



Minutes of 38th Annual Meeting of the Synod

1. CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD

That the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Northern Synod be deemed to be constituted by an act of worship held at Kormilda College on Friday 20 June 2014, and that Synod members are as listed as an attachment.

Consensus

2. APPOINTMENTS, ARRANGEMENTS

2.1 **That** the following be appointed:

Business Committee:

Peter Jones

Stuart McMillan

Jenny Tymms

Steve Orme

Minute Secretary: Roslyn Henry

Returning Officer: Colin Gordon

Scrutineers: Rebecca Nelson and Esha Koole

Consensus

2.2 **That** 'within the house' shall include the entire area of the room in which the Business Session is being held.

Consensus

2.3 **That** the Synod Business timetable shall be:

Friday 20 June 2014

Session 1: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Saturday 21 June 2014

Session 2: 8.30 am – 10.00 am

Session 3: 1.45 pm– 3.00 pm

Session 4: 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Sunday 22 June 2014

Session 5: 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm

Monday 23 June 2014

Session 6: 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Tuesday 24 June 2014

Session 7: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Session 8: 1.45 pm to 3.00 pm

Session 9: 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm

Consensus

- 2.4 **That** the closing time for receiving Proposals shall be 12.30 pm on Monday 23 June 2014.

Consensus

- 2.5 **That** the closing time for receiving nominations shall be 12.30 pm on Monday 23 June 2014.

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- 2.6 The ballots shall be held at Session 9 on Tuesday 24 June 2014.

Consensus

- 2.7 **That** the Moderator, the Synod Secretary and the Chairpersons of the Presbyteries be authorised to confirm the Minutes of Synod.

Consensus

- 2.8 **That** the procedures for the presentation, discussion and voting on Recommendations and Notices of Motion are as set down in the Manual for Meetings.

Consensus

- 2.10 **That** the program and timetable for Friday 20 June, Saturday 21 June, Sunday 22 June, Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 June 2014 be adopted.

Consensus

3. WELCOME

- 3.1 That a warm welcome be extended to:

Ministers attending Synod for the first time:

Rev Lief Fungalei
Rev Chris Paine
Rev Helen Paine
Rev Josefa Mar
Rev Buthaway Munyarr'yan

Lay representatives attending Synod for the first time:

Ms Losana Mar
Ms Sylvia Slater
Mr Winyard Lum
Bapa Ken's daughter
Ms Colleen Burgu
Ms Kirsty Burgu

Nungalinga College UCA Graduands

Mrs Rose Darcy
Mr Maratja Alan Dhamarrandji
Mrs Bulurumawuy Elizabeth Dhamarrandji
Mrs Yurranydjil Dhurrkay
Ms Mätjarra Fay Garrawurra
Mr Djawuṯ Jacky Goṯdarra
Mrs Gapany Dorothy Gumbula
Mrs Nandama Mary Gumgula
Mrs Yangay Helen Wununmurra

Visitors attending were associated with the Synod:

Rev Colin Batt
Mr Dale Chesson
Rev John Cox
Mr Chuck Grimes
Mr Barry Hansen
Rev Scott Kelly
Dr Jude Long
Ms Mally McLellan
Mr Chris Marshall
Mr John Miller
Mr Ian Moore
Mr Eric Neil
Ms Vicki O'Halloran
Ms Daphne Read
Mr Lal Wijeratne

Consensus

4. MEMBERSHIP OF SYNOD – 2014

- 4.1 No-one was co-opted as a member of Synod.

Consensus

- 4.2 That the list of Members of Synod 2014 be adopted.
(See Appendix 1 to the Minutes)

Consensus

5. APOLOGIES

- 5.1 That the apologies be received.
(See Appendix 1 to the Minutes)

Consensus

6. REPORTS

Written reports are published in the Synod Handbook 2014

6.1 Moderator

That the report be received.

Consensus

6.2 Standing Committee/General Secretary

That the report be received.

