



THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA SYNOD OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE ACT

MINUTES of the thirty-ninth Meeting of the Synod of New South Wales and the ACT of the Uniting Church in Australia held **4 and 7 August 2021**.

CANDLE

The Moderator lit the candle at the commencement of the Synod in Session to signify the Synod in Session is a Safe Place

OPENING WORSHIP & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Was developed and lead by Church in the Market Place.

DECISIONS

Decisions recorded in these Minutes were reached by consensus unless otherwise indicated.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible studies were prepared and delivered in April, June, and August 2021 by Dr Sathi Clarke.

MEMBERS OF SYNOD 2021

The members of Synod 2021 can be found as [Appendix A](#).

AGENDA

Resolved 142/21S

That the Synod

- (i) adopt the agenda for 4 and 7 August 2021 as published on the Synod 2021 Portal
- (ii) noting that the request received for further information on the newly formed Synod Board, referenced in the Synod Standing Committee Report 2, was addressed via published response refer [Appendix B](#)

SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT 2

The Synod Standing Committee Report 2 provided additional information on matters considered by the Synod Standing Committee between April and August 2021.

Resolved 143/21S

That the Synod receive Synod Standing Committee Report 2.



REVIEW AND REAPPOINTMENT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Resolved 144/21S

That the Synod on the recommendation of the Synod Standing Committee delegates to the Synod Standing Committee the responsibility to:

- (i) complete a review of the General Secretary by December 2021
- (ii) determine whether there should be an extension of the General Secretary's current term by April 2022, and the terms and conditions of that extension
- (iii) convene a nominations process for appointment of another General Secretary at an appropriate time in relation to the conclusion of the current or extended term of the General Secretary.

NEXT SYNOD MEETING

Resolved 145/21S

That the Synod on the recommendation of the Synod Standing Committee endorse that the next Synod meeting will be held **21,22, 23 April 2023**.

SYNOD REPORTS

Resolved 146/21S

That the Synod receive the following reports

- [Secretariat Report](#)
- [School's Report](#)
- [Synod Operations Mission Impact Report](#)
- [Formation Report](#)

MINUTES OF APPRECIATION

Resolved 147/21S

That the Synod receive the Minutes of Appreciation for

- [Peter Andrews: GNRC](#)
- [Uniting Resources: Board](#)
- [Eric Drury: Disaster Recovery Committee member](#)
- [John Thornton: ACOMP Chair](#)
- [Howard Packer: Schools Incorporation](#)
- [Jean Evans: ICCOREIS Representative](#)
- [Christine Sorensen: Dean of Formation](#)
- [Safe Church Presenters](#)

BOARD REPORTS

Resolved 148/21S

That the Synod receive

- [Uniting – Statement of Missional Intent](#)
- [Uniting – Board Report](#)
- [Synod Property Board – Statement of Missional Intent](#)
- [Synod Property Board – Board Report](#)



APPOINTMENT TO THE NSW SYNOD PROPERTY TRUST AND ACT PROPERTY TRUST

Resolved 149/21S

That the Synod on the recommendation of the Synod Standing Committee

- (i) approve the following re-appointments to the NSW Synod Property Trust & ACT Property Trust until the end of the next Synod meeting.
 - Mr Peter Norman
 - Mr John Graves
 - Mr David Turner
 - Mr Tim L'Orange
- (ii) appoint Mr Ian Gray to the NSW Synod Property Trust & ACT Property Trust until the end of the next Synod meeting.

SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST PRESBYTERY REPORT

Resolved 150/21S

The Synod receive the Sydney Central Coast Presbytery Report.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY PART 3

Resolved 151/21S

That the Synod noted the names tabled in the Celebration of Ministry video

- 40 years ordained.
- Retired Ministers

WALKING TOGETHER ACTION PLAN

Resolved 152/21S

That the Synod on the recommendation of the Synod Standing Committee the Synod adopt the Walking Together Action Plan 2021- 2023.

