



The Uniting Church in Australia  
Northern Synod

46th Meeting of the Northern Synod

# Minutes

4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

*Casuarina Uniting Church  
45 Vanderlin Drive, Wanguri*





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## WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING WORSHIP

### THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 – DAY 1 SESSION 1

Opening worship held at Darwin Memorial Uniting Church at 7:00pm.

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### FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – DAY 2 SESSIONS 2 - 6

The Moderator opened the meeting in prayer and welcomed all members at 9:14am.

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

- Moderator introduced General Secretary Rev Dr Adam McIntosh, Rev Linda Hanson and thanks Queensland Synod for their support
- Introduced Jamie Nyangu, NRCC Chairperson and Heidi McKelvie, minute-taker.
- Matjarra Garrawurra spoke about the passing of NRCC Deputy Chair Mr. M. Wunungmurra.
- Moderator opened in prayer noting any pastoral matters including passing of the son of Bapa Ken. Moderator asked that we not use his first name for the duration of the meeting.
- Moderator introduced chaplains Rev Dr Lee Levett-Olson and Rev Steve Orme

#### **Opening Worship and Bible Study – New Life Found in Baptism**

*Love is the Key*

*This is the Day*

*Come to the Family*

Bible study led by Felicity Amery

Mark 1:1-11; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 7:28

## MEETING PROCEDURES

General Secretary gave an orientation to meeting procedures including consensus cards.

*Reminder: only members may vote, speak and participate in ballots*

Respect  
Empathy  
Sensitive  
Ponder  
Examine  
Confidential  
Trust

## PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

### Constitution of Synod

Recommendations 1 to 2.10 en bloc (Pages 13-14)

- 24.04.01** It was resolved by consensus that the 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Northern Synod be deemed to be constituted by an act of worship held at Darwin Memorial Uniting Church on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024, and that its members be determined by the list of Members of Synod 2024 to be formally adopted in Session 4.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS

- 24.04.02** It was resolved by consensus to accept the following appointments and arrangements:

- 24.04.02 (i)** Business Committee:  
Rev Tony Goodluck, Rev Dr Adam McIntosh, Mr Jamie Nyangu, Mrs Judy Orme, Rev Linda Hanson, Ms Heidi McKelvie  
Minutes Secretary: Ms Heidi McKelvie  
Returning Officer: Ms Jan Crawford  
Scrutineers: Mrs Hazel Trudgen, Rev Dr Amos Leana

- 24.04.02 (ii)** That 'within the house' shall include the area of the Casuarina Uniting Church and Hall set as the meeting space.

- 24.04.02.(iii)** That the Synod Business timetable shall be:

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Session 1: 7:00pm – 8:30pm Opening Worship at DMUC

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Session 2: 9.00am – 10.30am Bible Study & formalities

Session 3: 11.00am – 1.00pm

Session 4: 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Session 5: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Session 6: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Session 7: 9.00am – 10.30am

Session 8: 11.00am – 1.00pm

Session 9: 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Session 10: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Worship with Casuarina Congregation 9:00am – 10:30am

Session 11: 11.00am – 1.00pm

Session 12: 1:45pm – 3.30pm

- 24.04.02 (iv)** That the closing time for receiving proposals from the presbyteries shall be Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7:00pm.
- 24.04.02 (v)** The ballots for Assembly members and Northern Synod Committees shall be held at Session 11 on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- 24.04.02 (vi)** That the Moderator, the Synod General Secretary, and the Chairpersons of the Presbyteries be authorised to confirm the Minutes of Synod.
- 24.04.02 (vii)** That the procedures for the presentation, discussion and voting on recommendations and notices of motion are as set down in the Manual for Meetings and as directed by the Moderator.
- 24.04.02 (viii)** That the program and timetable for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Saturday 6 April and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April be adopted.
- 24.04.02 (ix)** That we declare nominations closed for Moderator Elect
- 24.04.02 (x)** That we resolve for all ballots, we require a formal majority (50% plus 1)

