



# Minutes

17-20 May 2019  
Alexandra Park Conference Centre  
Mari Street  
Alexandra Headlands  
Sunshine Coast

# Membership

## Regulation 3.3.7(a)(i)

### Assembly ex-officio

Ms Colleen Geyer

Dr Deidre Palmer

## Regulation 3.3.7(a)(ii) and By-law Q2.1.3

### Synod ex-officio

#### Ministers

Rev David Baker

Rev Heather den Houting

Rev Gwen Fisher

Rev Brian Hoole

Rev Kaye Ronalds

Rev John Ruhle

Rev Keren Seto

#### Lay members

Mr Nigel Alexander

Mr Craig Barke

Mr Mark Bensley

Mr Ralph Collins

Mr Peter Cranna

Mr John Lister

Ms Akesa Racava

## Regulation 3.3.7(a)(iii) & (iv) and By-law Q2.1.2

### Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane

#### Ministers

Rev Craig Batty

Rev Kath Behan

Rev Peter Blake

Rev Di Bos

Rev Monique Coughlin

Rev Andrea Follett

Rev Andrew Gillies

Rev Andrew Gunton

Rev Brian Kickbusch

Rev Ross Mackay

Rev David Nix

Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan

Rev Russell Reynoldson

Rev David Savage

Rev Glen Schweitzer

Rev Matthew Smith

Rev Dona Spencer

#### Lay members

Mr Duncan Barlow

Mr Robert Bennett

Mr Greg Braithwaite

Mr Doug Brecknell

Mrs Jenny Brecknell

Mrs Lyn Campbell

Mrs Helen Capern

Miss Amy Cliff

Ms Heather Coupland

Mr Robbie Dixon

Mrs Shirley Doyle

Mrs Philippa Ferrant-Smith

Mr Steven Fincham

Miss Talitha Follett

Mr Joshua Harbort

Dr Marilyn Healy

Mrs Claire Hoole

Rev Faye Talatou  
Rev Jeanette Taubner  
Rev Peter Taubner  
Rev Santina Waugh  
Rev Melanie Wheeley

Ms Wendy Hoskin  
Mr Garry Jennings  
Mr Alex Little  
Mrs Erin Mawhinney  
Mrs Rhonnie McAuliffe  
Ms Lauren Murray  
Mrs Jo Reynoldson  
Mr Luke Reynoldson  
Mr Brett Scherer  
Mr Ian Scorgie  
Ms Karien Semaia  
Mr Siaosi Semaia  
Mrs Jan Thompson  
Ms Gemma Ward  
Mr Trent Wheeley

#### **Presbytery of Calvary**

##### **Ministers**

Rev Dennis Corowa  
Rev Tevita Niurua  
Rev Dr Richard Wallace

##### **Lay members**

Dr Gewa Au  
Ms Florence Charger  
Mr Roy Chevathen  
Ms Ena Koongotema  
Ms Josslyn Ruth Landis  
Ms Evelyn Lymburner  
Ms Trish Mann  
Mr David Fuatonga Paasi

#### **Presbytery of Central Queensland**

##### **Ministers**

Rev Scott Ballment  
Rev Jennifer Coombes  
Rev Ann Hewson  
Rev Matt Hogg  
Rev Glenn Louttit  
Rev Wayne McHugh  
Rev Jim Pearson  
Rev Dr Kerry Pierce  
Rev Dr Julia Pitman  
Rev Suzy Sitton  
Rev Allan Smith

##### **Lay members**

Mrs Delwyn Bambrick  
Mrs Kate Barton  
Ms Laura Brown  
Mr Gavin Caird  
Mr Peter Coombes  
Mrs Sheri Holland  
Mr David Horton  
Mrs Donna Muston  
Ms Andrea Payne  
Mrs Elizabeth Sawers  
Mrs Deborah Soanes  
Mr Ron Tyler

#### **Presbytery of Mary Burnett**

##### **Ministers**

Rev Stuart Bosch  
Rev Chris Crause  
Rev Moira Dodsworth  
Rev Dr David Ferguson

##### **Lay members**

Miss Joan Burke  
Ms Narelle Cramb  
Mrs Louise Crittenden  
Mr Ian Dart

Rev Dr Hedley Fihaki  
 Rev Leonie Gaffel  
 Rev Brian Nagel  
 Rev Matt O'Donoghue  
 Rev Dr Schalk Pienaar  
 Rev Tanya Richards  
 Rev Luke Smallwood  
 Rev James Stevenson  
 Rev Dave Thomas

Miss Christine Henderson  
 Mr Jim Hohnke  
 Ms Delma Lovell  
 Mr Mark Luatutu  
 Mrs Maryan McGown  
 Mr Peter Mortimer  
 Mrs Susan Mortimer  
 Mr Allan Mulcahy  
 Mrs Sue Mulcahy  
 Mrs Kay Nixon  
 Mrs Wendy O'Hara  
 Mr Gil Young Park  
 Ms Karis Ross  
 Ms Natalie Roy  
 Mr Phil Smith  
 Mrs Helen Staines  
 Mr Geoff Weston  
 Mrs Joan Whitmore  
 Mr Ian Wilkinson

### **Presbytery of Moreton Rivers**

#### **Ministers**

Rev Heather Allison  
 Rev Peter Armstrong  
 Rev Pam Batson  
 Rev Peter Blauw  
 Rev Paul Clark  
 Rev Harlee Cooper  
 Rev Mark Cornford  
 Rev John Cox  
 Rev Rod Fisher  
 Rev Jim Haak  
 Rev Linda Hanson  
 Rev Dr Peter Hobson  
 Rev Anne Hulbert  
 Rev Sandra Jebb  
 Rev Fa Matangi  
 Rev Adam McIntosh  
 Rev Yvonne McRostie  
 Rev Bruce Moore  
 Rev Josie Neuendorff  
 Rev Susan Pickering  
 Rev Michele Shumack  
 Rev Tony (Anthony) Shumack  
 Rev Beatriz Skippen  
 Rev Dan Skippen  
 Rev Janet Staines  
 Rev Neil Storey

