

PRESBYTERY OF WA

GUIDELINES FOR NETWORKS (approved May 2019)

- a. *A Network is a group of people who share a common concern for a particular area of ministry within the UCA in WA.*
- b. *A Network consists of*
 - i. *A Co-ordinator, appointed annually by the Presbytery.*
 - ii. *Any ministers, members and adherents who wish to be part of the Network (there is no limit on how many can participate)*
 - iii. *Any Presbytery and Synod staff who have an interest in the area of ministry*
- c. *The Purpose of Networks is to*
 - i. *Promote open communication between people involved in a particular area of ministry*
 - ii. *Support, encourage and share ideas and resources between those involved in a particular area of ministry*
 - iii. *Identify needs, trends and opportunities for new ministry and mission development within their particular area of ministry, and communicate these to Presbytery staff and committees.*
 - iv. *Ensure that their voice is heard by communicating with and participating in Presbytery committees, actively advocating for the needs of their particular area of ministry.*
 - v. *May organize events which promote a particular area of ministry*
 - vi. *May request provision to be made in the budget for funding for the work of the Network, and will be held accountable to the Presbytery for its budget.*
 - vii. *May bring proposals to any Presbytery meeting for consideration.*
 - viii. *May be asked by Presbytery or Presbytery Standing Committee to take on projects related to their particular area of ministry*
- d. *A Network is to determine the frequency and length of meetings and can communicate via a range of means such as*
 - i. *Face to face meetings*
 - ii. *Teleconferences*
 - iii. *Meetings via Zoom or other technology*
 - iv. *Creating a Face Book page or email group, under the oversight of the Media and Communications team*