

P4.6 THRIVE MISSION COMMITTEE

NAME

P4.6.1 The name of the Committee is the "THRIVE MISSION COMMITTEE" (hereinafter called the Committee), a committee appointed by and responsible to the Presbytery of Western Australia.

REFERRAL OF POWERS

P4.6.2 At the October 2018 meeting of the Presbytery of WA all the powers and responsibilities of the Presbytery Property Committee according to UNITING CHURCH Regulations 4.3 (2018 edition) were referred to the Committee.

DEFINITIONS

P4.6.3 A missional community is a group of Christian people who are united around a common commitment to listen and to look for the work of God, to love and to serve their community, to build community and to explore discipleship in a particular neighbourhood, or network of relationships through both inherited forms and fresh expressions of church.

MEMBERSHIP

P4.6.4 The members of the Committee shall be elected by the Presbytery for the following initial terms to ensure continuity of collective memory

- (a) the Chairperson elected for a three year term; and
- (b) a maximum of 8 members elected initially as follows:
 - three members elected for a one year term,
 - three members elected for a two year term,
 - two members elected for a three year term

returning to annual election from 2021 as terms naturally expire or places become vacant.

- (c) Presbytery Minister (Mission) to attend and resource the Committee but not vote.

P4.6.5 All members of the Committee will be members of the Uniting Church and, as far as possible, the Committee membership shall include

- at least one-third women and one-third men,
- a balance of lay and ordained, and
- people experienced in rural ministry; intercultural and intergenerational ministry; Fresh Expressions of church and regenerating inherited forms of church.

P4.6.6 The Committee may co-opt up to three further members for a one year term to ensure balanced representation or to provide the Commission with knowledge, abilities or experience not otherwise available to the Committee. The appointment of co-opted members shall be subject to endorsement by Presbytery or Presbytery Standing Committee.

- P4.6.7 A majority of the membership of the Committee shall be members of the Presbytery.
- P4.6.8 Church Centre staff, other than those covered in Rule 4.6.4 (c) may be invited and speak to assist the Commission in the fulfilling of its purpose and responsibilities but are not eligible to vote.
- P4.6.9 The Chairperson of the Presbytery may, at their own discretion, attend any meeting of the Committee.

PURPOSE

- P4.6.10 The purpose of the Committee is to act for the Presbytery to:
- (a) encourage, support, assist and resource the Presbytery, congregations, faith communities and other church bodies to discern and actively participate in the Mission of God in their community;
 - (b) encourage, support, assist and resource the Presbytery, congregations, faith communities and other church bodies to give prayerful consideration and action to the Presbytery's current strategic directions and the current Presbytery Mission Focused Goals;
 - (c) to carry out the responsibilities of the Presbytery Property Committee as detailed in the Regulations 4.3 (2018 Edition).

RESPONSIBILITIES

- P4.6.11 The responsibilities of the Committee are:
- (a) encourage, support, resource and assist congregations, faith communities and other church bodies to develop Fresh Expressions of church and to regenerate inherited forms of church which are to be intentional intergenerational and intercultural missional communities;
 - (b) source, develop or adapt appropriate training and resources (in collaboration with CEDAL) to enable greater participation by congregations, faith communities and other church bodies in the Mission of God in their communities or locations;
 - (c) encourage, support, assist and resource congregations, faith communities and other church bodies to implement and operate a congregational community service activity for the benefit of those in need of welfare or supportive services;
 - (d) carry out the responsibilities of the Property Committee according to the Regulations 4.3 (2018 edition) on behalf of the Presbytery;
 - (e) assisting congregations, faith communities and other church bodies, to develop Mission Plans, providing feedback, and determining if Mission Plans are approved;
 - (f) actively participate in national and international mission-focused forums and share the knowledge garnered from such participation throughout the Presbytery;
 - (g) assist the Presbytery in the development of short-term and long-term mission-focused strategies and goals; and
 - (h) work collaboratively with all other Presbytery committees particularly CEDAL, PRC and PSC to ensure knowledge is shared, agreed goals are jointly progressed and a spirit of harmony and purpose witnesses to the Spirit of God at work.

MEETINGS AND REPORTING

P4.6.12 The Committee will:

- (a) meet at least four times each year, ensuring that Zoom or similar videoconference facility is available for off-site attendance at meetings;
- (b) report to the Presbytery of WA and forward the minutes of each meeting to the Presbytery Secretary, ensuring that it includes in its reports a specific section advising the Presbytery of actions and decisions taken and of any other relevant information in its role as the Presbytery Property Committee.

QUORUM

P4.6.13 The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be a simple majority, including those attending through videoconference or equivalent link.