#### **Lay members**

Mr Geoff Batkin  
 Mrs Carolyn Bennett  
 Mr Tim Bennett  
 Mr Alan Brecknell  
 Ms Liz Crawford  
 Mr Leonard Ferris  
 Mr Paul Francis  
 Mr Dave Greig  
 Miss Rachel Hanson  
 Ms Christine Herman  
 Mr Tim Holmes  
 Mrs Bev Irwin  
 Mr Peter Jenkins  
 Mr John Loneragan  
 Mrs Álisi Manu  
 Ms Jenny Matthews  
 Mrs Fay McCafferty  
 Mr Scott McDonald  
 Mr Danny Nugent  
 Ms Lysani Pallay  
 Mrs Natalie Parker  
 Ms Fiona Patterson  
 Mr Tim Petersen  
 Ms Margaret Pollock  
 Dr Hanna Sidjabat  
 Mr Reynold Slade

Rev Tevita Unga Takai  
Rev Stanley Tuiliovoni

Mr Peter T.Boi  
Mrs Gwen Thiesfield  
Mr Howard Thomas  
Mr Carlisle Wyllie  
Mr Cliff Yarrow  
Mrs Louisa Yu

### **Presbytery of North Queensland**

#### **Ministers**

Rev Christy Allen  
Rev Dr Robert Brennan  
Rev Bruce Cornish  
Rev Barry Cox  
Rev Michelle Cullen  
Rev Mark Dewar  
Rev David Ellis  
Rev Doug Foster  
Rev Garry Hardingham  
Rev Shane Kammermann  
Rev Johnson Makoti  
Rev Craig Mischewski  
Rev Tevita Mone  
Rev Greg Rankin  
Rev Myeonh-hee (Priscilla) Seo  
Rev Arthur Tutin  
Rev Young-hun Weon

#### **Lay members**

Miss Jennifer Brown  
Mrs Jan Bryde  
Mrs Marie Dewar  
Mrs Janette Ellis  
Mr John Fifita  
Mr Tim Fisher  
Mr Chris Guise  
Mrs Teresa Hardingham  
Mr Richard Hosking  
Dr Patrick Huber  
Mr Richard Lance  
Mr Andrew McCosh  
Miss Emily Mills  
Mr Ian Ness  
Dr David Pohlmann  
Mr Chris Reardon  
Mrs Kathryn Reid  
Mrs Vera Scipilliti  
Mrs Margaret Scott  
Mr Graham Wood

### **Presbytery of South Moreton**

#### **Ministers**

Rev Sione Afu  
Rev Colin Batt  
Rev Orrell Battersby  
Rev Craig Blackburn  
Rev Somporn (Lek) Branjerdporn  
Rev Jenny Busch  
Rev Helen Dick  
Rev Jock Dunbar  
Rev David Fender  
Rev Brad Foote  
Rev Janie French  
Rev Trevor Gibson  
Rev Karama Ioapo  
Rev Graham Keech  
Rev Noah Kim  
Rev Esteban Lievano

#### **Lay members**

Mr Neil Ballment  
Mr Bruce Binnie  
Mr Brenden Burgess  
Mr David Busch  
Miss Jenny Cameron-Smith  
Ms Wendy Campbell  
Mr Rodney Eivers  
Dr Geoff Ericksson  
Mr Michael Hands  
Mr David Hawke  
Mr Geoffrey Hill  
Mr Matthew Hornby  
Mr Levon Kardashian  
Mrs Jan Kempers  
Mrs Kym Kennedy  
Mr Peter Kunst

Rev Peter Lockhart  
Rev Adam Low  
Rev David MacGregor  
Rev Iris Marais  
Rev Leo Newell  
Rev Beth Nicholls  
Rev Nigel Rogers  
Rev Andrew Ross  
Rev Stephen Rothery  
Rev Lu Senituli  
Rev Peter Smale  
Rev Catherine Solomon  
Rev Dr Marian Zaunbrecher

#### **Presbytery of The Downs**

##### **Ministers**

Rev Rob Callow  
Rev John Case  
Rev David Graham  
Rev Tim Griggs  
Rev Linda Hamill  
Rev Marius Kruger  
Rev Ansie Liebenberg  
Rev Willie Liebenberg  
Rev Graham Slaughter  
Rev Adam Tipple

Miss Michele Lake  
Miss Virginia Lavaki  
Mr Nuer Leth  
Mrs Noela Lister  
Mrs Clare Low  
Mrs Julie Mackay-Rankin  
Dr Daniel Pampuch  
Mr Neil Rackham  
Mrs Elaine Rae  
Mr Sebit Rambang  
Mrs Karen Ross  
Mr Dempsey Malcolm Scanlan  
Mr Shem Vesely

##### **Lay members**

Mrs Naomi Bell  
Ms Barb Betts  
Dr Bob Burgess  
Mr Cain Hartigan  
Mrs Robin Case  
Miss Anna Doust  
Mrs Tanya Errey  
Mrs Vicki Graham  
Mrs Andi Griggs  
Ms Jenny Noble  
Mrs Kath Warner  
Mrs Daphne Webster  
Mr Ian Williams

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

### **UnitingCare Board**

Mr Andrew McBryde

### **Board for Christian Formation**

Rev Lyn Burden  
Mr Grant Erickson

## **Regulation 3.3.7(a)(vi) and By-law Q2.1.5**

### **Candidates**

Mr Jason Grimsey  
Ms Hayley Kitchener

## **Regulation 3.3.7(a)(vii), 3.3.7(c) and 3.3.7(d) and By-law Q2.1.6**

### **Co-options**

Mr Adrian Demack  
Miss Emma Holmes  
Mrs Jessica Howard  
Mr Samuel Howard  
Mr Setu Logo  
Ms Ana Tuilovoni  
Ms Va Tuilovoni

# Resolutions

## The Constitution of the Synod

- 19.01 At the Alexandra Park Conference Centre Auditorium, Mari Street, Alexandra Headlands, at 5.00pm on Friday 17 May 2019, The Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod met in session. 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

- 19.02 The Synod acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the 34th Synod met, the Gabi Gabi people, and gave thanks for their stewardship. The Synod received a Welcome to Country from representatives of the Gabi Gabi people.