## **WELCOMES**

**24.04.03** *It was resolved that a warm welcome be extended to:*

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- Rev Sharon Hollis, President Assembly UCA
- Rev Lindsay Cullen, Assembly General Secretary Interim
- Rev Mark Kickett, UAICC
- Mr Ian Dempster, UAICC
- Rev Bruce Moore, Moderator Queensland Synod
- Rev Janet Staines, Moreton Rivers Presbytery, Queensland; *with her husband Rev Dr Peter Hobson*
- Mr Rob Floyd, National Director, Frontier Services
- All those attending for the first time
- Visitors

## 4.0 MEMBERSHIP OF 46<sup>TH</sup> SYNOD – See Appendix 1

Recommendations 4, 5 and 6 en bloc

**24.04.04 (i) *That the following be co-opted or invited member of Synod:***

**24.04.04 (ii) *It was resolved by consensus that the following be formally associated with the Synod:***

- Rev Linda Hanson
- Rev Mark Kickett
- Mrs Margie Goodluck
- Dr Ben van Gelderen
- Ms Sylvia Nulpinditj
- Mr Rob Floyd
- Ms Wendy Hubbard
- Rev Bruce Moore
- Mr Peter Jones
- Mr Ross Coburn
- Mr Reg Gulley
- Ms Emily Evans

## APOLOGIES

**24.04.05 *It was resolved by consensus that the following apologies be received – see table in Appendix 1.***

*Membership which will be confirmed at beginning of Session 4*

**24.04.04 (iii) *It was resolved by consensus that the membership list be adopted.***

**Note:** The Northern Synod is asked to be more proactive in recruiting young members of Synod.



## REPORTS

**24.04.06**     *It was resolved by consensus that all reports as printed in the Handbook, published online or presented to the Synod meeting be received.*

*Members were given the opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification and comment on each report in turn.*

Ex Moderator, Thresi Mauboy, to take the chair for the Moderator's Report

### 6.1 MODERATOR'S REPORT

Handbook pages 16-19

Rev Tony Goodluck

### 6.2 GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Handbook pages 20-21 & Appendix

Rev Dr Adam McIntosh

Rev Dr Adam McIntosh gives us a reminder of our call to worship, witness and service.

### Information/Discussion Session - Elections to Committees:

General Secretary provided information how elections are conducted to different Synod committees. (Pages 49-52).

Nomination forms available from Judy Orme.

*Completed nomination forms must be returned to Judy – these will then be 'posted' on one of the room divider screens for members to read.*

Note: Nominations close Saturday 7:00pm.

Note: Page 52 – youthful age means someone under 30 years of age.

### Proposal 7.3 Synod Standing Committee – Members Terms

Rationale: To provide continuity of membership. This same proposal/suggestion will be considered by both NRCC and PPNA for their nominated members.

'Term' means time from Full Synod Gathering to Full Synod Gathering.

**24.04.07(iii) It was resolved by consensus that members of Synod Standing Committee elected by the Full Council of Synod be elected for two terms on condition that they attend the next Synod meeting and are reconfirmed by that Synod meeting.**

## Information/Discussion Session - Proposals

General Secretary provided information about how proposals can be made. (Pages 41-46).

*Additional proposals arising from the business agenda, must be in writing, signed by two members of Synod and must relate to the business on the agenda. An electronic proposal is preferred. Forms are in the handbook or available electronically.*

*Consideration of Reports continued....*

## 6.5 NORTHERN SYNOD PLACEMENTS COMMITTEE

Handbook pages 24-27

Rev Dr Michelle Cook

**Note:** Not 'Gulub Jamat' but 'Guru Jamaat' Frits Momuat on page 26.

## 6.4 PILGRIM PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

Handbook page 22

Rev Dr Michelle Cook

## 7.1 MODERATOR SEARCH COMMITTEE – Final Report

Handbook pages 41-44

Ms Emily Evans

## 6.13 COORDINATE REPORT

Handbook page 38

Louise Macdonald

## 7.1 APPOINTMENT OF MODERATOR-ELECT

Ballot is taken

General Secretary – Rev Dr Adam McIntosh

**24.04.07 (i) The Synod elects Rev Dr Michelle Cook as Moderator-Elect to be installed as Moderator at 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Synod in April 2025.**

General Secretary moved that the ballots be destroyed.

