

General Proposal 6

Formation of a Missional Non-Geographical Presbytery in Queensland

That the Synod

1. Affirming again that the Uniting Church belongs to the people of God on the way to the promised end (B of U 18), thank God for leading us in new ways and directions to be Christ's Church in Qld.
2. As per Regulation 3.4.6 (a) (ii) request the Synod of Queensland (Qld) to form the Presbytery of name N within the Synod of Qld with no fixed geographic bounds, noting that the N Presbytery will:
 - a) vigorously pursue the Great Commission
 - b) strongly encourage effective mission and discipleship
 - c) passionately stimulate Gospel renewal in the Uniting Church, starting with congregations, who are the embodiment in one place of One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church (B of U Para 4 and 15(a))
 - d) hold the position that marriage is the covenantal relationship of one man and one woman while at the same time recognising the integrity of each congregation/church council to make its own decisions on this matter.
3. Determine that the first meeting of the N Presbytery will be held no later than 1 July 2021 at a venue to be determined and approved by Standing Committee.
4. Authorise the Moderator to preside and the General Secretary to act as secretary at the first meeting of the N Presbytery.
5. Determine that the N Presbytery will fulfil all the responsibilities of a Presbytery as per Para 26, Constitution and Regulation 3.1.3 unless the Task Group (see below) and Standing Committee agree to delegate certain matters pursuant to section 70(c) of the Constitution.
6. Determine that the initial membership of the N Presbytery shall be formed in accordance with Regulation 3.3.4 and will be made up of those congregations/faith communities who decide to join Presbytery N by a decision of the congregation, which if not by consensus or agreement would require a two-thirds majority in formal procedures.

7. Determine that once formed, congregations/faith communities may decide to leave Presbytery N by a decision of the congregation, which if not by consensus or agreement would require a two-thirds majority in formal procedures.
8. Appoint and authorise a MNGP Task Group to complete all necessary work to enable the N Presbytery to be formed by 1 July 2021 at the latest and such work to include determination:
 - a) of the name of the N Presbytery
 - b) as to which, if any, responsibilities of the N Presbytery, under Para 26 Constitution and Regulation 3.1.3, will be delegated to other councils
 - c) regarding funding arrangements for the N Presbytery
 - d) of any specific new rules or by-laws or changes to current rules or by-laws required for the N Presbytery.
9. Appoint the following people to the MNGP Task Group.
 - a) General Secretary of the Qld Synod or delegate
 - b) One person appointed by Standing Committee
 - c) One person appointed from CALD Congregations
 - d) One person appointed from Congress
 - e) One person appointed from Propel Network
 - f) One person appointed from Assembly of Confessing Congregations.

Rationale

Following on from the success of Generate Presbytery in the Synod of South Australia, we believe that a non-geographical presbytery in Qld will also help to:

- Vigorously pursue the Great Commission.
- Strongly encourage effective mission and discipleship that leads to conversion growth, disciples being made, leaders being empowered, churches being planted and churches being renewed and growing.
- Passionately stimulate Gospel renewal in the Uniting Church, starting with congregations, who are the embodiment in one place of One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
- Hold the position that marriage is the covenantal relationship of one man and one woman.

Proposers

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