## Procedural matters

- 19.03 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 John Ruhle (Associate General Secretary)
    - Ms Kellie Broderick (Executive Officer – Support Services & Event Management)
    - Rev Brian Kickbusch
  - (b) Notes the further appointments made pursuant to (a):
    - Mr Scott Guyatt
    - Rev Monique Coughlin
    - Rev Bradley Foote
    - Mr Scott McDonald
  - (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.



- 19.04 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod:  
 (a) Appoints Mr Scott McDonald as Convenor of the Facilitation Committee and authorises the Convenor to co-opt members for that Committee; and  
 (b) Appoints Rev Bradley Foote as Small Group Co-ordinator.
- 19.05 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod appoints Ms Belinda Bones as Minute Secretary.
- 19.06 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.
- 19.07 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod appoints Rev Johnson Makoti and Rev Melanie Wheeley as Pastoral Coordinators.
- 19.08 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 12 noon on Saturday, 18 May 2019.
- 19.09 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod determines that unless otherwise agreed, the hours of session for the Synod shall be:
- |                  |                                                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday, 17 May   | 5.00 pm – 6.05 pm<br>7.30 pm – 8.30 pm                       |
| Saturday, 18 May | 8.30 am – 12.30 pm<br>1.30 pm – 6.00 pm<br>7.30 pm – 8.30 pm |
| Sunday, 19 May   | 8.30 am – 12.30 pm<br>1.30 pm – 6.00 pm<br>7.30 pm – 9.00 pm |
| Monday, 20 May   | 8.30 am – 12 noon                                            |
- 19.10 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.
- 19.11 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod adopts the use of the procedures of *A Manual for Meetings in the Uniting Church (2015)*.
- 19.12 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Procedural Proposal: “When considering the procedural proposal “Determining the need for a decision now”, leave of the council be a simple majority” be withdrawn.
- 19.13 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, 10 April 2019.  
 (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.
- 19.14 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, 19 April 2019.
- 19.15 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.
- 19.16 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. Palliative Care
    - ii. Voluntary Assisted Dying
    - iii. Stronger Communities
    - iv. Listen
    - v. Respect and Tolerance
    - vi. Funding for Aged Care and Disability Services
- 19.17 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 34th Synod.
- 19.18 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod alter the closing time of the afternoon session for the Synod on Saturday, 18 May, to conclude at 6.20 pm.

## Association of visitors

- 19.19 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod associates the following people with the Synod:
- (a) For the purpose of the Covenanting Action Plan Launch:
    - Natalie Lewis.
  - (b) For the purpose of the report of the General Secretary:
    - Kellie Broderick
    - Natalie Verdouw
    - Paul Willett.

- (c) For the purpose of all Sow Sessions:
  - Liz Henderson
  - Scott Guyatt
- (d) For the purpose of Sow Session 1 and the Norman and Mary Millar Lecture:
  - Prof Anne Tiernan.
- (e) For the purpose of the report of the Schools and Residential Colleges Commission:
  - Peter Campbell
  - Stuart Christ
- (f) For the purpose of the General Proposal: “Voluntary Assisted Dying Report and Recommendations”:
  - Anne Curson (UnitingCare)
  - Michael Krieg (General Manager, The Wesley Hospital)
  - Fran Larkey (Relationship and Innovation Manager, Wesley Mission Queensland)
  - Sarah Lim (Consultation Group member).
- (g) For the purpose of the UnitingCare break-out sessions:
  - Theo Masselos
  - Tim Booth
  - Peter Gunn
  - Christian Patten
  - Sue McKean
  - Maria McLaughlin-Rolfe
  - Brent McCracken
  - George Sutherland
  - Edwina Andrew
  - Jason Reid
  - Lee-Anne Borham
  - Mark Clissold
  - Leigh Sellars
  - Graham Hambleton
  - Donna Shkalla
  - Tamra Bridges
  - Sue-Ellen Smith
  - Jim Wiese
  - Linda Taylor
  - Donna Clift
  - Grace Chan
  - Mari McNeill
  - Michael Krieg

## Retirement of ministers

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

- 19.20 (a) notes the advice of Rev Lynette Falkenhagen to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of ill health from 1 January 2018 under Regulation 2.6.1(d)(i)(2)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev Lynette Falkenhagen.
- 19.21 (a) notes the advice of Rev Brian Gilbert to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 December 2017 under Regulation 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev Brian Gilbert.
- 19.22 (a) notes the advice of Rev Dennis Harth to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 28 February 2018 under Regulation 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev Dennis Harth.
- 19.23 (a) notes the advice of Rev Bruce Johnson to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 30 September 2018 under Regulation 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev Bruce Johnson.
- 19.24 (a) notes the advice of Rev Dr David Mackay-Rankin to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 30 June 2018 under Regulation 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev David Mackay-Rankin.
- 19.25 (a) notes the advice of Rev Euan McDonald to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 30 September 2018 under Regulation 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev Euan McDonald.
- 19.26 (a) notes the advice of Rev Robert (Bob) Miles to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 30 September 2018 under Regulation 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev Robert (Bob) Miles.
- 19.27 (a) notes the advice of Rev Glenn Mulcahy to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 July 2018 under Regulation 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev Glenn Mulcahy.
- 19.28 (a) notes the advice of Rev Ian Proctor to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 28 February 2019 under Regulation 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev Ian Proctor.

- 19.29 (a) notes the advice of Rev Iris Reedman to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 December 2018 under Regulation 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev Iris Reedman.
- 19.30 (a) notes the advice of Rev Alan Robinson to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 December 2017 under Reg 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev Alan Robinson.
- 19.31 (a) notes the advice of Rev Colin Shenfield to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 December 2017 under Regulation 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev Colin Shenfield.
- 19.32 (a) notes the advice of Rev Jenny Tymms to become a minister retired permanently on the grounds of age from 31 July 2018 under Regulation 2.6.1(d)(i)(1)  
(b) receives a minute of appreciation of the ministry of Rev Jenny Tymms.