*Consideration of Reports continued....*

## 6.3 NORTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF UAICC

Additional Papers  
Ps Ben Howland

## 6.12 ST PHILIP'S COLLEGE REPORT AND PRESENTATION

Handbook page 35  
Ms Sarah Pollitt

## INFORMATION SESSION – General Secretary Nomination Process

Rev Dr Michelle Cook

Rev Dr Michelle Cook, on behalf of the General Secretary Joint Nominating Committee, proposes that the Northern Synod appoint Rev Janet Staines as General Secretary of the Northern Synod of a three-year term.

Rev Janet Staines was invited to speak.

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## SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – DAY 3 SESSIONS 7 - 10

### Opening Worship and Bible Study – Formation a story of New Life

*I the Lord of Sea and Sky*

*A Voice is Heard*

Bible study led by Felicity Amery

1 Kings 17:8-24; Luke 10:1-12; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

### INFORMATION SESSION – General Secretary Nomination Process

(Repeated for those who missed it on Friday)

Rev Dr Michelle Cook

*Consideration of Reports continued....*

### 6.9 NORTHERN SYNOD FINANCE AND PROPERTY SERVICES

Additional Papers

Mr Matthew Kennon

Including :

- Financial Reports 2022 and 2023
- Audited Reports 2022 and 2023

**24.04.06 (ix) *It was resolved by consensus that the Synod appoint BDO Darwin as Auditor for the 2024 year.***

### 6.8 U.C.A. PROPERTY TRUST (NT)

Handbook page 31

Mr Peter Jones

## 7.2 APPOINTMENT OF SYNOD GENERAL SECRETARY

General Secretary Ballot taken

**24.04.07 (ii) *That the Northern Synod appoint Rev Janet Staines as General Secretary of the Northern Synod of a three-year term.***

General Secretary moved that the ballots be destroyed.

The Synod prayed for Rev Janet Staines and her husband Rev Dr Peter Hobson.

*Consideration of Reports continued....*

## BUDGET 2024

Additional Papers

Reg Gulley

There was some discussion around the ownership of the church at Milingimbi. Also, discussion around the reintroduction of congregation levies, and the need for accurate financial figures to be provided to congregations.

The Moderator thanks Rev Lee Levett-Olson for his contribution as chaplain and welcomes Rev Steve Orme who will continue the role of chaplain today.

## 6.10 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A visual report

Rev Sharon Hollis and Rev Lindsay Cullen

17<sup>th</sup> Assembly theme: Threads of Love – weaving Christ's love across cultures and boundaries

## ACT 2

Rev Sharon Hollis and Rev Lindsay Cullen

part of Assembly Presentation

Act 2: The Gift of the Spirit will be available to congregations in mid-May.

## NEW LIFE STORIES

Mrs Mary Nankivell, from Derby Faith Community, shared about a Tawny Frog Mouth being given a second chance.

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Mrs Bette Lake, from Broome, shared about baptisms and standing strong as a church even though they are without a minister.

Ps Gail Cresswell shared about new life in Mowanjum, excited about what is ahead.

Ps Kirsty Burgu shared about transforming community in Mowanjum including a Fun Day in January.

## UAICC - Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress

Rev Mark Kickett

Transformation of Christ in our lives and communities.

Commitment to excellence in theology.

Rev Mark Kickett thanked Ben Howland and his wife, Emily Howland, for their hard work and commitment and led the Synod in prayer for Ben and Emily.

## FEEDBACK ON TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Rev Linda Hanson

- Discipleship
- Serving our Communities
- Fit for Purpose
- Working Together

## FRONTIER SERVICES

Mr Rob Floyd, National Director

Ps Benjamin Quilliam shared stories of new life from Yulara.

Ps Jill Doolan shared stories of new life from Aputula / Finke. Building community, being there for people.

Ps Yanima Darrien Bryant from Ananguku Area.

## AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITY SERVICES - Life Stories

Ms Wendy Hubbard, General Manager

Providing regional care and support to people and their communities throughout the Northern Territory and beyond. It's our goal to offer opportunity and choice so they can live life in all its fullness.

Amata women sang

## 6.6 NUNGALINYA COLLEGE

Handbook page 28

Dr Ben van Gelderen, Principal

Rev Sharon Hollis thanked Nungalingya for its presence on Facebook and the encouragement that is.

## 6.7 SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES INC.

Moderator noted apology of Mr Lawson Broad, Chief Executive Officer.

## 6.11 ABORIGINAL RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Handbook page 32

Ms Sylvia Nulpinditj

## ARDS BOOK LAUNCH

A First Gupapuynu Dictionary : Celebrating 100 years of language work on Galiwin'ku (Elcho Island) Edited by Howard Amery

An edited and annotated dictionary based on the wordlist by Rev. J. C. Jennison and Birrinydjawuy Garawirrtja, compiled at the Elcho Island Mission from 1922-1923.

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## SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER 2022 – DAY 4 SESSIONS 11 – 12

## 8.0 SYNOD REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES – see Appendix 2

Handbook pages 47-48

Endorsements of representatives on other bodies

### 8.1 Nungalinga College Board

**Note:** Two director members for two-year term appointed by Synod on the advice of NRCC.

Two director members for two-year term appointed by Synod on the advice of NRCC. Robert and Marlene willing to continue.

NRCC to advise Synod Standing Committee of nominations following upcoming NRCC meeting in April 2024.

### 8.2 St Philip's College Alice Springs

**Note:** Peter Jones appointed for three years 2022-2025.

### 8.7 Sexual Misconduct Committee

**Note:** Synod Standing Committee to appoint as required.

## SHARING STORIES OF NEW LIFE – in Alice Springs

Rev Emily Hayes shared about the huge increase in the number of children coming to church, baptisms, church camp and joining with the Baptist church for youth group.

## SHARING STORIES OF NEW LIFE – in Darwin Memorial

Rev Vicki Aitken and Ps Lauren Merritt shared plans for Larrakia war memorial with personal stories from WW2, statue and artwork.

## 9.0 ELECTIONS TO SYNOD COMMITTEES

### Synod Standing Committee (one position)

#### **24.04.9 (i) Result of the Ballot**



**Synod Standing Committee: Rev Felicity Amery**

**FAPS Committee (two positions)**

**24.04.9 (ii) Result of the Ballot**

**FAPS Committee: Richard Trudgen**

**Property Trust**

**24.04.9 (iii) Result of the Ballot**

**Property Trust Chairperson: Mr Peter Jones**

**Trustees: Mr Matthew Kennon**

**Mr John McLaren**

**Mr Eric Neil**

**Mr Richard Trudgen**

**NT Council of Churches (three positions)**

**24.04.9 (iv) Result of the Ballot**

**NT Council of Churches: Rev Vicki Aitken, Ms Emily Evans &  
Rev Thresi Mauboy**

**Assembly Representatives**

**24.04.9 (v) Result of the Ballot**

**Youthful Member: Ms Floriana Lamboa**

**Assembly Member: Ps Jill Doolan**

**Ps Benjamin Quilliam**

**24.04.9 (vi) That the Synod request the General Secretary to destroy the ballot papers.**

**Note:** Complete tables of Synod Committee Members can be found at Appendix 3

**11.0 RETIREMENT, FAREWELL, MEMORIAL MINUTES**

**Rev David King**

Broome Uniting Church congregation was pleased to welcome David and Leonie King at the beginning of 2018. David was inducted as Minister of the Word in April 2018.

During the five years in Broome, David supported the congregation through leading worship, Bible studies and visiting. He was a valuable worker in the Op Shop where his practical skills were often called on. He took ministry opportunities with visitors under the shade of the cashew fruit tree.

David was a member of the Broome ministers' group, and an active leader in the ecumenical events at Easter and Christmas.

When COVID came, David and the congregation members quickly adapted to deliver worship via zoom. This way, they maintained ministry to those caught in lockdowns in Derby, Perth & interstate.

