

Procedural proposals

It is proposed that the Synod:

- 1.01 (a) Notes the appointment by the Synod Standing Committee of members of the Business Committee and the authorisation by Synod Standing Committee to the Moderator and General Secretary to make further appointments to the Business Committee:
- Rev Andrew Gunton (Moderator)
 - Rev David Baker (ex-Moderator)
 - Rev Heather den Houting (General Secretary)
 - Rev John Ruhle (Associate General Secretary)
 - Ms Kellie Broderick (Executive Officer Corporate)
 - Rev Brian Kickbusch
- (b) Notes the further appointments made pursuant to (a):
- Mr Scott Guyatt
 - Rev Faye Talatonu
 - Mr Scott McDonald
- (c) Appoints Rev Brian Kickbusch as Convenor of the Business Committee.
- (d) Authorises the Committee to co-opt other persons as necessary for specific business.
- 1.02 (a) Appoints Mr Scott McDonald as Convenor of the Facilitation Committee and authorises the Convenor to co-opt members for that Committee; and
- (b) Appoints Rev Janet Staines as Small Group Co-ordinator.
- 1.03 Appoints Ms Belinda Bones as Minute Secretary.
- 1.04 Appoints Rev Glenn Louttit as Convenor of the Ballot Committee and gives him authority to co-opt members for that Committee.
- 1.05 Appoints Rev Johnson Makoti and Rev Heather Allison as Pastoral Coordinators.
- 1.06 Adopts the Roll of the Synod subject to the Roll only containing the names of those members shown as participating in the online meeting through use of their unique identifier by 12 noon on Saturday 24 October 2020.
- 1.07 (a) Determines that unless otherwise agreed, the hours of session for the Synod shall be:
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| Friday 23 October | 1pm–6pm | |
| Saturday 24 October | 8.30am–12.10pm, | 1pm–6pm |
| Sunday 25 October | 1pm–6pm | |
- (b) Adopts the timetable and order of business as set out in the Program document unless the Synod specifically determines otherwise.

- 1.08 Determines that the Bar of the House be defined as those members shown as participating in the online meeting through use of their unique identifier.
- 1.09 (a) Adopts the use of the procedures of *A Manual for Meetings in the Uniting Church (2015)*, as adapted for an online meeting and notified to members.
(b) Determines that members asking questions for clarification and questions of reports, speak for no more than one minute
- 1.10 (a) Endorses the decision of the Business Committee that nominations to Boards, Commissions and Committees closed on Friday 25 September 2020.
(b) Determines that the ballots will be held as determined by the Business Committee.
(c) Determines that, unless otherwise determined, appointments to membership of various Synod governing bodies will be based on a simple majority and nominees must receive at least 50 per cent of the votes to be elected.
(d) Determines that a ballot for a proposal for the reappointment of the General Secretary will be conducted by secret ballot with the proposal requiring not less than 65 per cent support of ballots received for such a proposal to pass.
(e) Determines that, unless otherwise determined, ballot material evidencing individual votes of members shall be destroyed following the declaration of a Ballot.
(f) Authorises the Synod Standing Committee to perform the functions of Regulation 3.3.8(a)(iii)(5) and Regulation 3.3.9 as required to meet the Synod membership requirements for the meeting of the 16th Assembly, as advised by Assembly from time to time, including but not limited to appointing vacant positions and youth members as required.
- 1.11 Endorses the decision of the Business Committee that General Proposals were to be submitted by 5pm on Thursday 24 September 2020.
- 1.12 Authorises the General Secretary to convey greetings on behalf of the Synod to other Synods within The Uniting Church in Australia.
- 1.13 Authorises the Moderator to convey a greeting to the State and Federal Governments.
- 1.14 Authorises Rev Andrew Gunton (Moderator), Rev Heather den Houting (General Secretary) and Rev Brian Kickbusch (Business Committee Convenor) to confirm the Minutes of the 35th Synod.
- 1.15 Adopts the Memorial Minutes as presented concerning ministers who have died since the 34th Synod and notes the ministers who have retired permanently and receives a minute of appreciation for each.