## Memorial minutes

- 19.33 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod adopts the memorial minutes as presented concerning ministers who have died since the 33rd Synod:
- Rev Alan Anderson
  - Pastor Viki Ashford
  - Rev Lewis Born
  - Rev Douglas Brandon
  - Pastor Pauline Denning
  - Rev John Gillanders
  - Rev Graham Hall
  - Rev Owen Marks
  - Rev James McConaghy
  - Rev Jovilisi Ragata
  - Rev Bruce Ross
  - Rev Dr Norma Spear
  - Rev Sidney James Tame
  - Rev Leslie Tilse
  - Rev Dr Bruce Upham
  - Rev Graham John Wessel
  - Rev Silas Wolmby.

## Proposals from reports

- 19.34 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Moderator.
- 19.35 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the General Secretary.
- 19.36 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives a minute of appreciation for the retiring Chair of the Disaster Relief Committee, Rev Kaye Ronalds as contained in Appendix 3 to these minutes.
- 19.37 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Assembly.
- 19.38 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of UnitingCare Queensland.
- 19.39 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of Wesley Mission Queensland.
- 19.40 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Board for Christian Formation.
- 19.41 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the Report of the Finance, Investment and Property Board.
- 19.42 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Synod Standing Committee.
- 19.43 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Synod Advisory Committee on Ministerial Placements.
- 19.44 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Synod Multi Cross-Cultural Reference Group.
- 19.45 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Schools and Residential Colleges Commission.
- 19.46 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives a minute of appreciation for the retiring Chair of the Schools and Residential Colleges Commission, Mr Peter Campbell as contained in Appendix 3 to these minutes.
- 19.47 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Synod Chaplaincy Commission.
- 19.48 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee.
- 19.49 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Synod Interfaith Relationships Committee.
- 19.50 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane.

- 19.51 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Presbytery of Calvary.
- 19.52 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Presbytery of Central Queensland.
- 19.53 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Presbytery of Mary Burnett.
- 19.54 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Presbytery of Moreton Rivers.
- 19.55 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Presbytery of North Queensland.
- 19.56 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Presbytery of South Moreton.
- 19.57 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod receives the report of the Presbytery of The Downs.

## Appendices

- 19.58 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod note the ministerial changes as contained in Appendix 1 to these minutes.
- 19.59 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod note the appointments made by the Synod Standing Committee since the 33rd Synod as contained in Appendix 2 to these minutes.

## 35th Synod dates

- 19.60 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod determines that:
- (a) the 35th Synod will be held from 23 October to 26 October 2020 at Alexandra Park, Alexandra Headlands.
  - (b) the Synod Standing Committee be given authority to vary the dates/times and the venue of the 35<sup>th</sup> Synod if necessary.

## Synod Standing Committee meetings

- 19.61 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod determines that:
- (a) the meeting dates of the Synod Standing Committee shall be:
    - 2019 6-7 June (meeting and induction)
    - 4 July
    - 1 August
    - 5 September
    - 3 October

7 November  
5 December  
2020 6 February  
5 March  
2 April  
7 May  
4 June  
2 July  
6 August  
3 September  
1 October

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

## Moderator's medals for community service

19.62 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:

- Craig Ashton
- Julianne Ashton
- Irene Batzloff
- Jan Bayton
- Marlene Burgess
- Robyn Carmichael
- Bev Currie
- Bau Earle
- Bev Lacey
- Betty Perrin
- June Rice
- David Seeto
- Bev Taylor.

## Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee award

19.63 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod congratulates Rev Dr Clive Ayre who has been awarded the Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee Award as contained in Appendix 5 to these minutes.



## Spirit of Synod award

- 19.64 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod congratulates Rev Johnson Makoti who has been awarded the Spirit of Synod Award for his inspiring leadership of the church as contained in Appendix 5 to these minutes.

## General proposals

- 19.65 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod:
- (a) Reduce the ex-officio members on the Synod Standing Committee to 7 members:
    1. Moderator
    2. General Secretary
    3. ex-Moderator (for 12 months after the term of their office expires)
    4. Moderator-elect
    5. Nominee of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress for Queensland
    6. UnitingCare chairperson
    7. Wesley Mission Queensland chairperson.
  - (b) Allow the Moderator to nominate up to 2 co-opted voting members to be approved by the Synod Standing Committee, based on specialist skills / circumstances, such appointment to be effective until the commencement of the next Synod.
  - (c) Increase the term of elected members to the Synod Standing Committee to 3 years.
  - (d) Request the Assembly Standing Committee to grant an exemption, as per Regulation 3.10.1, from Regulation 3.7.4.1(a)(iii) and to make an alternative Regulation to allow members of the Queensland Synod elected to the Synod Standing Committee to serve for a period of two consecutive ordinary Synod meetings, provided that such persons are members of the two consecutive ordinary Synod meetings.
- 19.66 It was **RESOLVED by Formal Majority** that the Synod reduce Synod elected members to the Synod Standing Committee from 10 to 8.
- 19.67 It was **AGREED** that a decision was not required at this meeting on the General Proposal: “Best way for the Synod in Session to Meet” now. As a result, the proposers fell from the proposal.
- 19.68 It was **RESOLVED by Formal Majority** that the Synod:
- (a) amend by-law Q2.3.3 to:
    - allow for a Moderator to be nominated for a single contiguous 3 year term (to a maximum 6 year continuous total service)

- allow the Moderator-elect and ex-Moderator to serve on Synod Standing Committee for 1 year before and after their moderatorial term respectively.
- (b) as transitional provisions:
- allow the 34th Synod Moderator-elect to serve an 18 month term as Moderator-elect
  - direct the Synod Standing Committee to seek exemptions from Regulations from the Assembly Standing Committee as required to give effect to this decision.

