



Church Law Committee

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1. CHANGES TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

During the term of the current Committee successfully expanded its membership and is always seeking to increase its diversity. In particular, it has this last year gained members with a legal background. Rev Des Cousins is thanked for his contribution while in the role of Secretary of Presbytery.

2. COMMENTS

The Committee is concerned that standard practices are not 'used' wherever practical. It is still 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 reminds all UCA members make themselves aware of the relevant Regulations when acting as an officer serving the UCA.

Note that 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, including Constitutions were approved during the past year:

- S2.4 Ecumenical Affairs Network
- S2.6 International Partnerships and Development Commission
- S2.7 UnitingCare WA Forum
- S2.8 Resources Commission
- S6.2 Moderator
- S8.2 Good Sammy Enterprises
- S8.4 Uniting WA
- S9.9 Trinity Residential College

The following By-Law is to be presented to the Synod Standing Committee August meeting:

- S6.3 General Secretary

The following is work in progress:

- S9.8 Tranby College



Note: The UCA WA website holds the current versions of all the documents for which the Committee has oversight – By-Laws of the Synod of WA (includes Constitutions of incorporated bodies) and Rules of the Presbytery of Western Australia.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

By-Laws etc. are reviewed as necessary and reformatting of all By-Laws etc. continues to be achieved progressively. The committee attempts to provide appropriate consistency throughout the various By-Laws, including Constitutions, and Rules.

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