

PRESBYTERY PROPERTY COMMITTEE (PPC)

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The PPC is responsible for:

- i. advising Church Councils and other bodies within the bounds of the Presbytery with respect to property matters for which they are responsible;
- ii. receive and consider applications from Church Councils and other bodies within the bounds of the Presbytery with respect to property matters as provided by these Regulations having regard to:
 - the mission of the Church within the bounds of the Presbytery,
 - the policies of the Synod and Presbytery,
 - financial feasibility,
 - design and location,
 - any other relevant matter;
- iii. submit proposals from any Church Council or other body within the bounds of the Presbytery to the Synod Property Board with recommendations for final decision;
- iv. initiate proposals with respect to property matters within the bounds of the Presbytery; and
- v. regularly inspect or arrange for the regular inspection of properties for which the Presbytery and Church Councils and other bodies within the bounds of the Presbytery are responsible and propose and report to Presbytery such action as may seem desirable to ensure that the properties are maintained in good and safe condition.

The Presbytery may also authorise the Presbytery Property Committee or another committee or committees to take responsibilities in respect of one or more of the properties for which the Presbytery is itself responsible, including:

- i. the supervision and use of the property;
- ii. maintaining the property in good repair;
- iii. reporting in respect of such matters as the Presbytery may require; and
- iv. such other matters as the Presbytery may determine.

The PPC comprises of:

Chairperson	Rev Stephen Larkin
Members elected by Presbytery	Rev Bev Fabb Rev Craig Collas Mr Ian Harris
Chairperson of Presbytery (<i>ex officio</i>)	Rev Lorraine Stokes
Resources Manager (<i>ex officio</i>)	Mr Robert Locke
Staff appointee	Mr Richard Patterson (Senior Property Consultant) Mt Ian Healey (Property Manager) Sandra Ackoy (Minute Secretary)

The PPC is currently meeting bi-monthly. We have the ability to co-opt up to two further members.

The rules for the PPC still need to be written and submitted to Church Law and is reviewing the policies and procedures with regards to Property matters.

A key issue for the PPC is being able to make decisions that are in line with the Strategic Plan. Currently, these are not clearly enough defined for the PPC. For example, do we sell off existing properties that are no longer in use and release the funds for supporting existing and new mission, or do we keep them in the hope that one day they might be used for some new missional projects. If so, who takes responsibility for their maintenance and upkeep in the meantime.

Church Council Property Responsibilities

Guidelines are being prepared for church councils for the use of properties by UCA and non-UCA congregations and community programs in order to facilitate better relationships between congregations and users of their properties.

The ongoing upkeep of properties is an ongoing issue. Available on the UCA website are a Property and Safety Checklist and a Property Budget Worksheet to help resource Church Councils in relation to their use and maintenance of their properties.

Actions

Swanbourne Property

The Cottesloe congregation has now closed and has relinquished its property to be used for the wider missional use of the church. The property will be sold in due course and the proceeds made available to be invested in future mission opportunities.

Karratha Properties

A one-bedroom unit and vacant block will be sold.

Aldersyde UCA

The church is now surplus to requirements and has been approved for sale.

Northampton UCA

Building is derelict and has asbestos. Renovation is unviable so will be demolished.

Albany

A new manse has been purchased by the congregation which is better suited and located.