Consensus

6.3 Finance and Property Services Committee

That the following matters be approved:

- . the Budget for 2015
- . the appointment of BDH Consulting Pty Ltd as auditor for 2014.

That the tabled audited Synod financial statements for 2013 be received.

That the report from the Finance and Property Services Committee be received.

That 15% of the total CBD Plaza operating profit before depreciation be set aside in each year to a *Future Lean Years Fund*.

That the FAPS Committee be instructed to formulate what change of circumstances would constitute the commencement of *lean years*.

That drawings of up to 15% of the total funds set aside to the Future Lean Years Fund be allowed by resolution of the FAPS Committee. Anything in excess of 15% would require a Synod resolution.

That Synod instructs the FAPS Committee to review delegations, Synod By-laws, and the structure of the Synod and Presbytery accounts, and bring recommendations to the 2015 Synod meeting.

That the following matters be received:

- . the FAPS report
- . the 2013 audited financial statements

Consensus

6.4 The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NT)

That the report be received.

Consensus

6.5 Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia

That the report be received.

Consensus

6.6 Northern Regional Council of Congress

That the report and the verbal reports from the Area Councils be received.

Consensus

6.7 Coordinate: Support for Indigenous Scriptures

That the report be received.

Consensus

6.8 St Philip's College

That the report be received.

Consensus

6.9 Kormilda College

That the report be received.

Consensus

6.10 Nungalinya College

That the report be received.

Consensus

6.11 Aboriginal Resource & Development Services

That the report be received.

Consensus

6.12 Somerville Community Services

That the report be received.

Consensus

6.13 UCA National Assembly

That the report be received.

Consensus

6.15 UCA Beneficiary Fund

That the report be received.

Consensus

7 PROPOSALS

7.1 Woolworths/Caltex Petrol Station Lease.

Synod received two proposals in relation to the decision made by the Synod Finance and Property Services (FAPS) Committee to sign a lease with Woolworths for the use of land next to Uniting House for the purpose of establishing a petrol station. Proposals were presented by Louise Macdonald/Jemma Whittaker and by Bruce Slater/John Flaherty.

After discussion by the Synod, the first proposal by Louise Macdonald and seconded by Jemma Whittaker was not put and a small group including the proposer and seconder introduced an amended proposal with several parts.

Proposal 1 - Part 1 A

That the decision to sign a contract with Woolworths/Caltex to lease land beside Uniting House on the Stuart Highway in order to open a petrol station without consultation with Standing Committee was a mistake.

Louise Macdonald/Jemma Whittaker

Consensus.

Proposal 1 - Part 1 B

That Synod does whatever it takes to get out of the (petrol station) contract signed with Woolworths/Caltex.

Louise Macdonald/Jemma Whittaker

*This proposal was **rejected** by consensus.*

Proposal 1 - Part 1 C

That the proportion of profit from the petrol station project designated for use by the Northern Synod must be used in the following kinds of ways: 'Pay the rent' to Larrakia nation, Care for Country, Return to Country, renewable energy projects.

Louise Macdonald/Jemma Whittaker

Consensus.

Proposal 1 - Part 2

This proposal from Louise Macdonald/Jemma Whittaker concerned the role of Standing Committee in relation to the Woolworths/Caltex petrol station.

That Synod Standing Committee reviews the decisions and the processes that led to the signing of this contract with Woolworths/Caltex. This review will:

- include ethical, legal and commercial dimensions of the decision;
- seek independent advice;
- take special note of communication gaps within the Synod;
- consult with NRCC and PPNA;
- report their findings and recommendations to Synod in 2015.

Louise Macdonald/Jemma Whittaker

By **consensus** it was accepted that this proposal be referred to Standing Committee.

7.2 Woolworths/Caltex Petrol Station

The second proposal concerning the Woolworths/Caltex petrol station was from Bruce Slater and seconded by John Flaherty.

