



# PPNA Presbytery Minutes

Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia  
Meeting held in 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in  
the Library at St Phillips College,  
Alice Springs.

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## 1. WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER:

Deputy Chairperson Richard Telfer welcomed those in attendance and “Welcome to Country” at 9.02am.

## 2. PRESENT:

Rev Felicity Amery (Presbytery Minister and Chairperson), Pastor Dr Steve Bevis (Alice Springs), Andrea Bolten (Kununurra), Adrian Calyun-Sice (Tennant Creek), Pastor Rosalie Clarke (Living Water Supply), Pastor David Crawford (RDH), Jan Crawford (Palmerston), Pastor Tony Goodluck (UCA Dean of Students), Emily Hayes (Alice Springs), Rev David King (Broome), Siosifa Laiseni (Nhulunbuy), Rev. Dr Lee Levett-Olson (Nungalinga Teacher), Liusem Mauboy (Palmerston), Heidi McKelvie (Casuarina), Pastor Lauren Merritt (Darwin Memorial), Frits Momuat (Karama), Godfrey Moyo Living Water), Rev Helen Paine (Synod), Pastor Benjamin Quilliam (Alice Springs), Rev Dr Helen Richmond (Casuarina), Rev Bob & Mrs Marilyn Smith (Nhulunbuy Supply), Sue Smith (Treasurer), Dave Sprigg (Alice Springs), Rev Matthew Stuart (Army Chaplain), Pastor Richard Telfer (Deputy Chairperson, Palmerston), Losana Vakalala (Derby Faith Community), Cheryl Whitehouse (Nhulunbuy), Pastor Jemma Whittaker (Synod), Ex President Stuart McMillan.

Visitors: Ian Price (MediaCom), John Cox (Executive Office Royal Commission Taskforce)

### 2.1 APOLOGIES:

Rev Salomo Bangun, Peter Jones (Synod), Rev Reva Natigor (Karama), Rev Christine Senini (Defence Chaplain), Rev Peter Wait (Tennant Creek), Olive Frakking (Secretary - Humpty Doo), Louise Macdonald (Jabiru)

### 2.2 MINUTES: 17 May and 30 August Meeting of Executive. Meeting 1 March of Presbytery Minutes approved by consensus

### 2.3: AGENDA:

#### Approved by consensus

**3.0 WORSHIP:** Rev Felicity Amery - Hebrews 2:14-18 - Who are we that God would consider us important? Prayers for Pastoral Concerns

**3.1: WELCOME:** Deputy Chairperson Richard Telfer welcomes new members

**3.2: ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Matters relating to the space

## 4.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

**4.1 Presbytery Standing Committee** – Felicity facilitated discussion and recommended - In accordance with Regulation 3.7.2, that the Presbytery;

1.1 establish Presbytery Standing Committee to replace the PPNA Executive

- 1.2 undertake a review of the delegation of powers, responsibilities, and membership of the Presbytery Standing Committee with the report to be presented at the first meeting of PPNA in 2019
- 1.3 establish the following members to undertake the review - Rev. Helen Paine, Rev. Felicity Amery, Godfrey Moyo, Rev. Matthew Stuart (Convenor)
- 1.4 disband the Mission and Congregational Services Committee
- 1.5 ask the current PPNA Executive to ensure the responsibilities of the M&CSC have been appropriately delegated
- 1.6 elect a PPNA property person to the FAPS committee, in consultation with the FAPS Committee
- 1.7 make the necessary adjustments to the By Laws

**Approved, with changes, by consensus**

**4.2 The Presbytery By Laws** - Following the work to update the Presbytery By-Laws; Presbytery agreed to receive the revised Presbytery By-Laws, in draft to be confirmed for adoption at the first meeting of PPNA in 2019

**Approved, with changes, by consensus**

**4.3 The use of the UCA Logo** - Recognising that there are guidelines around the use of the UCA Logo, that the PPNA encourages congregations to;

1. review the use and condition of the UCA logo on Congregation and Presbytery signage
2. ensure congregational signage is clear, consistent with the guidelines and in good condition
3. request that the condition and appropriateness of signage be noted during the 2019 property review inspections

**Approved, with additions, by consensus.**

**4.4 Presbytery dates for 2019** - To assist with our planning for 2019, we recommend the following dates be approved;

1. Presbytery Meetings – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 and in association with Synod 2019 meeting
2. Ministers and Pastors Retreat – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March
3. Code of Ethics training – 2 days associated with the Synod dates (could be combined event for both presbyteries) )
4. Theologians on Tour x2 - Tour 1 is Darwin and Broome/Derby, Tour 2 is Nhulunbuy and Alice Springs/Tennant Creek – 4 weekend workshops
5. PR&PC is the fourth Tuesday of each month
6. Exec/Standing Committee for 2019 – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> August and 21<sup>st</sup> November

**Approved, with changes, by consensus.**

**4.5 Nominations** - Appoint Rev John Cox and Rev Ian Price as scrutineers for the nominations for PPNA committee nominations

## Approved by consensus

**5.0 SAFE CHURCH REPORT:** Rev Helen Paine gave Presbytery an update in relation to progress of implementation of the Safe Church Program. Rev John Cox assisted in the presentation and answered questions about the proposed Redress Scheme.

