

# Proposals

# Uniting Church in Australia – Northern Synod

## Proposal

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Those framing proposals are asked to note the following:

1. Each proposal must be signed by two members of Synod OR, where the proposal is from a Church Council, two members of that Council. Proposals from Church Councils need to note the date of the meeting at which the proposal was accepted by the Council.
2. All proposals must be submitted in writing to the Business Table at Synod, or be mailed to the Synod Office prior to the commencement of Synod Business Meetings.
3. Proposers should note that the wording of the proposal will be considered by the Synod Business Committee, which may, if necessary, refer the Proposal back to the Proposers for clarification or re-wording.

## **7 Proposals**

### **7.1 Moderator-Elect**

#### ***Proposal***

The Synod Standing Committee recommends:

1. That the name of Rev Thresi Mauboy Wohangara be put forward to the Annual Synod meeting in 2017 for a second term as Moderator from 2018 to 2021.
2. That the Assembly be requested to allow Rev Thresi Mauboy Wohangara to serve a second term as Moderator of the Northern Synod, as provided for in Regulation 3.6.3.1(d).
3. That Synod Standing Committee requests the Finance and Property Services Committee to explore ways in which the Moderator's position could be funded as a full-time placement for the duration of her time as Moderator.

#### ***Rationale***

The Synod Standing Committee requested a group consisting of Elizabeth Gurimangu, Wendy Beresford-Maning and Steve Orme to meet with Rev Thresi Mauboy Wohangara to discern with her whether or not she is called to a further term as Moderator. The group clearly discerned that Rev Thresi was open to be called for a further three year term and that the Synod would be well served by her longer ministry in this office.

Currently Thresi Mauboy Wohangara is working in a half-time placement and has built-up good relationships with many different sections within the Synod. Rev Thresi also travels extensively throughout the Synod and works well with Indigenous women. It was noted that moderators in other Synods are in full-time placements.

### **7.2 General Secretary's Position**

#### ***Proposal***

The Synod Standing Committee recommends:

- . that Peter Jones be offered one more year as General Secretary, to conclude the placement at the end of 2018.
- . That the Synod Standing Committee begins the process of looking for a General Secretary immediately following the June Annual Synod Meeting to take advantage of the time available.
- . That Rev Dr Mark Lawrence be a member of the Joint Nominating Committee.

#### ***Rationale***

The Synod Standing Committee requested a group consisting of Rev Felicity Amery, Rev Rronaj Garrawurra, Rev Djawanydjawany Gondarra and Rev Dr Mark Lawrence

The report from the group was presented to the March Standing Committee for consideration and it was agreed that Peter was well respected and had done a good job as General Secretary for the past nine years. He is also a person who has lived and worked within the Synod for many years. Extending Peter's term as General Secretary for a further year would allow sufficient time to look for a replacement.

### **7.3 Safe Church in the Northern Synod Policies**

### **7.4 2018 Annual Synod Meeting to be held in Alice Springs**