That Synod, in regard to the agreement with Woolworths to lease Northern Synod/NRCC land for the purpose of building a Caltex/Woolworths service station:

1. Expresses its deep concern about the changes in the business activities of Woolworths and Caltex, which currently includes involvement and promotion of gambling and alcohol.
2. Affirms that FAPS acted in good faith in accord with their understanding of their role and authority, and asks them to consider with great caution, entering any new future investment in Woolworths ventures.
3. FAPS be required to bring significant commercial ventures to Synod Standing Committee for consideration.
4. Requires Synod Standing Committee to:
 - a. prepare a statement of ethical principles which would govern the commercial and financial affairs of the Synod;
 - b. seek independent legal advice regarding the implications of the Synod extricating from this legal contract.

Bruce Slater Seconder/John Flaherty

By **consensus** it was accepted that this proposal be referred to Standing Committee.

7.3 Operation of Synod Standing Committee

A proposal from Felicity Amery and Eric Neil concerning operation of the Standing Committee was also referred to the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

1. That Synod approves an increase in resources to enable the Synod Standing Committee to conduct at least three face-to-face meetings of the Standing Committee prior to the next annual meeting of the Synod.
2. That Synod Standing Committee reports to the Annual Synod meeting in 2015:
 - a) changes that have been made to meeting procedures of the Synod Standing Committee;
 - b) the roles and functions of Standing Committee and have them clearly articulated;
 - c) with recommendations on the updating of the Synod By-laws in relation to all committees of the Synod, to ensure the Synod Standing Committee functions effectively as a council of the Church.

Felicity Amery/Seconded Eric Neil

By consensus it was accepted that this proposal be referred to Standing Committee.

8 ELECTIONS

Standing Committee	
Up to 19 members elected annually. No FEWER lay members than ministerial members.	
Ex Officio Moderator Moderator Elect General Secretary Chairperson, NRCC or nominee Chairperson, PPNA or nominee	Mr Stuart McMillan Rev Thresi Mauboy Mr Peter Jones Rev Djawanydjawany Gondorra (Vacant)
Pilgrim Presbytery of North Australia.	Rev Felicity Amery (2014) Ministerial Vacancy Ms Jemma Whitaker (2014) Lay Person Vacancy
Northern Regional Council of Congress	Ministerial Vacancy (2) Ms Mätjarra Garrawurra (2014) Lay Person Vacancy (1)
Chairperson Synod Finance and Property Services Committee	

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Representatives at Assembly. Up to four persons appointed by the Synod – such appointment to conform with national guidelines	Rev Felicity Amery
Pilgrim Presbytery of North Australia	Rev Dr Lee Levett-Olson Ms Jemma Whittaker Rev Colin Gordon
Northern Regional Council of Congress	

FINANCE AND PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE	
Members elected for a term of three years. Secretary is appointed by the Standing Committee.	
Ex Officio General Secretary Synod Finance Manager Synod Property Officer	Mr Peter Jones Mr Lal Wijeratne Mr Dale Chesson
Convenor Elected by Synod	

Three (3) persons elected by the Synod	Mr Matthew Kennon (2012) Mr Mike Lane (2012)
One (1) person co-opted by the Committee	Ms Cathy Spurr

The UCA PROPERTY TRUST (NT)	
Five nominations, one of whom is elected by the Synod as the Chairperson of the Trust. Elected Annually.	
Ex Officio The Moderator The Moderator Elect Synod Secretary Synod Finance Officer Property Officer	Mr Stuart McMillan Rev Thresi Mauboy Mr Peter Jones Mr Lal Wijeratne Mr Dale Chesson
Chairperson Four Trustees	

KORMILDA COLLEGE BOARD	
Appointed in accordance with Articles of Association of Kormilda College. (Two year term except when a casual vacancy is filled.)	
Five appointed by Uniting Church. Synod makes recommendation to Kormilda Company members.	Iain Summers (2012) Peter Jones (2012) Barbara Stone (2012) Rev Felicity Amery (2014)