19.69 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod:

- (a) requests an updated policy be prepared, after detailed consultation with congregations, presbyteries and faith communities, covering the operation of the Mission Development Fund (MDF) and the policy be developed in accordance with these principles:
1. The MDF will be a fund that will support the contemporary mission strategy and priorities across all Presbyteries in the Queensland Synod. As such we acknowledge:
    - (a) According to our Constitution, we are all stewards of the property and funds held by a congregation or presbytery;
    - (b) The property and funds of the church are for the benefit of the mission of the whole church;
    - (c) Beneficial use of funds in the MDF may be required to be forgone by an individual congregation or presbytery to achieve the objective of this principle.
  2. The MDF will be a sustainable resource for long term church growth and development:
    - (a) It will be used for capital and/or development opportunities that produce a return benefit to the church;
    - (b) It will not be used for operational (including general maintenance) expenses or sensitive matters' expenses.
  3. It is a requirement of MDF funding allocation that projects need to meet good governance practices including prudent and sustainable decision making, and accountable and transparent processes and reporting.
- (b) notes that when developed, the policy on the operation of the MDF will be circulated to presbyteries and congregations for consultation and then submitted to the 35th Synod for approval.

19.70 It was **RESOLVED by Formal Majority** that the Synod:

- (a) receives the Final Report: Voluntary Assisted Dying Queensland Synod 2019.
- (b) affirms the following position:
- The Uniting Church in Australia – Queensland Synod seeks to witness to the God given dignity and worth of every human life. We are committed to 'All that Jesus began to do and teach' (Acts 1.1) by working towards a

society characterised by love, compassion, justice, inclusion and reconciliation so that all people, at every stage of life, can experience 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). We seek to witness to God's good gift of creation and the intrinsic worth and dignity of all people in every circumstance that is grounded in a reality that is untouched by the circumstances of our lives or death. In our compassionate care we seek to remain with people, in both lament and hope, bearing witness to God being with us in every circumstance of life.

In recognition of this, we do not support the legalisation of voluntary assisted dying in Queensland. If legalised, our facilities will not provide this as a service and our staff, in the course of their employment, will not participate in medical acts to end a life through voluntary assisted dying.

We recognise that in some situations, the experiences of end-of-life can cause significant distress for the person dying, their families and care staff. While we do not support voluntary assisted dying, if it is legalised, the Church is committed to offering a compassionate and pastoral response to people and families who choose this path.

We also recognise that there will be people, who in good conscience and in light of their faith in God, make a decision to undertake voluntary assisted dying.

A compassionate and pastoral response in the Synod agencies includes working with people and families who choose and access voluntary assisted dying to offer emotional, psychological and social support, spiritual and pastoral care, and minimising physical suffering. This response does not include medically participating in acts intended to end life through a voluntary assisted dying process.

- (c) That in the case of the legalisation of voluntary assisted dying in Queensland, to request Wesley Mission Queensland and UnitingCare to develop a policy and practice approach in light of the Synod's position and any legislative requirements.
- (d) Affirms the critical importance of high quality, well-resourced and accessible palliative and end-of-life care that responds to the physical, psycho-social and spiritual needs of people at the end-of-life. The Church undertakes the following actions:
  1. advocate for a well resourced and flexible system that consistently meets people's needs and preferences for care;
  2. continue to provide high quality and accessible palliative care, responsive to the pastoral and spiritual needs of the people we serve, as central to our mission as the Church.
- (e) That in advocating to government regarding the Church's position, the Church strongly recommends provisions for conscientious objection, for both individuals and organisations, be included in any proposed legislation.
- (f) Encourage congregations to engage in conversations around end-of-life and to encourage members to consider completing Advance Health Directive.

(g) Thank the Consultation Group for their work.

The following persons requested that their dissent be recorded:

- Rev Heather Allison
- Mrs Kate Barton
- Mr Bruce Binnie
- Rev Lyn Burden
- Rev Jennifer Coombes
- Mr Peter Coombes
- Rev Moira Dodsworth
- Ms Trish Mann
- Rev Neil Storey.

19.71 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the General Proposal: “Trinity College Queensland – Governance Process at Synod in Session” be defeated.

19.72 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that the Synod requests the Synod Standing Committee to provide an understanding of the roles, responsibilities and decision-making delegations of Synod in Session, the Synod Standing Committee and the relationship between them. This is to be provided to Presbyteries for their discussion, engagement and feedback prior to the 35th Synod.

## Ballots

19.73 It was **RESOLVED by Ballot** that the Synod elects Rev Andrew Gunton, Uniting Church member, as Moderator-elect for the Synod of Queensland for the term of the 34th Synod, to be Moderator for the terms of the 35th and 36th Synods.

19.74 It was **RESOLVED by Ballot** that the Synod elects the following persons to the Board for Christian Formation:

Chairperson	Rev Peter Armstrong	3 years
Members	Rev Lyn Burden	3 years
	Mr Peter James	3 years
	Dr David Pohlmann	3 years
	Rev Neil Storey	3 years
	Mr Trent Wheeley	3 years
Continuing members	Rev Gwen Fisher	until 35th Synod
	Mr Grant Erickson	until 35th Synod
Ex-officio members	Moderator	
	General Secretary	
	Director of Education for Ministry	
	Enrolled candidate of Trinity College Queensland	

19.75 It was **RESOLVED by Ballot** that the Synod elects the following persons to the Finance, Investment and Property Board:

Members	Mr Hayden Gaffel	3 years
	Mr Justin Greenway	3 years
	Mr Howard Morrison	3 years
	Ms Natalie Smith	3 years
Continuing members	Mr Ralph Collins (chairperson)	until 35th Synod
	Rev Linda Hamill	until 35th Synod
	Mr Geoff Ericksson	until 35th Synod
	Mr John Lister	until 35th Synod
Ex-officio members	General Secretary	
	Synod Property Officer	

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

Chairperson	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
	Ms Natalie Smith	until 35th Synod
Secretary	Mr Peter Cranna	until 35th Synod
Ex-officio members	Moderator	
	General Secretary	

19.77 It was **RESOLVED by Consensus** that, noting:

- that only one ministerial nominee to the Synod Standing Committee received over 50% of the votes;
  - the circumstances regarding the number of nominees to the Synod Standing Committee; and
  - the number of available positions to the Synod Standing Committee;
- the Synod accept the next two highest polling ministerial candidates for appointment to the Synod Standing Committee.

