

SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATE



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The newly elected Synod Standing Committee (SSC) met on Friday 16 August 2019. The following information has been prepared under the supervision of the General Secretary, for the use of members and for distribution to Presbyteries, Synod Boards and Committees, School Councils and other relevant bodies.

Members of the Synod Standing Committee

Rev.	Jane	Fry
Rev.	Simon	Hansford
Rev.	Niall	Reid
Mr	David	Barrow
Mrs	Sharon	Flynn
Rev.	Robert	Griffith
Rev.	Danielle	Hemsworth-Smith
Mr	Ian	Lawrence
Ms	Taualofa	Anga-aelangi
Rev.	Kent	Crawford
Rev.	Greer	Dokmanovic
Rev.	Tammy	Hollands
Mr	Hayden	Charles
Mr	Amanki (Langi)	Suli
Ms	Irene	Bowrie-Johnson
Mrs	Heather	Watson
Mr	Ian	Gray
Mr	Michael	Anderson
Mr	John	Collins

*advisors not listed

Induction Program

A comprehensive Induction Program was held on 16 August 2019. Sessions included:

- Introductions and personal expectations
- Roles, responsibilities and accountabilities
- Decision making processes and meeting format
- SSC Values and Behaviour Covenant
- Standing Committee relationships
- Continuing education program
- Review of SSC Calendar
- SSC Communication

Board Briefings

Uniting Resources (UR), Uniting Mission and Education (UME), Treasury and Investment Services (TIS) and Uniting provided the SSC with an overview of the period since Synod 2017 highlighting key challenges and achievements. The Committee had the opportunity to ask engage with Board Chairs and Executive Directors.

Overview of Synod Projects – Synod 2019

The General Secretary provided an overview of projects approved by Synod 2019 these included

- Synod Mission Strategy
- Focus on Growth
- A renewed vision for Formation
- Climate Action Strategy
- Advocacy
- Treaty of Makaratta Statement from the Heart

SSC Policies

The Committee reviewed:

- Draft SSC Conflict of Interest Policy
- Draft SSC Confidentiality Policy

Feedback was received with the final policies being tabled at the next meeting.

Synod 2019 – Minutes

The Committee approved the Synod 2019 minutes these can be found at:

<https://nswact.uca.org.au/about-us/secretariat/synod-minutes/>

Global Climate Strike – 20 September 2019

The Committee agreed to attend the Service at UCA Pitt Street in support of the Global Climate Change Strike.