NUNGALINYA COLLEGE BOARD	
Four Board Members appointed for a term of three years. At least two shall be Indigenous.	
Four persons appointed by the Synod on the recommendation of NRCC.	Rev Rronaŋ Garrawurra (2012) Mr Robert Hoosan (2012) Mrs Nancy Ngalmindgalmag (2013) Rev Djawanydjawany Gondorra (2013)

ST PHILIP'S COLLEGE COUNCIL	
In accordance with St Philip's Constitution. Appointed for three years.	
	Mr Kevin Davis (2013) Ms Vicki O'Halloran (2013) Mr Eric Neil (2013) Mr Charles Butcher (2014)

SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Appointed in accordance with Somerville Constitution	Mr Bruce March Ms Daphne Read (2014)

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION COMMISSION	
Elected annually.	
One representative from Northern Synod.	Rev Dr Lee Levett-Olson (2012)

COMMITTEE FOR DISCIPLINE	
Delegated to the Synod of South Australia.	
Chairperson	Appointed by the Standing Committee when required.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE	
	Appointed by the Standing Committee when required.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ADVISERS	
	Appointed by the Standing Committee when required.

COUNSELLING COMMITTEE	
Elected for a three year term and eligible for re-election.	
Up to 6 people elected by the Synod one of whom is elected by the Synod as the Chairperson	Rev Steve Orme – Chairperson (2014)

NORTHERN TERRITORY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES	
Appointed in accordance with NTCC Constitution	
Ex Officio Three to be elected annually	Mr Stuart McMillan - Moderator Rev Thresi Mauboy – Moderator Elect

9. FAREWELL AND MEMORIAL MINUTES

9.1 Rev Bruce Gallacher

Early Influences

Bruce Martin Gallacher was born on the 3rd March 1949 in Hamilton, Victoria, the younger son born to Alec and Meyzie Gallacher.

This family's name was well-known in Hamilton and Alec was often called upon to assist with concerns that were brought to him. He worked as a joiner and during World War 2 served eight years in the Australian army. Within the family, the role he often had, was to dispense discipline. Meyzie worked as a nurse and raised her family in accord with her values and beliefs. Under her influence, this part of the Gallacher family, was raised within the Presbyterian Church.

Bruce attended school in Hamilton and showed from a young age a strong sense of justice. In grade 5, his teacher used the word 'nigger', to which Bruce reacted by standing and stating, "Nigger is a swear-word". This resulted in punishment with the strap from the teacher, the cane from the headmaster and when he got home, the razor strop from his father. However, Bruce's sense of justice remained firm.

Work

When he was 15 years old, his Father came home and announced that Bruce had a job at the local shoe store. At age 21 he was accepted by 'Williams the Shoeman' as a trainee store manager. He was transferred to Casterton and after a few months became the manager. He was transferred again, this time to Portland.

He left 'Williams', to take the office manager's job with 'S.E. Traders', until the office was closed down overnight. All of those staff, including Bruce, were replaced with computers. As happened more than once in his life, the saying proved true, 'as one door shuts, another opens'. In the same week of being made redundant, tragically one of the Ministers was killed in a car accident leading to Bruce being asked by Rev. Chris Cowan, to help out the ministry team for a few weeks. At this time, Bruce had been active as a Church Council member, Sunday School teacher for grades 5 and 6, and R.E. (Religious Education) teacher. He loved the challenge and the interaction with the children in that age-group.

It was during his time at Portland, that he and Kaye were married; on the 12th June 1971. They had first met as teenagers at a church Easter camp at Lake Bolac. Both were very active in the Church and the PFA (Presbyterian Fellowship Association) group. Bruce filled the President's position for a number of years and provided active leadership.