**6.0 TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer Sue Smith gave a verbal and written report. The Draft 2019 budget was tabled and discussed.

## Treasurers Report approved by consensus 2019 Budget Approved by consensus.

**6.1 Resources Snapshot-** at 12.25pm Matthew Stuart presented a snapshot 'Godly Pay'

## **7.0 PRESBYTERY STAFF PANEL:**

Youth and Young Adults Resource Person, Safe Church officer, formed a small panel. They each gave a 5 min verbal report about their work and then Presbytery members were invited to ask questions. There was good participation. .

## **8.0 REVIEW OF CHAIRPERSON/PRESBYTERY MINISTER**

The Chairperson was asked to leave the meeting. Discussion took place about the review of the Chairperson/Presbytery Minister. The review was requested in November 2017. Rev Peter Wait and Olive Fracking had undertaken to do the report in July 2018. A review process had commenced, however due to unforeseen circumstances, no report was available for the Presbytery. Felicity had expressed some frustration about the delay. A recommendation was made asking PR&PC to organize a formal review process for future reviews. This was not approved.

## **9.0 COVENANT ACTION PLANS**

All Congregations were invited to share their Covenant Action Plans with the Presbytery. Some members of Presbytery reported that it had been a helpful process and they looked forward to continuing the ministry in this area.

**9.1 – Resource Snapshot** - at 2.55pm the Presbytery had a Resource Snapshot and heard about 'Bread for the Journey'

**9.2 General discussion about the Strategic Plan** – there is no documentation of this discussion for the minutes.

## **10.0 ELECTIONS:**

**Presbytery Executive** Members are elected for a term of two years. Date (in brackets is when term finishes)

Chairperson - Rev Felicity Amery, Ex-officio

General Secretary - Mr Peter Jones, Ex-officio

Moderator - Rev Thresi Mauboy Wohangara, Ex-officio

Social Justice Network - **Vacant**, Ex-officio

Youth and Young Adults and Communications Resource Worker - Ms Jemma Whittaker, Ex-officio

NS SAFE Church officer - Rev Helen Paine, Ex-officio

Deputy Chairperson - Mr Richard Telfer (2019)

Secretary - Ms Olive Fracking (2019)

Treasurer - Sue Smith

Convenor, Pastoral Relations & Placements Committee – **Vacant**

Four members, elected by Presbytery - Dr Steve Bevis (2019), Ms Joy Linton (2019), Gail Cresswell (2019) and Mr Adrian Calyun-Sice (2020)

**Pastoral Relations and Placements Committee** Members are elected for a term of two years. Date (in brackets is when term finishes)

PPNA Chairperson - Rev Felicity Amery, Ex officio

General Secretary - Mr Peter Jones, Ex officio

Convenor, elected by Presbytery – Rev Helen Paine

Six people, elected by Presbytery - Ms Judy Chesson (2020), Mrs Hazel Trudgen (2020), Rev Helen Paine (2019), Ms Jemma Whittaker (2019), Ms Joyce Hudson (2019), Rev Peter Wait (2019), Rev Helen Richmond (2020), and Rev Matthew Stuart (2020)

**SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE** – Members elected for a term of one year

PPNA Chairperson - Rev Felicity Amery, Ex officio

Two Ministers - Rev Matthew Stuart and Rev Helen Paine

Two Lay People - Ms Jemma Whittaker and Dr Steve Bevis

**FINANCE AND PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Two people from PPNA - PPNA Chairperson - Rev Felicity Amery and Sue Smith (Treasurer) **Vacant** (property) ??

**10.1 – Resource Snapshot** – at 5.25 there was a resourcing snapshot- Kaye Jones was to speak with Presbytery about Sand Therapy. Kaye was unable to come.

**11.0 – CAMPFIRE:** After dinner members of Presbytery were invited to gather around a campfire and hear reports from people who had attended the National Meeting of the Assembly in July 2018 – members of Assembly talked about the decisions on marriage, membership, climate change and the proposals around domestic violence.

Presbytery Meeting was closed with Prayer led by Ex President Stuart McMillan.