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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 Santina 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 33rd 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.
2.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. |
| Sunday, 22 October | 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. |
| Monday, 23 October | 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 24 October | 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
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 33rd 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 Mapoon 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 34th 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 34th 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 –

2017	2&3 November (Induction and Meeting)
	7 December

2018 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

15th 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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Youth – TBA

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 33rd 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 33rd Synod
- Ms Anne Cross, the Norman and Mary Millar Memorial Lecturer for 2017.

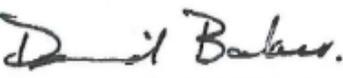
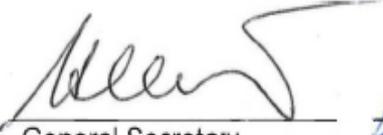
- Special thanks to Wesley Mission Queensland for their sponsorship and support of Synod as well as the contribution made by NGS Super;
- The Moderator, the Rev David Baker and the General Secretary, Rev Heather den Houting, for their leadership of the Synod meeting; and
- The members of Synod for their 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 33rd 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 32nd Synod)

Board for Christian Formation

Appointed for an eight-month term from 2 February 2017 to the 33rd 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 33rd 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 34th 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 33rd Synod:

Mr John Lister (Chair)

Appointed for a six-month term from 5 May 2017 to the 33rd 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 30th 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 40th 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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