Bruce took a job at the very large company 'Softwood Holdings', but when they wanted to send him overseas for managerial training, he found himself saying to them that he was going to become a Minister. This happened at a time, when Bruce was 33 years of age and the fourth of Bruce and Kaye's children had not long been born.

In the next twelve months, Bruce went back to High School to do years 11 and 12 and to candidate for the ministry. Despite the load, these steps in the process went smoothly. Kaye's income as a nurse, supported the family.

He received his formal theological training at the United Faculty of Theology in Melbourne. Though not claiming to be academic, he completed his degree and ministerial training in four years. He found the support of staff and the encouragement of like-minded students to be invaluable in bringing growth and broadening his

perspective. He still describes himself as theologically eclectic, and his theology continues to develop, in the light of his experience and challenges.

Bruce, aged 39 years, was ordained in Portland. He carried with him a clear sense that he was being called to minister to isolated people. This has proven true, people isolated either geographically or socially. Also, in this service there was a strong sense for many, that God was tangibly present. This belief that God has been with him has sustained him strongly, through the lonely stretches of his ministry.

Ministry

Broome

As a newly ordained Minister, Bruce was keen to see changes happen. When he expressed some frustration, a wise word was spoken to him from one of the women in the congregation, Joyce Hudson. As in the parable, she encouraged him faithfully to 'sow the seed'. This he did for the three years he was there. Also while there, another opportunity came when the Western Australian Government asked him to assist in investigating the effects of HIV may have on the indigenous population in his region.

Melbourne

Perhaps because of the study just mentioned, Bruce was contacted by the Victorian Synod to head-up a three-fold ministry; as Minister in a congregation, Hawkesburn U.C., as chaplain to a mental health facility, Prahan Mission, and as a chaplain at the Alfred Hospital. A major focus of this request was to work with persons affected by HIV/AIDS, both patients and their families.

A very positive relationship between seven Christian Churches developed, as they worked together on the 'Church AIDS Pastoral Education' (CAPE) group. Through Bruce's strong input, they achieved significant progress, by setting up; support teams, hospices, and a wide community education program through schools and churches. The demand of this ministry and the fact of 'burying too many people', left Bruce on the verge of 'burn-out'. After more than six years, it was time for him to change direction. However, his ministry with the families affected by someone dying from the AIDS virus continued for many years to come.

Echuca

Once again, Bruce was contacted, to consider a new placement, this time at Echuca. Once he had accepted the call, he was responsible for setting-up various innovative ways for the Church to serve the community.

For example;

- a 'Hands-on Health' clinic was established in the Church's facilities, where 3 Chiropractors, 1 Masseuse, a practitioner of Reiki, and a Veterinarian donated their time to serve the community
- a Drop-in Centre was opened to serve breakfast and lunch to the needy, and a course to train volunteers from various local churches to become Hospital Pastoral Visitors was provided regularly.

This was not without its critics, but one sign of the fruitfulness of his ministry there was, the Church outgrew its building.

After six and a half years at Echuca, Bruce discerned, 'my work here is done'.

Providentially, in that same week, John Watson from Frontier Services asked him to

consider being a Patrol Minister. A call he accepted, serving isolated people in three very different regions of Australia.

Frontier Services

Firstly, in the Flinders Patrol, Bruce was based in Hughenden, Queensland. In addition to serving the small Congregation and the Patrol, he was asked by the AIDS Council to call on people who were referred to him. This involved considerable travel but he was always willing to share in the pain and sometimes the hostility directed toward those suffering through AIDS. He was always supported in this aspect of his ministry, by the National Director of Frontier Services at the time, Ms Rosemary Young.

When the Uniting Church was considering nationally the 'Sexuality Report', Bruce provided resources for the Congregation to come to its decision. It came to support unanimously the position reflected in the Resolution 84 of the Assembly of that year.

Secondly, in the Snowy River Patrol, Bruce and Kaye lived in Orbost, Victoria. Here, he threw himself into identifying with the people of the district, especially during times of tragedy like when bushfires raged through the area.

