



17 June 2020

To: Members of Synod
Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress –
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Overflow with Hope (Romans 15:13 NIV)

Dear Colleagues

44th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SYNOD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

We are preparing for our 2020 Annual Synod Meeting where members of the Uniting Church in Australia, WA will come together to discuss issues of importance in the life of the church and the wider community. The Moderator's theme for this Triennium is based on Romans 15:13 NIV: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit". For the first year of this Triennium the Moderator will focus on the words "Overflow with Hope".

OPENING WORSHIP

Wesley College Chapel, Corner Coode and Angelo Street South Perth WA 6151
7.00pm, Friday 11 September 2020
The Message will delivered by Moderator Susy Thomas

ANNUAL MEETING

Wesley College Goatcher Auditorium, Corner Coode and Angelo Street, South Perth
9.00am – 9.00pm, Saturday 12 September 2020 and
9.00am – 4.00pm, Sunday 13 September 2020

Membership

Membership of Synod is noted on the **Membership of Synod Bylaw S2.1** (attached). Agencies, schools and colleges established by the Synod should appoint and advise names of their nominated Synod representatives to Maree Kemp (maree.kemp@wa.uca.org.au) by **7 August 2020**.

Registrations

- The cost to attend the Annual Meeting is \$100 per person. Please confirm attendance for catering purposes.
- You will be required to register by **Tuesday 1 September 2020** through **Wild Apricot Events**. Details will be provided at a later date.

Please contact Maree Kemp on (08) 9260 9800, or email maree.kemp@wa.uca.org.au if you have any questions relating registration or membership.

Synod Reports & Proposals

All reports, proposals and other information will be available on the website on **4 August 2020**. In light of the Synod's Green Church Policy, this will be a paperless Synod.



Reports and proposals are due no later than **Tuesday 14 July 2020**. Please note that any Synod member may submit proposals. Late proposals may be submitted by **3pm Saturday 12 September 2020**.

It is recommended that any question related to the reports should be addressed to the report writer in the first instance. Contact details are provided at the end of each report.

Computers

We will have a strong WIFI signal and encourage the use of laptops, iPads and tablets at the meeting.

Transport Options

We encourage you to car pool with other members from your region. Members are expected to meet their travel costs for the first 100 kilometers of travel each way. For those travelling in excess of 100 kilometers, a travel subsidy of 70c/km is available and an accommodation allowance of \$100 per night is available for rural members. Please contact Maree Kemp by phone on 9260 9800, or email maree.kemp@wa.uca.org.au for a claim form.

Visitors

In view of the possibility of continued social distancing, no provision has been made for visitors.

Catering

Catering for the Synod meeting will be will provided as follows:

- Saturday - morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner;
- Sunday – morning tea and lunch;
- Tea, coffee and water will be available throughout the weekend.

Ministry Resourcing Centre

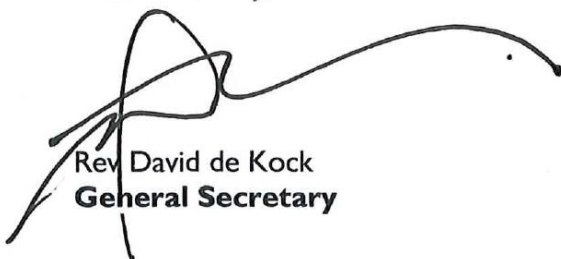
Resources will be available for purchase during Synod.

Synod Timeline

1 September 2020	Close of Registrations – maree.kemp@wa.uca.org.au
14 July 2020	Closing date for Reports and Proposals – maree.kemp@wa.uca.org.au
11 September 2020	Opening Worship 7pm – Wesley College Chapel Corner Coode and Angelo Street South Perth
12 September 2020	Late Proposals must be submitted by 3pm 13 September 2020
12 September 2020	Annual Synod Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registrations 8.00am to 9.00am• Order of Business 9.00am to 9.00pm• Late Proposals 3.00pm
13 September 2020	Annual Synod Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holy Communion 9.00am• Order of Business 11am – 4pm

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting as we gather together to discuss and consider the work of the Synod of Western Australia.

Yours sincerely,



Rev David de Kock
General Secretary

S2.1 MEMBERSHIP OF THE SYNOD

SYNOD MEMBERS

S2.1.1 The membership of the Synod shall be in accordance with Regulation 3.3.7 including:

- A. Two confirmed members appointed by each of the agencies and colleges established by the Synod, in accordance with Regulation 3.3.7 (v):
 - i. Good Samaritan Industries
 - ii. UnitingCare West
 - iii. Uniting Church Homes (ta Juniper)
 - iv. Beananging Kwuurt Institute
 - v. Methodist Ladies College
 - vi. Penrhos College
 - vii. Presbyterian Ladies College
 - viii. Scotch College
 - ix. St Stephen's School
 - x. Tranby College
 - xi. Wesley College, and
 - xii. Trinity Residential College

- B. Two members of the Regional Committee of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress

REPRESENTATION

S2.1.2 To the extent that the Synod has discretion:

- (a) the Synod membership should include at least one-third women and one-third men.
- (b) one tenth of the lay members should be under the age of 30 years.