



Business Committee

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The Business Committee has met five times in preparation for the Synod meeting to design the meeting, agree on COVID-19 protocols and to generally undertake all the groundwork in preparing for the business of the meeting.

The Committee has also reviewed the reports and proposals coming before the Synod and sought to ensure that there is sufficient time allocated to each aspect of the business.

The Service of Thanksgiving and Tribute for those who have faithfully served the Lord through the Church and who have now either passed on or retired will be held on Saturday afternoon. There are a number of people involved so a significant amount of time has been allowed.

Given the significant impact of COVID-19 on many parts of the Church, particularly with regard to financial concerns, the Resources Commission Report and Budget will be presented on Saturday evening to allow extensive time for discussion.

Following a significant number of requests in the feedback documents after the 2017 Synod, and the positive response at the 2018 and 2019 Synod it was decided to continue to hold a Worship Service for Synod members in the Wesley College Chapel. Synod members involved in worship services in their own congregations are reminded to make plans accordingly so that they may attend the Synod service.

The School and Caring Agencies were requested to present a brief review on how their operational plans align with the Mission of the Church, a top line statement on any issues relating to Audit Results and Financial Viability and an outline of any Constitutional changes and changes in Board membership. The reports will be presented on Sunday morning to allow their members to attend the Worship Service.

The Task Group on Voluntary Assisted Dying will present a report for discussion on Sunday so as to allow participation by the Schools and Agency Chairs and CEO's.



In the wake of the very significant impact of COVID-19 on society and the Church, discussions on the learnings from COVID-19 by the Presbytery and the prospective planning for the Strategic Plan, the Business Committee has included a session on “Vision-What does the Church look like in 2030”. The General Secretary and others have been tasked with providing basic information for discussion and several persons from various parts of the Church will provide brief input from the perspective of their communities.

The Synod is required to consider nominations for the Assembly in 2021 which will be held in Queensland. Given the possibility of continued limitations on gatherings, the Assembly Standing Committee has reduced the number of members from each Synod and Presbytery by 25 per cent. The WA Synod will be able to nominate 16 members (previously 20 persons). The Presbytery of WA will still nominate 2 persons but the Synod will be limited to 14 persons

Members are reminded to make contact with the writers of Reports and Movers of Proposals prior to the Synod meeting to deal with any concerns or questions.

The Business Committee is available throughout the Synod meeting for questions and/or suggestions related to Reports and Proposals and will be available to assist any Facilitation Groups which may be appointed.

On behalf of the Moderator

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