While in this placement, Bruce was asked to spend six months in Papua New Guinea, to assess the impact of AIDS on the population and to recommend how the AusAid program of the Churches could respond. The situation was confronting and the inconsistency of treatment frustrated him.

He was also invited by the Buddhist monks in Myanmar, to help them establish hospices and ways of treating AIDS patients. The authorities always accompanied him and his visit was limited by them, to six weeks. For this work, Bruce received an award from the World Health Organisation.

Thirdly, Bruce commenced in the Kimberley Patrol in 2011, living in Kununurra, Western Australia. He was given a vast area to serve, as a Patrol Minister, which he attempted with his usual stamina and innovation. For example, he has experimented with electronic means to keep in touch with people and to provide worship using Skype.

In addition to this, he has been the catalyst for the re-vitalisation of a healthy Uniting Church congregation in the town.

Conclusion

As Bruce has now reached retirement, it can be seen that there were four constants which have sustained and guided him throughout.

Firstly, he has always felt God's call and that God has been with him, whatever he has been going through.

Secondly, the direction of his ministry has been to reach out and identify with people who live in isolation.

Thirdly, the simple but effective focus, given by the question that he would ask himself, 'What would Christ do?'

Fourthly, throughout their married and ministry lives, the practical and faithful support given by his wife, Kaye.

Therefore, we thank God for the strength, initiative and commitment shown throughout Bruce's role as a Minister of the Word; to the people in the Church but especially to those beyond it.

Rev Bruce Slater

9.2 Rev Jenny Tymms

In this Synod, we have a clear understanding that God was behind Rev Tymms unintentional action in having her mobile phone switched on while she was undertaking a silent reflection during a retreat. It was this phone call that led to Rev Tymms visiting Darwin and her subsequent discernment of a call to the Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia, to the Presbytery Minister placement.

As a Synod we are very grateful that she did because the Rev Tymms has been involved in:

- . actively responding to a range of needs from across the Pilgrim Presbytery's congregations;
- . pastorally supporting and caring for PPNA Ministers;
- . following through on pastoral and placement needs through her work with the Presbytery Pastoral Relations and Placements Committee. Rev Tymms extensive contacts in other Synods has meant that God's work of enacting Calls for vacant placements and in organizing supply ministries has been greatly assisted;
- . organizing Presbytery minister retreats, to which Ministers in our sister NRCC Presbytery have also been invited;
- . seeking ways to further enact the Synod/NRCC/PPNA partnership. This has involved numerous conversations with the NRCC Presbytery Minister Rev Orme;
- . participating in CSIS/Coordinate Reference Committee meetings. It should be noted that on several occasions when a PPNA church service was held, the offering was given to the work of Coordinate;
- . advocating for the PPNA view on Synod Committees such as FAPS;
- . serving the Synod on Committees like the Kormilda College Board, the Kormilda Spirituality Committee and she wrote the Kormilda College Prayer;
- . offering advice and support to Synod office staff as requested;
- . being the Convener of the Charles and Coolabah Streets Manse Refurbishment and Colour Coordination Committee;
- . supporting the Synod General Secretary with quality advice. Having a former Synod General Secretary who has acted in this way has been a real blessing.

Rev Tymms has also served the wider church during her time in the Northern Synod. She has been a member of the Assembly Standing Committee, the Worship Working Group and has been sought after by other Synods to assist in complex and sensitive matters, such as Synod/Presbytery reviews and the selection of General Secretaries.

But with Rev Tymms, it has not just been *what* she has done, it is also the *way* she has done it. Our Synod will miss her willingness to serve with graciousness, combined with a well founded load of common sense and practical expertise.

Rev Tymms, you will be replaced, but you will be definitely missed. As you and Frank return to the East from whence you came, may God's richest blessing go with you, along with our sincere thanks and best wishes. Yo, yo.