19.78 It was **RESOLVED by Ballot** that the Synod elects the following persons to the Synod Standing Committee:

Members	Pastor Dr Gewa Au	until 35th Synod
	Mr Neil Ballment	until 35th Synod
	Mr Greg Braithwaite	until 35th Synod
	Rev Garry Hardingham	until 35th Synod
	Dr Marilyn Healy	until 35th Synod
	Mr Scott McDonald	until 35th Synod
	Rev Bruce Moore	until 35th Synod

	Dr Daniel Pampuch	until 35th Synod
	Rev Catherine Solomon	until 35th Synod
Continuing members	Moderator	ex-officio
	Ex-Moderator	ex-officio
	Moderator-elect	ex-officio
	General Secretary	ex-officio
	Chair, UnitingCare Board	ex-officio
	Chair, Finance, Investment and Property Board	ex-officio
	Chair, Board for Christian Formation	ex-officio
	Chair, Board for Christian Formation	ex-officio
	Nominee, Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress for Queensland	ex-officio

## The Norman and Mary Millar lecture

19.79 The Moderator welcomed Professor Anne Tiernan, the 2019 Norman and Mary Millar lecturer, and invited her to address the Synod.

## Courtesies extended

19.80 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, musicians, singers, visual presentations, readers, pray-ers and presenter 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 34th 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
- The organisers and presenters of Sow sessions

- The Covenanting Action Plan Team, the traditional owners (the Gabi Gabi leaders) for their Welcome to Country, the Grounded Mornings and the Farewell to Country
- All staff of the Alexandra Park Conference Centre for support in preparation and hosting the Synod
- To all the tradeshow exhibitors
- Vision Books for their assistance and support
- Professor Anne Tiernan, the Norman and Mary Millar lecturer for 2019
- 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
- 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 34th Synod was closed with closing worship led by the Moderator and General Secretary.

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## Confirmation of minutes

The 34th Synod Minutes were confirmed by the Moderator, General Secretary and the Business Committee Convenor (as per minute 19.17) on 1 July 2019.



Moderator



General Secretary



Convenor Business Committee



# Appendix 1

## Ministerial changes

### 1 Received by ordination

#### Ministry of the Word

##### Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane

Peter Blake  
Iris Marais

##### Presbytery of Mary Burnett

Moira Dodsworth

##### Presbytery of Moreton Rivers

James (Neil) Storey

##### Presbytery of South Moreton

Noah Kim

##### Presbytery of The Downs

Leanne Osborn

#### Ministry of Deacon

##### Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane

Santina Waugh

### 2 Deaths

#### Ministers of the Word

Alan Anderson  
Lewis (Les) Born  
Douglas Brandon  
John Gillanders  
Graham Dudley Hall  
Owen Marks  
James McConaghy  
Jovilisi Ragata  
Bruce Ross  
Dr Norma Spear  
Sidney James (Jim) Tame  
Leslie Tilse  
Prof Bruce Upham  
Graham Wessel  
Silas Wolmby

#### Pastor

Viki Ashford  
Pauline Denning



<b>3</b>	<b>Retirements</b>	<p><b>Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane</b> Jenny Tymms Euan McDonald</p> <p><b>Presbytery of Moreton Rivers</b> Bruce Johnson Glenn Mulcahy</p> <p><b>Presbytery of Mary Burnett</b> Dennis Harth</p> <p><b>Presbytery of South Moreton</b> Colin Shenfield Alan Robinson David Mackay-Rankin Robert (Bob) Miles Iris Reedman</p> <p><b>Presbytery of Central Queensland</b> Brian Gilbert Lynette Falkenhagen Ian Proctor</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Ministers / deacons / youth workers received from other Synods</b>	Nil
<b>5</b>	<b>Ministers received from other denominations</b>	Nil
<b>6</b>	<b>Ministers received by readmission</b>	Nil
<b>7</b>	<b>Ministers whose recognition has been withdrawn</b>	Barry Dangerfield Doug Winten

# Appendix 2

## Appointments made since the 33rd Synod

### **Audit and Risk Committee**

Appointed for a three-year term from 2 February 2018 to 1 February 2021:

Mr Allan Hanson (chairperson)  
Rev Heather den Houting (ex-officio)  
Mr Ralph Collins  
Ms Louisa Yu  
Mr Hayden Gaffel  
Mr Chris Townend

Appointed for a three-year term from 4 May 2018 to 3 May 2021:

Mr Geoff Batkin

### **Board for Christian Formation**

Resignation accepted effective 1 July 2018:

Rev Stuart Cameron

### **Calvary Christian College Council**

Reappointed for a three-year term from 7 March 2019 to 6 March 2022:

Mrs Noela Lister (South Moreton Presbytery representative)

### **Cromwell College Board**

Reappointed for a three-year term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020:

Mr Ben de Jong  
Dr Joe Goodall

Reappointed for a three-year term from 31 May 2018 to 30 May 2021:

Rev Peter Lockhart

### **Emmanuel College Council**

Appointed for a five-year term from 7 March 2018 to 6 March 2023:

Mr Stephen Howell

Appointed for a five-year term from 6 August 2018 to 5 August 2023:

Mr Stephen Peake

### **Grace College Council**

Reappointed for a three-year term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020:

Mr Thomas Nisbet-Smith

Reappointed for a three-year term from 6 November 2018 to 5 November 2021:  
Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan

Reappointed for the period from 8 February 2019 to 31 December 2021:  
Ms Angela Hili  
Mr Adrian Rex

#### **Kings College Council**

Reappointed for a three-year term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020:  
Mr Craig Chapman

Appointed for a three-year term from 8 April 2019 to 7 April 2022:  
Mr Gary Lynch

#### **John Flynn College Council**

Reappointed for a three-year term from 8 June 2018 to 7 June 2021:  
Mr Joseph Walker

#### **The Lakes College Board**

Reappointed for the period from 2 February 2018 to 31 December 2018:  
Mr Scott Johnston

Appointed for a three-year term from 6 March 2018 to 5 March 2021:  
Ms Sue Poole

Appointed for a three-year term from 11 September 2018 to 10 September 2021:  
Mr Bruce Howden OAM

Appointed for a three-year term from 11 February 2019 to 10 February 2022:  
Mr Aaron Webb

Appointed for a three-year term from 8 April 2019 to 9 April 2022:  
Ms Kym Wildman  
Rev Kathryn Behan

#### **Legal Reference Committee**

Reappointed for a three-year term from 6 May 2019 to 5 May 2022:  
Mr Jim Demack  
Ms Jodi Palmer

