

MOTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Thanks and Acknowledgements

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Presbyterian Ladies' College (PLC)

That the Synod:

1. record its appreciation to Andrew Johnson for his contribution to Presbyterian Ladies' College Council and to the Parents' Committee, for the benefit of the PLC Community.

Rationale:

Andrew Johnson

Andrew Johnson served as a member of the Parents' Committee for over three years and was appointed President and member of the PLC Council in October 2016 for the remainder of his term on the Parents' Committee. Andrew achieved much during his term, working collaboratively with the Principal, the Committee Executive and the President of Parents@PLC. He was integral in preparing a framework for a review of the roles of the two parent bodies. We are grateful for Andrew's leadership whilst retaining an empathic approach to the intricacies of restructuring representative committees and for the dedication of his time and expertise.

Penrhos College

That the Synod:

1. record its appreciation to Paul Owen and Ian Harris who will complete their 10-year term of office to Penrhos College Council at the conclusion of 2018 and
2. acknowledge their demonstrated exceptional commitment as volunteers to the demanding role of all aspects of the College's strategic directions.

Rationale:

Paul Owen

Paul Owen has been a member of the College Council for 10 years. From 2012 to 2018, he has held the position of Chair of Council. Paul has been an outstanding Chair of Council. He has introduced a number of reforms to the practice of Council, most notably an external evaluation of the Council's operations, resulting in the implementation of the Council Self Evaluation Tool. He has overseen the College Renewal of Registration, with the College receiving the maximum five-year period of reregistration on both occasions. Paul has also overseen the review and updating of the College Constitution.

Paul has maintained his level of involvement in all five Council Committees. He brings a wealth of experience to Governance, Finance and Risk, Business Development and Strategy, Infrastructure and Remuneration and Nomination Committees.

Paul is admired for his strong and fair leadership, his ability to cut to the core of an issue with absolute clarity, his ability to clearly distinguish between the role of Council and the role of management and his ability to deliver brilliant speeches at formal College events!



In leaving his role as Chair, Paul can do so with the knowledge that he will be remembered as a Chair of Council of great distinction in the history of Penrhos College.

Ian Harris

Ian Harris has been a member of the College Council for 10 years. As an architect, Ian has brought his expertise to the development of the College Masterplan and the capital works programs, including new builds and refurbishments. Ian has chaired the Infrastructure Committee and has worked collaboratively with fellow Council members and College staff to maintain our buildings and facilities to an exceptionally high standard to be enjoyed by our students, staff, parents and more broadly into the community beyond. His commitment and loyalty to the College will be greatly missed.

AGENCIES

Juniper

That the Synod:

- I. record its appreciation for the meritorious service to the Church from Vaughan Harding OAM over three decades.

Rationale:

Vaughan Harding

Vaughan commenced as the Director of the Uniting Church Homes (UCH) Board in 1989 and provided leadership during the transition of the Church's aged care services into the single agency now trading as 'Juniper – a Uniting Church community'. He was appointed as the inaugural Chief Executive of UCH in 1992 and ably steered the organisation through many years of tumultuous change in the regulation of aged care. On his retirement in August this year, he leaves behind a well resourced and well-managed Uniting Church agency that serves many thousands of older Western Australians.

He is recognised as a leader and elder statesman across the Australian aged care sector. In 2012, he was chosen by his colleagues to become President of the national peak body, Aged and Community Services Australia. In that capacity, he successfully forged a truly national body from what was a federation of State associations.

He was also a driving force in supporting the Church when in 2014 the aged care programs operated by Frontier Services in northern Australia were devolved to Synod agencies and Juniper assumed responsibility for services in the Kimberley.

We give thanks for Vaughan's passionate commitment to the aged care sector and recognise his faithful contribution to the Uniting Church Western Australia through Juniper, and to the wider Uniting Church through UnitingCare Australia. Indeed, Vaughan leaves behind a legacy which is testimony to his life's work.

UnitingCare Forum

That the Synod:

- I. thank Vaughan Harding OAM for his contribution over the past 29 years to Juniper as its CEO and his leadership and support for the UnitingCare Forum.

Rationale:

Vaughan has:

- established Juniper as a national leader in aged care services;



- committed significant passion and energy to Juniper as it seeks to expand services to the aged in Western Australia;
- ensured Juniper is an active agency of the Uniting Church Western Australia; and
- devoted his energies to the sound management and governance of Juniper to ensure its reputation and sustainability is preserved.

Vaughan has retired as Juniper's CEO.

The UnitingCare Forum recognises Vaughan's valuable contribution over that time and asks the Synod to join them in recognising his service to Juniper and aged care services in Western Australia.

Robert Watson

Chair, UnitingCare Forum

SYNOD COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Resources Commission

Graham Reynolds

That the Synod:

- I. record its appreciation to Graham Reynolds, OAM, FAICD, FAIM, FNIBA, QPIB as he steps down from the Resources Commission at this Synod meeting. Graham, as the inaugural Deputy Chair, has generously provided his time and skills to the life of the church in numerous roles.

Rationale

Graham, with his extensive knowledge in governance, financial risk management and insurance brokering, has been crucial to the establishment of the Resources Board, now the Commission. His input has enabled the growth and stability of the assets of the Synod and Presbytery. His leadership of the Business and Financial Services Committee has seen the practices implemented to support the current and future resource needs of the ministry and mission for the church in WA.

Graham is leaving the Resources Commission of the Synod in a better place than when he arrived. We are grateful for his contribution to the wider church in Western Australia. We thank God for your service.

Bob Kronberger

That the Synod:

- I. express our gratitude and thank God for the service of Robert (Bob) Kronberger as he steps down from the Resources Commission at this Synod meeting.

Rationale

Bob served for a long period on the Property Services Commission, generously giving his time and expertise in property law. As Deputy Chair of the Property Services Committee and a member of the Resources Commission, his significant contribution ensured the assets of the Synod and Presbytery have been professionally dealt with for the benefit of the church in WA.



Business and Financial Services Committee

David Blythe

That the Synod:

- I. express our gratitude and thank God for the service of David Blythe as he steps down from the Business and Financial Services Committee at this Synod meeting.

Rationale

David was an inaugural member of the Committee and has provided his time and expertise in many ways to the Church over a long period and has been a significant contributor.

