 2020:

Ms Jan Pool

Appointed for a three-year term from 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2020:

Rev Bruce Cornish

Appointed for a three-year term from 5 May 2017 to 4 May 2020:

Ms Lyndell O'Connor

Reappointed for a three-year term from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2020:

Mr Richard Wallace

### **Synod Chaplaincy Commission**

Resignation noted 2 February 2017:

Rev Jenny Busch

Rev Helen Dick

Rev Andrew Gunton (Chair)

Rev John Saunders

Rev Jenny Tymms

Appointed for a three-year term from 2 June 2017 to 1 June 2020:

Mr Phil Smith

Ms Natalie Lewis

Rev Dr Peter Hobson



Appointed for a three-year term from 2 February 2017 to 1 February 2020:

Rev Brian Hoole (Chair)  
Ms Julie Mackay-Rankin  
Mr Bruce Moore

#### **Synod Committee for Counselling**

Appointed for a three-year term from 7 April 2017 to 6 April 2020:

Mrs Akesa Racava

Appointed for a three-year term from 10 March 2017 to 9 March 2020:

Rev Gerda Olafsen  
Rev Peter Blauw  
Rev Lynne Gibson  
Rev Douglas Foster

#### **Synod Committee for Discipline**

Reappointed for a three-year term from 5 June 2017 to 4 June 2020:

Rev Heather Allison  
Rev Lyn Burden  
Mrs Sue Crittall  
Mr Ian Park (Convenor)  
Rev Keren Seto  
Rev Paul Walton  
Rev Jan Whyte

#### **Synod Ecumenical Relations Committee**

Appointed for a three-year term from 4 June 2016 to 3 June 2019:

Mr John Agnew  
Rev Dr Clive Ayre  
Mr Neil Ballment  
Pastor Richard Lance  
Pastor David Busch  
Rev Sunil Kadaparambil

Appointed for a three-year term from 7 July 2016 to 6 July 2019:

Mr Nathan Barton  
Ms Fiona Patterson  
Rev Russell Morris

#### **Synod Interfaith Relations Committee**

Appointed for a three-year term from 4 June 2016 to 3 June 2019:

Mr John Agnew  
Mr Neil Ballment  
Mrs Julie Mackay-Rankin  
Rev (Retired) Garth Read  
Rev Heather Griffin

Appointed for a three-year term from 7 July 2016 to 6 July 2019:

Ms Philipa Core  
Rev Anne Hewson

#### **Synod Pastor Application Committee**

Reappointed for a three-year term from 7 April 2017 to 6 April 2020:

Rev Helen Dick  
Dr Marilyn Healy  
Mr Terry Stanyer

#### **Synod Sexual Misconduct Complaint Committee – Members**

Appointed for a three-year term from 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2019:

Ms Lauris Clark  
Mr Ross Kerley

Appointed for a three-year term from 2 February 2017 to 1 February 2020:

Rev Di Bos

Appointed for a three-year term from 7 April 2017 to 6 April 2020:

Rev Brian Gilbert

Appointed as Chair until 5 May 2017:

Rev Peter Arnett

Appointed for a six-month term from 5 June 2017 until 31 December 2017:

Ms Jenny Field

Resignation accepted effective 4 August 2016:

Rev Kaye Ronalds

Appointed for a three-year term from 5 June 2017 until 4 June 2020:

Rev Doug Winten  
Rev Peter Arnett  
Rev Bob Miles

#### **Synod Standing Committee**

Appointed for a seven-month term from 7 April 2017 until the 33rd Synod:

Ms Louisa Yu

### **UnitingCare Qld Board (UCQ)**

Resignation accepted effective 31 December 2016:

Ms Jude Munro

Reappointed for a three-year term from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020:

Mr Craig Barke (Chair)

Ms Maree Blake

Mr Chris Townend

Appointed for a three-year term from 1 May 2017 to 31 March 2020:

Mr Nigel Alexander

Appointed for the term of her employment:

Ms Anne Cross (Chief Executive Officer)

### **Wesley Mission Queensland Board**

Appointed from 1 July 2016 for the remainder of their existing terms:

Ms Lisa Bundesen

Mr David Edwards

Mr Cornelius Graves

Ms Florence Kearney

Mr Paul Newman (Chair)

Mr Robert Packer

Ms Elaine Rae

Ms Nancy Spencer

Ms Elaine Unkles

Appointed for a three-year term from 28 February 2017 to 29 February 2020:

Mr Cornelius Graves

Mr Paul Newman (Chair)

### **33rd Synod Business Committee**

Committee established comprising:

The Moderator

The General Secretary

The Associate General Secretary

The Executive Officer Corporate

Any additional members as agreed, and appointed, by the Moderator and General Secretary.

