

## PROPOSAL 3

### SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE

- I. That the Synod of WA adopts the budget for 2019 with a projected deficit of \$210,960.

#### Rationale

The Budget for 2019 has been carefully and meticulously prepared in consultation with the various commissions and committees of the Synod and Presbytery.

The raw budget data with a projected deficit of \$831,613 was presented first to the Business and Financial Services Committee of the Resources Commission and then to the Resources Commission for consideration.

Taking account of the 2015 General Council resolution to have a balanced budget from 2018 onwards, the Resources Commission submitted the budget to the Synod Standing Committee with the recommendation that the deficit be reduced to zero.

The Synod Standing Committee agreed by consensus

- (a) To aim for balanced budget for 2019.
- (b) To form a sub-committee consisting of the Acting Ex-Moderator, the General Secretary, Margaret Martin and Heather Hamblin to work with the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Manager, People and Culture, to examine ways in which the Synod budget deficit of nominally \$300,000 can be eliminated.
- (c) To request the Presbytery Standing Committee to form a sub-committee to work with the CFO and Manager, People and Culture, to examine ways in which the Presbytery budget deficit of nominally \$500,000 can be eliminated.
- (d) To advise Synod commissions that unessential air travel and conference attendance is to be curtailed.
- (e) To request the Presbytery Standing Committee to advise Presbytery committees to advise the committees that unessential air travel and conference attendance is to be curtailed.

The Synod Standing Committee also agreed by consensus that once all other avenues have been pursued, the CFO may access up to \$200,000 of the income from the Foundation to fund expenditure of the Synod and/or Presbytery in 2019.

Following these resolutions, the sub-committee of the Synod Standing Committee was able to reduce expenditure by \$397,521 and the sub-committee of the Presbytery Standing Committee was able to reduce expenditure by \$119,340. The Presbytery also requested that the Foundation contribute \$100,000 towards the cost of the Presbytery Minister (Mission).

The Presbytery have noted that they would need time to effect a restructure and have noted an unfairness in the size of adjustment they are required to make. This explains why their contribution is less than was requested.

The remaining deficit of \$210,960 will need to be funded from Synod reserves.

**Mover: Rev David de Kock**

**Seconder: Steve Higgins**