

Major Synod Standing Committee Resolutions 2019-2020

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8/06/2020	SSC 81/2019-20	CLC	The Synod Standing Committee approved the amendments to the Trinity Constitution as recommended by the Church Law Committee.
8/06/2020	SSC 80/2019-20	Financials	The Synod Standing Committee resolved to receive the 2019 Audited Financial Reports for the Synod Fund, Foundation, Insurance Services; Trusts & Special Purposes Funds, Uniting Church Investment Fund and the Audited Closing Reports noting they were accepted by the Resources Commission (RC 20/2020).
8/06/2020	SSC 78/2019-20	Assoc General Secretary	The Synod Standing Committee resolved that: 1. The General Secretary work with the Moderator-Elect, Chair of Presbytery and Manager, People & Culture to develop an appropriate Position Description for the role of Associate General Secretary – Strategy which will be circulated to the Standing Committee for approval. 2. The Standing Committee authorised the advertising on a national basis for the role of Associate General Secretary – Strategy through the Uniting Church in Australia. 3. The Standing Committee appointed the Moderator-Elect, Chair of Presbytery, General Secretary and Manager, People & Culture as the Interviewing Group and instructs them to bring a short list for review and appointment by the Synod Standing Committee
8/06/2020	SSC 77/2019-20	Gen Sec	The Synod Standing Committee resolved by consensus that the placement of the General Secretary, Rev David de Kock would be extended until the end of September 2022. It was anticipated that the Synod meeting would be in September 2022. Should that not be the case the placement would be extended until the end of the month of the 2022 Synod meeting.
8/06/2020	SSC 75/2019-20	Synod Meeting	The Synod Standing Committee resolved to grant an extension of time on the membership of the Synod Committees until April 2021 if the COVID-19 restrictions forced a postponement of the Synod meeting.
8/06/2020	SSC 74/2019-20	Moderator	The Synod Standing Committee resolved that the Moderator’s Installation/Service may be held as a “virtual” service on 11 September 2020 in the event that a gathering may still be prohibited in terms of the COVID-19 restrictions.
8/06/2020	SSC 72/2019-20	Safe Church	The Synod Standing Committee resolved that: 1. A determination will not be made in regards to the adoption of the National Person of Concern Policy Framework until the next Ordinary Meeting of the Synod Standing Committee in August 2020 to enable feedback from the Presbytery Standing Committee, however 2. work should now commence around the framework of the National Person of Concern Policy.
8/06/2020	SSC 68/2019-20	Stipends	The Synod Standing Committee resolved to approve a 2% increase in Ministerial Stipends and Allowances for 2021 for budget purposes only and on the condition that final approval was dependent on the 2021 budget being approved later in the year.
21/05/2020	Circulating Resolution SSC 67/2019-2020	GSE	Circulating Resolution SSC 67/2019-2020 The Synod Standing Committee resolved to approve the amendments to the Good Samaritan Industries Constitution as recommended by the Church Law Committee at their meeting held on 25 March 2020.
20/04/2020	SSC 66/2019-20	CLC	The Synod Standing Committee resolved by consensus to repeal Rule P4.5 Liturgy Committee as recommended by the Church Law Committee.
20/04/2020	SSC 65/2019-20	CLC	The Synod Standing Committee noted Church Law Committee’s advice regarding the referencing of Regulations in By-Laws.

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20/04/2020	SSC 64/2019-20	CLC	The Synod Standing Committee resolved by consensus to approve the amendments to By-Law S2.7 UnitingCare WA Forum as presented with the addition of “WA” after the word “Uniting” when describing UnitingCare West trading as “Uniting WA”.
20/04/2020	SSC 63/2019-20	CLC	SSC 63/2019-20 The Synod Standing Committee resolved by consensus to: 1. Note the amendments to General Secretary By-Law S6.3 as recommended by Church Law Committee in Resolution CLC 06/2020; and 2. Recommend a change to the amendment to Clause S6.3.4(a)(iii) by adding the following words to begin the sentence “Once the documentation is finalised and approved by the Synod Standing Committee,”. Clause to read: (iii) Once the documentation is finalised and approved by the Synod Standing Committee, expressions of interest for the position will be sought through advertising either within the Church or publicly, and the Selection Committee may invite persons considered suitable to apply. 3 Request the Church law Committee to define day to day” (meaning Health and Safety, payroll etc) in clause S6.3.2(c). 4 Refer the comments on By-Law S6.3 to the Church Law Committee for finalisation and resubmission to the Standing Committee for approval.
20/04/2020	SSC 62/2019-20	CLC	The Synod Standing Committee resolved by consensus to approve the amendment to Clause S2.8.78(c) in By-Law S2.8 Resources Commission and Resources Division as recommended by the Church Law Committee in Resolution CLC 05/2020.
20/04/2020	SSC 61/2019-20	CLC	The Synod Standing Committee resolved by consensus to approve the amendments to UnitingCare West’s Constitution as recommended by the Church Law Committee in Resolution CLC 03/2020.
20/04/2020	SSC 58/2019-20	Financials	The Synod Standing Committee resolved by consensus that a cashflow forecast for 6 and 12 months and 2 year periods based on information at hand is prepared by the Chief Financial Officer for each Synod Standing Committee meeting.
20/04/2020	SSC 56/2019-2020	VAD	The Synod Standing Committee resolved to: 1. Appoint the following people to the Voluntary Assisted Task Group: Rev Steve Francis, Susy Thomas, Rev Ken Devereux, Dr Doug Bridge, Dr Arthur Criddle, Dr Rachel Currie, Dr Brian Hill, Congress and Multicultural representation (names to come from those groups), and Yvonne Robinson to be approached, and 2. appointed Rev Steve Francis, Moderator as the Convenor.
20/04/2020	SSC 55/2019-2020	Property	The Synod Standing Committee resolved to defer the matter regarding Resolution SSC 35/2019-20 Point 1 - Sale of Property when No Responsible User to the December 2020 meeting to enable interested parties to meet for further consultation
10/02/2020	SSC 51/2019-2020		The Synod Standing Committee resolved by consensus to approve the adoption of the Uniting Church Investment Fund Loan Guidelines for Congregations as recommended by the Resources Commission in RC 08/2020.

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10/02/2020	SSC 50/2019-2020		The Synod Standing Committee resolved that the top 10 risks and mitigations to be reported on a quarterly basis to the Presbytery and Synod Standing Committees
10/02/2020	SSC 49/2019-2020		The Synod Standing Committee resolved by consensus to approve the adoption of the Risk Management Policy and Framework dated December 2019 as recommended by the Resources Commission in RC 06/2020.
10/02/2020	SSC 48/2019-20		<p>The Synod Standing Committee resolved that the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Manager (Property) and Manager of People and Culture continue to engage staff in Church office to form a view about possibilities and cost to recommend back to Resources Commission. 2. Resources Commission prepare a report and recommendation for Standing Committee noting requirement to detail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What alternatives were considered for this project • What criteria was used in coming to a recommendation 3. Acting General Secretary engage the Presbytery Standing Committee (25 February 2020) and other stakeholder groups about the project 4. Presbytery Standing Committee be invited to prepare a working paper on the future of capital plans for theUCAWA in Perth (in first instance) with a 20 year horizon.