Peter Jones

9.3 Kinyin McKenzie

b. 25 January, 1951 d. 7 May, 2014

Born and growing into manhood at the Ernabella Mission, Kinyin loved learning from the Bible, and learnt English as a second language. During the 1970's, he became a member of the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship, attending the Gnowangerup Bible College in Western Australia and Congress studies at Nungalinga College Darwin. For a brief time he was an Anangu Police Aid, and assisted his brother Simon, in the first television production in Ernabella. However his vocation was always evangelism and expressed in three ways.

1. Preaching: Two years ago at a National Congress Conference, although very sick, he gave a special message. It was about the 10 lepers who were healed by Jesus but only one came back to him to give thanks (Luke 17:9). Our brother's message focussed on the healing from Jesus so the leper could go back home. *Ngurakutu maḷaku ankunytjaku*. and be restored to community. Congress could see our brother longing to go home to country to be healed.

2. Teaching: At the recent President's Conference, after talking about kidney disease and the need for dialysis in the APY Lands, Kinyin drew a picture of a radio with dial, antenna, and radiowaves. He said, politicians and Nganampa Health are not listening to anangu. 'They are NOT tuned in. They sign papers and then throw them out of the window as they fly back to Canberra!!' The justice message was clear!

Matthew 28:20 Jesus said '*Go and teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you.*' And our brother was a great advocate for justice, using humor sharply to help both anangu and piranpa to listen. Recently, he became skilful at letterwriting, radio, TV and newspaper interviews, and networking. Why was he such a fighter for dialysis on his country, even when so sick? He said he worked and prayed, not for himself but for those who will 'come after him'.

He cared for his family, even though he often lived far from home. He called himself a 'tribal man', but was an interpreter of culture and gospel with honesty, and a lightness of spirit. He would pray, preach and sing in Pitjantjatjara and English together! Psalm 61: Hear my cry O Lord! And 'Mayatja God uwankara paḷulpai'

3. Reconciling: Our brother was commissioned as Community Minister and very loyal to the Congress but had a consistent vision for reconciliation through the world-wide charismatic church, into which he was also ordained. He longed for renewal and blessing locally but also in the world. His great anthem was '*Nganana uwankara kutjuringu Jesula Christala kutjungka*' Galatians 3:28 '*We are one in Christ Jesus*'.

Hundreds of people, from all around Australia, came to Pukatja and thanked God for this great servant of Jesus. May Kinyin's example inspire the Church in the work of evangelism and justice and reconciliation!

Thoughts taken from the Memorial and Funeral Services 30 May 2014

Rev. Peter Greenwood - AAMC Support Worker

10. THANKS

The Moderator and General Secretary thanked Synod and Presbytery staff, visitors and staff of Kormilda College for their much appreciated service and support in the conduct of the Synod meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Synod adjourned to meet in 2015 at a date and place to be determined by the Standing Committee.

Consensus

**38th Annual Synod Meeting - June 2014
Membership List**

Ex-Officio Members	
President	Rev Professor Andrew Dutney
Assembly Secretary	Rev Dr Terence Corkin
Moderator	Mr Stuart McMillan
Secretary of Synod	Mr Peter Jones

Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia Ministers	
Rev Jenny Tymms	Presbytery Minister
Rev Lief Fungalei	Casuarina
Rev Colin Gordon	Centralian Patrol
Rev Elizabeth Warschauer	Darwin Memorial
Rev Thresi Mauboy	Indonesian Missionary
Rev Lindsay Parkhill	Jabiru Congregation and NRCC West Arnhem Area Ministry Council
Rev Bruce Slater	Katherine Patrol
Rev Basil Schild	Nightcliff
Rev Dr Lee Levett Olson	Nungalingya College, Lecturer
Rev Helen Richmond	Nungalingya College, Lecturer (Apology)
Rev Felicity Amery	Nungalingya College, Lecturer
Rev Steve Orme	NRCC Resource Worker
Rev Peter Greenwood	NRCC Support Worker, AAMC
Rev John Flaherty	Palmerston