#### **Moreton Bay College Board**

Appointed for the period from 6 October 2017 to 30 June 2020:  
Ms Adele Nisbet

Reappointed for the period from 6 August 2018 to 31 December 2018:  
Mr Peter Davey

Reappointed for the period from 6 November 2018 until 1 July 2020:  
Mr Col Sutcliffe

**Multi-Cross Cultural Reference Group**

Resignation accepted effective 31 December 2017:

Mr David Busch  
Mr Jack Shao  
Ms Sharyn Robinson

Resignation accepted effective 1 March 2018:

Ms Malo Semaia

Appointed for a three-year term from 2 November 2018 to 1 November 2021:

Mr Levon Kardashian

Appointed for a three-year term from 2 February 2018 to 1 February 2021:

Rev Faye Talatonu

Appointed for a three-year term from 6 April 2018 to 5 April 2021:

Rev Lu Senituli  
Rev David Kim

Reappointed for a three-year term from 7 May 2018 to 6 May 2021:

Pastor Noah Kim

Appointed for a three-year term from 8 June 2018 to 7 June 2021:

Rev Esteban Leivano

Terms of appointment expired:

Rev Beatriz Skippen  
Pastors Moses Leth  
Ms Karen Ross

Reappointed for a three-year term from 8 April 2019 to 7 April 2022:

Ms Akesa Racava (chairperson and convenor)

Reappointed for a one-year term from 8 April 2019 to 7 April 2020:

Mr Peter Lien Zual T.boi

Appointed for a three-year term from 31 March 2019 to 28 February 2022:

Rev Monique Coughlin  
Mrs Kemerli Lievano

**Presbyterian and Methodist Schools Association (PMSA) Council**

Appointed for a three-year term from 13 February 2018 to 12 February 2021:

Ms Margaret Berry

Appointed for a three-year term from 9 April 2018 to 8 April 2021:

Mr Morgan Parker

Appointed for a three-year term from 8 May 2018 to 7 May 2021:  
Mr Greg Braithwaite

Reappointed for a three-year term from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021:  
Mr Jim Demack

Resignation accepted effective 26 November 2018:  
Mr Con Graves

### **Remuneration and Nomination Committee**

Appointment noted, as previous members of the Governance, Nomination and Remuneration Committee:

Mr John Lister (chairperson)  
Rev Heather den Houting (ex-officio)  
Ms Bronwyn Clarkson  
Mr Glenn Poole

Appointed for a three-year term from 2 February 2018 to 1 February 2021:  
Rev Lu Senituli  
Mr Scott McDonald

Appointed for the period 2 November 2018 to the 34th Synod:  
Rev David Baker

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

Appointed for a three-year term from 6 August 2018 to 5 August 2021:  
Mr Kristian Wale OAM

Reappointed for a three-year term from 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2021:  
Mr Neil Ballment

Appointed for a three-year term from 20 May 2019 to 19 May 2022:  
Mrs Noela Lister (chairperson)

### **Scots PGC College Council**

Appointed for a three-year term from 12 September 2017 to 11 September 2020:  
Mr Bruce Howden

Reappointed for a three-year term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020:  
Rev Kaye Ronalds

Appointed for a three-year term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020:  
Mr Warwick Fraser

Appointed for a three-year term from 6 March 2018 to 5 March 2021:  
Ms Annette Doherty  
Ms Helen Lewis

Appointed for a three-year term from 9 April 2018 to 8 April 2021:  
Mr Julian Turner

Appointed for a three-year term from 11 March 2019 to 10 March 2020:  
Rev Rob Callow

Appointed for a three-year term from 8 April 2019 to 7 April 2022:  
Mr Ted McArdle

### **Shalom Christian College Board**

Resignation accepted effective 21 November 2017:

Rev Bruce Cornish  
Rev Dr Richard Wallace  
Ms Jan Pool  
Prof Yvonne Cadet-James  
Rev Dennis Corowa  
Ms Lyndell O'Connor

Appointed effective 22 November 2017 until otherwise determined by the Synod:

Mr Peter Campbell  
Mr Peter Cranna  
Mr Neil Ballment  
Ms Anne Copeland  
Mr Michael Hennessy  
Mrs Noela Lister

### **Synod Chaplaincy Commission**

Resignation effective 7 August 2018:

Mr Phil Smith

Appointed for a three-year term from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022:  
Rev Nigel Rogers

### **Synod Disaster Response and Community Recovery Committee**

Appointed for a three-year term from 3 August 2018 to 2 August 2021:

Rev Malcolm Bottrill  
Mr Levon Kardashian

### **Synod Ecumenical Relations Committee**

Resignation accepted effective 31 October 2017:

Mr David Busch

Resignation accepted effective 31 December 2017:  
Rev Sunil Kadaparambil

Resignation accepted effective 5 July 2018:  
Mr Neil Ballment

Resignation accepted effective 11 October 2018:  
Mr Richard Lance

Appointed for a three-year term from 6 July 2018 to 5 July 2021:  
Mr Levon Kardashian

**Synod Interfaith Relations Committee**

Resignation accepted effective 1 September 2016:  
Rev Ann Hewson

Resignations accepted effective 5 July 2018:  
Mr Neil Ballment  
Mrs Julie Mackay-Rankin

Appointed for a three-year term from 6 July 2018 to 5 July 2021:  
Rev Heather Allison  
Mr Levon Kardashian

Reappointed for a three-year term from 1 March 2019 to 28 February 2022:  
Ms Lesley Bryant  
Rev Bryan Gilmour

**Synod Sexual Misconduct Complaint Committee – Members**

Appointed for a three-year term from 6 April 2018 to 5 April 2021:  
Rev Peter Arnett (chairperson)

Appointed for a three-year term from 8 June 2018 to 7 June 2021:  
Mrs Ruth Duncan

Resignation accepted effective 6 February 2019:  
Mrs Ruth Duncan

**Synod Sexual Misconduct Complaint Committee – Advisers**

Reappointed effective 7 September 2017:  
Mr Gavin Caird  
Rev Rob Callow  
Rev Ray Nutley  
Rev Russell Reynoldson  
Rev Ian Wilson  
Dr Sue Algate  
Pastor Margaret Nieth

