
PROPOSAL 5 - PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE re MELVILLE UC

That the Presbytery agree:

- 1 that the **Melville** Congregation be dissolved under Reg 3.4.3. by **31 December 2019** because they can no longer fulfil the purpose, functions and responsibilities required of a congregation under Reg. 3.1.1.
2. to give thanks with deep gratitude for the faithful worship, mission and service of the people of **Melville** Congregation;
3. the Presbytery be authorised to approve details as per Reg 3.4.3 (d)
 - (i) that each member and adherent of the Congregation is transferred to a roll of another Congregation;
 - (ii) that all rolls and other records of the Congregation are placed in the custody of an appropriate officer of the Church; and
 - (iii) that in each case proper arrangements are made to deal with any property affected.
 - (iv) That the matter is referred to the Synod of WA.

RATIONALE

In determining to dissolve the **Melville** Congregation the Presbytery shall note

- On **30th January 2019** SMPC were asked to provide input into the future missional purpose of the buildings at 64 Kitchener Road, Melville. The future of the facility remains undetermined.
- the dissolution request has come as a result of the passing of the following motions at a Congregation Meeting on **17th February 2019**:
 1. That MUC agrees to move as a congregation to St Stephens in Applecross from July 1, 2019, acknowledging that there will be some members of our congregation, who for a variety of reasons, may choose to worship elsewhere.
 2. That all obligations and commitments regarding property at 64 Kitchener Road and 7 Guy Place are handed over to Presbytery upon the commencement of any building renovations or at the end of December 2019 whichever comes first.
- the Presbytery was advised in writing of the Congregational Meeting on **18th February 2019**.
- On behalf of the Pastoral Relations Committee **Rev Mark Illingworth** met with the Church Council on **23rd February 2019** to discuss the dissolution process.
- On **16th April 2019** Pastoral Relations Committee received, discussed and accepted the request to dissolve the **Melville** Congregation.

A Presbytery Celebration Service for the Congregation occurred on **23rd June 2019**

Dissolution of a Congregation Regulation 3.4.3 (b) A Presbytery may dissolve and cease to recognise a Congregation for reasons which it considers are in the best interests of the mission, witness and service of the Church within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Mover: Rev Mark Illingworth
Seconder: Rev John Barendrecht