Rev Salomo Bangun	Philadelphia Indonesian
Rev Peter Wait	Tennant Creek Congregation and Tennant Barkly Patrol

Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia <i>Lay Members</i>	
Alice Springs	Ms Rebecca Nelson
Broome	Ms Joyce Hudson
Casuarina	Mr Winyard Lum
Darwin Memorial	Ms Mereani Tikoinavuali Rev Wendy Beresford Maning
Derby Faith Community	Apology
Indonesian Missionary Congregation	Mr Frits Momuat
Jabiru	Ms Louise MacDonald
Kimberley Ministry	Ms Andrea Bolton
Living Water Congregation	Ms Roslyn McMillan
Nhulunbuy	Apology
Nightcliff	Ms Jemma Whittaker
Palmerston	Ms Elsha Koole, Pastoral Support Worker, Palmerston
Philadelphia Indonesian	Apology
Tennant Creek	Ian Davidson
Ps David Crawford	Chaplain, Royal Darwin Hospital and Frontier Services
Ps Stuart McMillan	Pastor, Living Water
Ms Sarah Pollitt	St Philip's College (School Chaplain) (Apology)

Northern Regional Council of Congress <i>Presbytery Positions</i>	
Mr Robert Hoosan (Apology)	NRCC Chairperson
Mr Owen Burton (Apology)	Convenor, Anangu'ku Area Ministry Council
Rev Djawanydjawany Gondarra	Convenor, East Arnhem Area Ministry Council
Mrs Jenny Immulugu (Apology)	Convenor, West Arnhem Area Ministry Council
Ms Joy Molumbun (Apology)	Convenor, West Kimberley Ministry Council
Mrs Elizabeth Gurimaṅu	Women's Ministry Co-ordinator
Mr Harry Bariya Garrawurra	Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Northern Regional Council of Congress <i>Ministers and Pastors</i>	
Gapuwiyak	Rev Timothy Wanamayku Wunungmurra
Laṅarra/Gumurr-Rawarrang NRCC National Elder	Rev Ken Minyipirriwuy Garrawurra
Nyarutjara Homelands NRCC National Elder	Rev Peter Nyangu (Apology)
Mingilang	Rev Teubiti Tapera (Apology)
Ramingining	Rev Dick Milurrurr Daymirriṅu
Dhalinbuy	Ps Kevin Buwathay Munyarr'yan
Galiwin'ku	Ps Timothy Buthimaṅ (Apology)
Maningrida	Ps David Murrwana (Apology)
Milingimbi	Ps Joseph Wanydjung Dhurrkay (Apology)
Nyapari	Ps Keith Stevens (Apology)
Pukatja	Ps Graham Kulyuru (Apology)
Waruwi	Ps Richard Dhaṅalaṅal
Yirrkala	Ps Daṅataṅa Gondarra (Apology)

Northern Regional Council of Congress <i>Staff members – non-voting</i>	
Rev Peter Greenwood	Support Worker, Anangu'ku Area Ministry Council
Mr Maratja Dhamarrandji Mr Mark Guyula (Apology)	Support Worker, East Arnhem Area Ministry Council
Rev Lindsay Parkhill	Support Worker, West Arnhem Area Ministry Council
Rev Jo Mar	Support Worker, West Kimberley
Vacant	NRCC Educator for Central Australia
Mrs Yurranydjil Dhurrkay	Yolŋu, Arrakpi, Bininj Theologies Resource Person

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Waruwi	Ms Nancy Ngalmindjalmag
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Student/Candidate nominated by PPNA	Nil
Nungalinya Student Representative	Nil

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Mrs Yurranydjil Dhurrkay and Mr Djawut Gondarra – Yolŋu Matha Ms Nyunmiti Burton - Pitjantjatjara	

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