## APPENDIX 4 – MINUTES OF APPRECIATION

### Minute of Appreciation (17.24(b)): Ms Anne Cross

This is a minute of appreciation to Ms. Anne Cross, CEO of UnitingCare Qld; former member of Synod Standing Committee, Synod Leadership Team, current participant in Synod Standing Committee.

Anne has been CEO of UnitingCare Queensland for more than 13 years and over that time has successfully led the organisation through various periods of change and growth to become one of Queensland's largest and most successful not-for profit organisations.

Under Anne's leadership, UnitingCare Queensland has continued to achieve its mission to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities through its services delivered by Blue Care, UnitingCare's Child and Family services, Lifeline and UnitingCare Health hospitals. In 2013, Anne led the team that incorporated the community services of CCDEU into UnitingCare. In 2014, UnitingCare Queensland also expanded its delivery of services to the Northern Territory through the successful establishment of Australian Regional & Remote Community Services.

She has led UnitingCare Queensland with warmth, wisdom, a deep commitment to the people UnitingCare serves, strong business acumen and strategic foresight. Her commitment to the community, the organisation and the Uniting Church over the past 13 years has been unflinching.

In 2014, Anne was awarded the Telstra Australian Business Woman of the Year, and the national Government and Community category winner.

In 2016 Anne initiated the next phase of UnitingCare Queensland's journey by leading a strategic transformation of UnitingCare Queensland in response to unprecedented external environmental change. By establishing a new Executive Leadership Team and implementing a new operating model over the past 12 months, Anne has successfully positioned UnitingCare Queensland for long term sustainability and future success in health and community services.

In the truest sense of intergenerational stewardship, Anne leaves a legacy of sustained organisational success and a strong platform from which the next generation of leaders at UnitingCare Queensland can take the organisation forward to even greater levels of achievement and success.

Anne has also supported UnitingCare Australia, and has served in a number of state and national roles, advocating for people suffering disadvantage.

She has been a tireless champion of the need for better responses to domestic violence. She has a deep appreciation of the special place of the First Peoples, and the gift they have to offer the wider community.

Being with Anne as she engages with staff and clients of UnitingCare, one is struck by the depth of her knowledge of the ministry of UnitingCare, her commitment to staff wellbeing and development, and the quality of her engagement with clients.

Anne has held a place like no other in our life for the past 13 years; in the midst of her work as CEO, she has generously served the leadership councils, task groups, and committees of the Synod.

She has been exemplary in her articulation of the church's purpose in community service; her deep personal faith has borne fruit in the quality of UnitingCare as an organisation and the influence she has brought to bear nationally.

The Synod thanks God for her leadership and discipleship and prays every blessing for her in the new avenues she will find to be of service.

### **Minute of Appreciation (17.29(b)): Reverend Peter Lockhart**

Rev Peter Lockhart joined the Board for Christian Formation (BCF) as Chair in 2013. During his time as Chair, the BCF has undergone transformational change. Under Peter's guidance the BCF brought together Pilgrim with Trinity Theological College. Peter ensured that BCF maintained focus resulting in a clear strategic direction for the board which the College enacted.

As Chair, Peter worked closely with our college principals, directors and acting directors and all valued his support. Peter gracefully managed the ever changing board membership as well as working diligently with two Moderators and four General Secretaries. He faithfully gave of his time to ensure the mandate of the Board was fulfilled.

Peter oversaw and supported the wide-ranging changes that took place at Trinity College Queensland last year while managing the diversity of relationships in this role. The Director appreciated his skill at listening and commitment to understanding the challenges facing the redevelopment of the College. He (and other BCF members) also enjoyed Peter's ritual of having drinks at the Regatta Hotel after Board meetings, as pastoral care of course.

The Synod gives thanks to God for the work of Rev Peter Lockhart as the Chair of the Board of Christian Formation.

### **Minute of Appreciation (17.31(b)): Mr Ian Busch**

Ian has been a member of the Finance Investment and Property Board (FIPB) since February 2008. As the son of Reverend Professor Roland Busch, he has had a lifelong association with the Uniting Church. Retiring after 35 years with the National Australia Bank as Head of Provincial Business, Victoria and Tasmania, Ian undertook consulting with medium sized accounting firms, specialising in the development of leadership skills and high-performance teams.