Appointed effective 5 June 2017:  
Rev Euan McDonald  
Rev Robyn Osborne

Appointed for a three-year term from 7 September 2018 to 6 September 2021:

Rev Peter Smale  
Mr Cain Hartigan

Appointed for a three-year term from 2 November 2018 to 1 November 2021:

Rev Lynne Hindman

### **UnitingCare Qld Board**

Resignation accepted effective 3 October 2017:

Mr Craig Barke (chairperson)

Appointed for a three-year term from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2021:

Ms Cheryl Herbert  
Mr Brian Gillespie

Reappointed for the period from 1 July 2018 to 31 March 2020:

Ms Nigel Alexander (chairperson)

Reappointed for a three-year term from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022:

Professor Myles McGregor-Lowndes  
Mr Andrew McBryde  
Ms Andrea Staines

Appointed for a three-year term from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022:

Ms Jacqueline Kelly

### **Wesley Mission Queensland Board**

Appointed from September 2017 to December 2019:

Mr Chris Grover  
Ms Sherree Halliwell

Appointed from January 2018 to December 2020:

Mr David Edwards

Reappointed from January 2018 to December 2020:

Mrs Nancy Spencer  
Ms Elaine Rae  
Ms Elaine Unkles  
Mr Robert Packer

### **Uniting Church in Australia Beneficiary Fund Sub Plan Policy Committee**

Appointed for a four-year term from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2022:

Mr Bruce Binnie

### **34th Synod Business Committee**

Committee established comprising:

The Moderator  
The General Secretary





The Associate General Secretary  
Manager Office and Events  
Rev Brian Kickbusch  
Any additional members as agreed and appointed by the Moderator and General  
Secretary.

# Appendix 3

## Minutes of appreciation

### **Rev Kaye Ronalds (19.36)**

It is with a sense of gratitude and debt that we write this minute of appreciation for Kaye and the work that she has contributed to the Qld Synod Disaster Response and Community Recovery Committee for more than eight years. Kaye has also been Chair of the committee for that same period of time. Kaye's commitment to this ministry and to the people of Queensland has been unwavering and she has brought considerable energy, insight, resilience a sense of good humour and grace to the role.

Her encouragement to key responders in the disaster meant that creative responses such as recovery chaplains in places without significant ministry, peer support, appropriate training for recovery chaplains, financial support to congregation responses, agency and congregation and local community resilience building could occur and the full impact never known.

Kaye is to be commended for the team she has gathered within the committee and for the leadership and responsiveness that has been shown while helping the church respond to many and varied disasters that have occurred and keep occurring on an even more regular basis in Qld. Kaye's leadership and advocacy within this committee will be missed and we take this time to formally thank her for the work she has done and to wish her well in the many and varied endeavours that are before her.

Kaye has stepped down as the Chair of this Committee, however the legacy of the work she has done has meant that it will continue to grow and mature to coordinate the extraordinary resources the church can bring to people and situations in crisis.

### **Mr Peter Campbell (19.46)**

Mr Peter Campbell joined the Schools and Residential Colleges Commission at the 29th Synod in October 2011 and became Chair in May 2016. He is stepping down from this position at the 34th Synod.

Peter has been an active member of the Warwick Uniting Church and was Chair of the Parish Council from 2014 -2016.

Peter was also on the Board of Scots PGC in Warwick acting in the positions of member and Deputy Chair from 2013 – 2016.

Peter has brought his skills and passion for Mathematics and Statistics to the SRCC. He loved the number side of school performance and maintained a performance profile on all Queensland Uniting Church Schools for the last 6 years.

Peter worked in School Performance Policy and Performance Measurement in the Department of Education and Training before retirement. He was also a Mathematics and Science teacher and continued to tutor students at secondary and tertiary levels in these areas.

He has a deep understanding of the compliance issues associated with schools and government acts and regulations pertaining to schools.

He has guided schools on their Strategic Plans and helped craft and progress the Ethos Statement for UCA Schools in Qld. He has helped shape and structure Direction Papers for the SRCC.

He firmly held the belief that the Commission, through the Schools and Colleges, could help provide places and opportunities for young people to have a relationship with the living God by providing engaging contemporary faith experiences and opportunities to show compassion through service.

Peter always spoke the truth and treated people with dignity and respect. Peter acted as a mentor for the Principal of Shalom Christian College for 2018, helping her develop the high level of skills she aspired to achieve.

Peter's insight, wisdom, strategic thinking and directness as well as his love for Statistics will be missed by the SRCC and the UC schools and Colleges.

# Appendix 4

## **Ministerial Retirements and Memorial Minutes**

Refer separate document

# Appendix 5

## Minutes of awards

### **Rev Dr Clive Ayre (19.63)**

The Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee award is an expression of the Uniting Church's foundational commitment to the cause of ecumenism.

Clive has been a champion of the call of the gospel "that we may be one...that the world may know..." for much of his life in "active" ministry, and in "retirement".

He served as General Secretary of Queensland Churches Together, was the Queensland representative on Assembly ecumenical bodies, and organised many forums and conferences to advance inter denominational understanding and cooperation.

Clive gained a doctorate in Eco-theology, and again organised across the churches for a response to the looming ecological crisis.

He has served productively and faithfully as Secretary of the Synod Ecumenical Relationships Committee, and been a great encourager for the work of that committee.

### **Rev Johnson Makoti (19.64)**

Johnson came to us from Zimbabwe, via England. His wife took a position as nurse at the Lotus Glen Correctional Centre, and so it transpired that he would become the UCA minister at Atherton.

He has won the hearts of the Atherton folk, both within the church and in the wider community.

The North Queensland Presbytery nomination stated, inter alia, that Johnson had turned a declining congregation without vision and purpose, into a thriving, diverse, community of faith, by his strong leadership in enabling others, pastoral care, biblical preaching, and community engagement.

He is a pastor who loves his people and leads them with confidence in God in their ministry to their community.

He supports the wider Uniting Church with wisdom and compassion.

He has shown the church that it is possible to have a thriving, healthy congregation in the context of a stable and static population.

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