



7 August 2018

To: Members of Synod
Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress –
WA Regional Committee
Synod Commissions and Joint Bodies
Schools and Colleges
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‘Deep and Wide’

Ephesians 3:17,18

Dear Colleagues

42nd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SYNOD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

We are preparing for our Annual Synod Meeting where members of the Uniting Church in Australia, WA will come together to discuss issues of importance in the life of the church and the wider community. The Moderator’s theme for this Triennium draws us into a space where we can be strengthened, rooted, grounded and empowered by the love of God revealed in Christ. Let it be so!

OPENING WORSHIP

St Stephens Applecross Uniting Church, 2 MacKenzie Rd, Applecross WA 6153

7.00pm, Friday 7 September 2018

Address by – Dr Deirdre Palmer, President of the Uniting Church

ANNUAL MEETING

Goatcher Auditorium, Wesley College, Coode St & Angelo St, South Perth WA 6151

9.00am – 9.00pm, Saturday 8 September 2018 and

9.00am – 4.00pm, Sunday 9 September 2018

Membership

Membership of Synod is noted on the **Membership of Synod Bylaw S2.1** (attached). Agencies, schools and colleges established by the Synod should appoint and advise names of their nominated Synod representatives to Maree Kemp (Maree.kemp@wa.uca.org.au) by **3 August 2018**. A separate letter has been sent to Agencies, Schools and Colleges regarding their membership of Synod.

Orientation

An orientation program particularly for first time members, will be conducted at 8.30am on Saturday, **8 September 2018**. All are welcome to attend.

Registrations

- The cost to attend the Annual Meeting is \$150 per members. Visitors may attend at a cost of \$50.00 per day. Please confirm attendance for catering purposes.
- Please register for Opening Worship and/or the Annual meeting by **Friday, 10 August 2018** by completing and submitting the registration forms through **Wild Apricot Events**. <https://unitingchurchwa.wildapricot.org/event-2876766?CalendarViewType=I&SelectedDate=8/7/2018>
- Lanyards and name tags will be provided at registration and you are requested to return these items at the end of the meeting.

Please contact Justine Woodward on (08) 9260 9802, or email Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au for assistance with the registration process if required.



Synod Reports & Proposals

All reports, proposals and other information will be available on the website and App on **23 August 2018**, (App details to follow). In light of the Synod's Green Church Policy, this will be a paperless Synod.

Reports and proposals are due no later than Wednesday **15 August 2018**. Please note that any Synod members may submit proposals. Late proposals must be submitted by 3pm, **8 September 2018**.

It is recommended that any question related to the reports should be addressed to the report writer in the first instance. Contact details are provided at the end of each report.

Computers

We will have a strong WIFI signal and encourage the use of laptops, iPads and tablets at the meeting.

Transport Options

We encourage you to car pool with other members from your region. Members are expected to meet their travel costs for the first 100 kilometers of travel each way. For those travelling in excess of 100 kilometers, a travel subsidy of 70c/km is available and an accommodation allowance of \$100 per night is available for rural members. Please contact Maree Kemp by phone on 9260 9801, or email Maree.kemp@wa.uca.org.au for a claim form or download the form from the Synod webpage <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au>.

Visitors

Visitors are welcome and seating will be provided at the back of the meeting space. Costs for visitors is set at \$50.00 per person per day. Please confirm arrangements with Justine Woodward.

Catering

Catering for the Synod meeting will be will provided as follows:

- Saturday - morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner;
- Sunday – morning tea and lunch;
- Tea, coffee and water will be available throughout. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own mug/cup/glass.

Ministry Resourcing Centre

Resources will be available for purchase during Synod.

Synod Timeline

10 August 2018	Close of Registrations – Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au
15 August 2018	Closing date for Reports and Proposals Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au
7 September 2018	Opening Worship RSVP 3 September 2018 Justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au
8 September 2018	Late Proposals must be submitted by 3pm 8 September 2018
8 September 2018	Annual Synod Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registrations 8.00 am to 9.00 am• Order of Business 9.00am to 9.00pm• Late Proposals 3.00pm
9 September 2018	Annual Synod Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holy Communion 9.00am• Order of Business 11.00am – 4.00pm

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting as we gather together to discuss and consider the work of the Synod of Western Australia.

Yours sincerely,

Rev David de Kock
General Secretary

S2.1 MEMBERSHIP OF THE SYNOD

SYNOD MEMBERS

S2.1.1 The membership of the Synod shall be in accordance with Regulation 3.3.7 including:

- A. Two confirmed members appointed by each of the agencies and colleges established by the Synod, in accordance with Regulation 3.3.7 (v):
 - i. Good Samaritan Industries
 - ii. UnitingCare West
 - iii. Uniting Church Homes (ta Juniper)
 - iv. Beananging Kwuurt Institute
 - v. Methodist Ladies College
 - vi. Penrhos College
 - vii. Presbyterian Ladies College
 - viii. Scotch College
 - ix. St Stephen's School
 - x. Tranby College
 - xi. Wesley College, and
 - xii. Trinity Residential College

- B. Two members of the Regional Committee of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress

REPRESENTATION

S2.1.2 To the extent that the Synod has discretion:

- (a) the Synod membership should include at least one-third women and one-third men.
- (b) one tenth of the lay members should be under the age of 30 years.