



## Church Law

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### 1. CHANGES TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

During the term of the current Committee it has not successfully sought to expand its membership and it wishes to increase its diversity. In particular, it is seeking a person with a legal background.

Rev John McKane is thanked for his contribution which ceased once he left the role of Secretary of Presbytery.

### 2. COMMENTS

The Committee is concerned that standard practices are not 'used' wherever practical. It is working towards standardising such activities as "electronic decision-making" and "conflict of interest". Subsequently, the Committee is looking at providing over-arching Rules and By-Laws covering such common practices rather than repeating them within each Bylaw and Rule.

The Committee also asks all UCA members make themselves aware of the relevant Regulations when acting as an officer serving the UCA.

In general this Committee does not hold that (relevant) Regulations should be repeated within By-Laws of Synod and Rules of Presbytery.

### 3. CHURCH LAW CHANGES

A number of changes to By Laws, Rules and Constitutions were approved during the past year:

- S1.1 Introduction
- S1.2 Enactment, Amendment and Repeal of By-Laws
- S1.3 UCA Property Trust
- S2.1 Membership of the Synod
- S2.2 Synod Meetings
- S2.3 Election of Synod Bodies
- S2.5 Social Justice Commission
- S2.8 Uniting Church Resources Commission and Resources Division
- S3.4 Covenanting Commission
- S3.5 Ministerial Benefits Committee
- S5.2 Standing Committee UCA Synod of WA
- S4.3 Uniting Church Adult Fellowship
- S5.3 Business Committee
- S5.4 Nominating Committee
- S5.5 Church Law Committee
- S6.2 Moderator
- S6.5 Moderatorial Nominating Committee
- S7.5 Ministerial Support Fund
- Juniper Constitution;



- Wesley College Constitution
- P3.1 Presbytery Standing Committee
- P3.2 Pastoral Relations Committee
- P3.3 Candidates for Ministry Committee
- P3.5 CEDAL
- P4.6 Thrive

The following By-Laws are to be presented to the Synod Standing Committee August meeting:

- S2.4 Ecumenical Affairs Commission
- S2.6 UnitingWorld WA Commission
- S2.7 UnitingCare WA

**Note:** The UCA WA website holds the current versions of all the documents that are “managed” by Committee – By-Laws, Rules and Constitutions.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

By-Laws are reviewed as necessary and reformatting of all By-Laws continues to be achieved progressively.

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