SALTBUSH REPORT

Rev. Mark Faulkner, Rev. Tim Jensen and Rev. Geoff Wellington provided an overview of activities undertaken by the Saltbush team since Synod 2019.

Resolved 153/21S

Part A

- (i) receive the Saltbush Report
- (ii) affirm the ongoing work of Saltbush within the life of the Synod of NSW and ACT

Part B

The Synod warmly commend part B of the proposal, the Strategic Direction Plan, to the Synod Standing Committee as part of their ongoing stewardship of the Synod's Future Directions for People of God on the Way and in light of any decisions made today about our Future Directions, Synod Resourcing Framework.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS: SYNOD RESOURCING FRAMEWORK

Resolved 154/21S

On the recommendation of the Synod Standing Committee, the Synod:

- (i) note the approval of Future Directions for the People of God on the Way (42/21S)
- (ii) approve the Future Directions: Synod Resourcing Framework
- (iii) Delegate responsibility for the development and implementation of the Future Directions: Synod Resourcing Framework to the Synod Standing Committee

By Agreement

UNITING & WESLEY MISSION AGEING

Resolved 155/21S

The Synod

- (i) receive the joint Uniting and Wesley Mission report and note the ongoing work of Uniting and Wesley Mission in advocating with, and on behalf, of older people and their families and carers for reform in the way that older people are cared for and supported in Residential Aged Care and Home Care.
- (ii) recognises the ageism implicit in the aged care system, which is also reflecting in the undervaluing of aged care workers.
- (iii) believes Australia's aged care system should be:
 - a. sustainably funded, ensuring that everyone has access to adequate care and services; and
 - b. provide access to aged care resources based on need (not rationing); and
 - c. pay its workers fairly and equitably.
- (iv) Affirms Uniting and Wesley Mission's commitment to continued policy development and advocacy to government to further these outcomes and encourages congregations to support this advocacy in their community through the It's time to care about aged care campaign and Uniting Friends of Ageing.

PARISH MISSION REPORTS

Resolved 156/21S

The Synod receives

- (i) the Parish Missions video presentation
- (ii) 2020 Parish Mission annual reports.

ASSEMBLY REPORT

Resolved 157/21S

The Synod receives the Assembly report.

MODERATOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolved 158/21S

The Synod

- (i) note the Moderator Nominating Committee report
- (ii) thank and discharge the Moderator Nominating Committee

MODERATOR ELECT

Resolved 159/21S

The Synod elect Rev. Mata Havea Hiliau to the office of Moderator for the period from the Synod of 2023 to the Synod of 2026.

APPOINTMENTS

a) SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE

Resolved 160/21S

That the Synod appoint the following to members to the Synod Standing Committee

Mr	David	Barrow	Synod elected	elected 2019 to 2023
Mrs	Sharon	Flynn	Synod elected	elected 2019 to 2023
Rev.	Danielle	Hemsworth-Smith	Synod elected	elected 2019 to 2023
Rev.	Simon	Lee	Synod elected	elected 2021, 2 terms
Ms	Alisi (Lisi)	Siakimotu	Synod elected	elected 2021, 2 terms
Rev.	Amelia	Koh-Butler	Synod elected	elected 2021, 2 terms
Dr	Denise	Wood	Synod elected	elected 2021, 2 terms
Rev.	Taualofa	Anga-aelangi	Synod elected	elected 2021, 1 term
Rev.	Pablo	Nunez	Synod elected	elected 2021, 1 term
Rev.	Robert	McFarlane	Synod elected	elected 2021, 1 term
Mr	Andrew	Wright	Synod elected	elected 2021, 1 term
Mr	Ross	Johnson	Synod elected	elected 2021, 1 term

b) ACOMP Chair

Resolved 161/21S

That the Synod appoint Rev. Amanda Hay as Chair of ACOMP to the next Synod meeting.