In the ABC TV series "Mystery Road" Series 2, the Broome UCA church featured as a film set. David assisted the producer by sourcing props and costumes from the church op shop.

David's responsibilities in PPNA and the Northern Synod grew over the five years. He attended PPNA and Northern Synod meetings from 2018-2023 and Synod in Alice Springs.

He served on the PR&PC as the Broome representative and later was made chair of the PRC of the PPNA. In May 2022, he travelled to Brisbane for the 16th Assembly as Northern Synod representative.

David worked for Congress as ministry support agent to Mowanjum. He supported Pastor Kirsty Burgu and the work in West Kimberley. Each visit to Derby took 200 kilometres each way. He assisted in funerals and Bible study with the Derby faith community.

Finally, thanks and appreciation to David for his faithful service & fellowship. Our thoughts & prayers go with David & Leonie as they begin their new life of retirement. May God continue to bless you and keep you.

## Rev Jo Mar

As a young man, Jo worked as a Civil Engineer, but hearing God's call to ministry, he trained for ordination at the United Theological College in Sydney. He once said that he changed from building physical bridges linking places, to building spiritual bridges to join people to God.

When Minister in the southern highlands of New South Wales, based in Tumut, he was approached about a placement with NRCC as West Kimberley Support Worker, based in Derby. He commenced in this role in 2013.

Jo worked closely with the Mowanjum congregation. He was a mentor for Kirsty Burgu, leading to her commissioning as a Pastor. With the opening of the new regional prison near Derby, he began chaplaincy work there. He worked with Howard Amery on bible translation work in the Worrorra language. With his wife Losana, he developed an Op Shop at Mowanjum, training local people to run it. Using his practical skills, he developed the facilities at the small church building in Mowanjum. In Derby, he led a weekly bible study group at the church site.

In 2020, he was called to work with NRCC based in Darwin and commenced as the NRCC Presbytery Minister in September 2020. He retired from this position in December 2022.

Jo is remembered as a Minister with a deep pastoral heart for those who are marginalised. His gentle presence is a blessing to all who know him. We wish Jo and Losana all the best in the next chapter of their lives.

### Rev Lindsay Parkhill

Since 2008 Lindsay has served as the West Arnhem Support Worker for the Northern Regional Council of Congress. He started this position as an interim and was then ordained in 2009. This lengthy service with the Northern Regional Council of Congress has produced much fruit.

The communities of Jabiru, Maningrida, Waruwi and Minjilang and associated outstations, have grown in their Christian witness and service. Many people have taken up various leadership positions including, youth leaders, pastoral leaders, music leaders. The West Arnhem Area Council's adopting of a scarf recognition system has meant people have felt valued in their Christian service and have intentionally led others into this service. Lindsay facilitated these initiatives and helped the Area Council take on this responsibility.

Another key part of Lindsay's ministry in West Arnhem has been cross raising ceremonies. Different communities across both West and East Arnhem land have been supported by Lindsay to raise crosses at important sites. There has also been important baptism events and ongoing discipling throughout the area.

Lindsay's gift in languages and encouragement of context specific worship and leadership development has been greatly appreciated across West Arnhem. He will be greatly missed and we wish him and Louise well in the next phase of their ministry service.

### Rev Peter Wait

Rev Peter Wait's association with the Northern Synod started in several ways. He worked as a teacher for two years in Barunga near Katherine. He also spent time in Arnhem Land and was a volunteer with Uniting Care Wesley Adelaide at Pukatja (Ernabella).

With a growing connection and sense of call to the Northern Synod Peter was asked to consider the Frontier Services position of what was then called the Tennant Barkly Patrol, now the Tennant Barkly Remote Area Ministry. Peter accepted the call to this ministry and commenced in this placement on 1 May 2013.

Based in Tennant Creek, part of Peter's role was ministering in the Uniting Church there, including coordinating its op shop and the workshop and community gardens on its property. Peter also fostered and protected the ecumenical connection between the Uniting Church congregation and the combined Holy Name Anglican-Lutheran parish in Tennant.