The skills that he acquired over his working life have been invaluable in his role on the FIPB. Given the heavy responsibility that FIPB has for ensuring the ongoing financial health of the Synod, Ian's financial knowledge, and understanding of risk have contributed very strongly to the deliberations of the Board. In his early years on the Board, the church was significantly impacted by the Global Financial Crisis, and Ian's background was invaluable as we worked to ensure the church withstood the large financial stresses it faced.

He often challenged the FIPB and the broader church as to whether we were moving quickly enough to address issues, and has a deep interest in ensuring that decisions were made on the merits of the case. Even though he mostly resides in Victoria these days, with regular visits to stay at the Gold Coast, we have enjoyed the camaraderie Ian brings to the dynamics of the Board, and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

### **Minute of Appreciation (17.31(c)): Mr Allan Hanson**

Allan has been a member of the Finance Investment and Property Board (FIPB) since 21 May 2010. He has been an active participant in the Uniting Church over many years, including Presbytery Treasurer for Mary Burnett Presbytery.

Allan's background in financial services means that he has brought invaluable experience to the FIPB deliberations. Allan joined the Board when it was dealing with the impacts of the Global Financial Crisis, which had a significant effect on the church's investments. His experience was extremely useful as the Board navigated many difficult decisions in terms of managing the assets in the most appropriate manner for the Synod.

Allan has also brought the local church viewpoint into discussions, from his congregational and presbytery involvements over many years. He has a strong desire to ensure that decisions made are for the long-term benefit and are not just focussed on short term outcomes. He has been passionate about ensuring that the church's assets are not unnecessarily used purely for maintenance purposes, and has challenged the Board to think about long term growth potential and how we can assist in this.

The FIPB has recently undertaken a review of its investment strategy and Allan was an integral member of our investment committee. With his financial planning expertise, and knowledge of markets and investment manager styles, we have established a strong foundation for the future investment strategy for the church's assets.

Allan has also willingly taken on the role of Chair of the Synod Audit and Risk Oversight Committee (SAROC), which brings together representatives of the Synod office and agencies. This committee has been able to create a common view on the risks that the church faces, and this has assisted different parts of the church to build better frameworks to understand potential and actual risks.

The Board is grateful to the time Allan has willingly given, and we are sure he will continue to use his skills as an active participant in the life of the church.

### **Minute of Appreciation (17.36(b)): Deaconess Terani Lima**

This minute of appreciation is for the contribution Deaconess Terani Takasa Lima has made to the life of the Uniting Church in her role as the SYNOD Convenor of the Multi Cross Cultural Committee later renamed the Multi Cross Cultural Reference Group (MCCRG).

Terani was appointed to the Multi Cross Cultural Committee in 2006. She was appointed as Convenor at the 30<sup>th</sup> Synod in May 2013. Over the eleven years of her membership and leadership in the MCCRG, Terani has worked devotedly and tirelessly to have accomplished many great connections between the Church and its multi cross cultural communities as part and parcel of the mission of God through the many facets of multi cross cultural ministry.

Terani has brought a truly extraordinary skillset to the role on a voluntary basis over and beyond the call becoming a significant contributor and advocate in the Synod on providing support for the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) and multi cross cultural members of the church.

Terani's leadership has been characterised by grace, a sincere pastoral heart, wisdom, clear thinking, good organisation, a deep love for the Uniting Church, prayerfulness, integrity, a commitment to unity, and a strength and tenacity which enabled her to persist despite setbacks. She has earned the deep respect of colleagues and peers within and outside the church.

Terani is an active member of the Inala Uniting Church and is in the Ministry Leadership team. She is currently the Church Council Secretary; a Period of Discernment mentor and also a member of the Pasifika Women's Network Alliance (an initiative of the Brisbane City Council and the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland).

Terani is also actively involved in the community service within the Uniting Church in Australia, including the Rotuman, Fijian and Samoan congregations and had assisted with CALD Lay Preachers training with Pilgrim Learning. She was also involved with many congregations' partner appraisals and consultations with CALD and multi cross cultural memberships.

She was ordained Deaconess of the Methodist Church of Australasia by the Methodist Church in Fiji Conference, was a Winifred Kiek Scholar in 1972 and is a Lay Leader and Presider at Inala.

Terani was – and is – trusted across the diversity of the Uniting Church and its multicultural communities and services.

Terani has retired as Convenor in April 2017 however she continued as part of the MCCRG until the end of June in her capacity as part of the Planning team that organised a successful UCA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration event for the Multi cross cultural members of the church.

Terani is a faithful, authentic and devoted servant of our Lord. We give thanks to God for the work of Deaconess Terani Lima as the Convenor of the Multi Cross Cultural Reference Group and we pray for God's blessings on her retirement.

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