Peter was called to be proactive in his ministry, travelling across the vast area of approximately 600,000 square kilometres. Tennant Barkly Remote Area Ministry

covers around 120 stations and communities, as well as people in roadhouses, caravan parks and national parks. With the Remote Area north of him vacant he even travelled as far as Mataranka and offered church services there. A particular passion of Peter's was his work in the prison (Barkley Work Camp), where he often visited, running church services and chaplaincy.

A key part of his ministry was meeting people and having conversations about significant things. He knows the importance of being there for people, incarnationally embodying God's love and care for people. He certainly has a gift of presence, representing the church which is in turn representative of God's love on earth.

Peter's ministry has also included:

- Support for staff and volunteers for the Northern Territory Emergency Services and being a member of the Bushfire Brigade
- Supporting a "coffee lounge" after church which has provided social contact, a snack, and some healthy food for those in need.
- Delivering food parcels and low-cost clothing for people who are ill and hospitalized
- Providing chaplaincy services to aged care residents
- Fostering and maintain relationships with other caring professionals in Tennant and the Barkly

In the wider Northern Synod context, Peter has served faithfully on the Pastoral Relations and Placements Committee, where he often joined Joint Nominating Committees as well. His active participation in Presbytery and Synod meetings was also always appreciated. He maintained connection with the Centralian Remote Area Ministry and helped Benjamin Quilliam settle into that role in 2017.

After over ten years of faithful service in Tennant Creek Peter concluded his placement in August 2023. Tennant Creek is not an easy place to live, so his tenacity there is commendable. The connections he had made and the love that had grown for the people of Tennant Creek made it hard for him to leave the placement. He has returned to Adelaide for now.

Benjamin Quilliam

April 2024

## Rev Dr Helen Richmond

Helen Richmond has been a valued member of the Northern Synod and the Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia since 2009. Helen started at Nungalinga College in 2009 using her significant skills and experience to facilitate the learning of key Indigenous leaders across the country. In 2018 Helen moved to Casuarina Uniting Church where her pastoral care, preaching, worship leading and gentle heart were greatly appreciated.

From 2019-2023 Helen was a valued member of the Pilgrim Presbytery Pastoral Relations and Synod Placements Committee. Due to her ministry at Casuarina, her previous work with Nungalinga College and her other connections through the wider church and community, Helen would often bring an important perspective or insight to the consideration and discussion of items on the meeting agenda. Her pastoral gift was also apparent, especially in the prayer section of the meetings when Helen would add to the prayer list individuals and situations needing care that other members may not have been aware of. Helen's wisdom and her thoughtful contributions to the work of this pastoral oversight will be missed.

Helen actively developed relationships with the Islamic community in Darwin, particularly the Casuarina Mosque.

She has also been a powerful advocate for Peace in Israel/Palestine and spent 3 months in the West Bank as a peace observer at the conclusion of her placement with Casuarina.

We wish her and Ben well in the next phase of their ministry in the Paramatta-Nepean Presbytery. We will miss their contribution to the life of this Synod.

**24.04.11      *It was resolved by consensus that the Synod receives the Farewell, Retirement and Memorial minutes and give thanks to God for faithful servants.***

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS

The General Secretary expressed appreciation to those who contributed to the successful conduct of the meeting:

- ♦ Caterer Antonio Tjung of Antonio's Kitchen for delicious and sustaining meals and snacks
- ♦ Casuarina Uniting Church for their generosity and the great venue, especially Andrew Hawke, Sue Sorby and Jemima Bishop.
- ♦ Heidi McKelvie for minute taking.
- ♦ All those who helped with set up, pack up, cleaning, technical side.
- ♦ Rev Felicity Amery for leading Bible studies.

- ♦ Sebasti Ward and the NRCC staff, Rosie Scott and Jemma Whittaker who have supported members with transport and other needs.
- ♦ Mel Churchill and James Hughes other musicians who have led us in singing for worship.
- ♦ Ross Champion and Loui Mauboy helping on the sound desk and with slideshow.
- ♦ Rev Lee Levett-Olson and Rev Steve Orme for their care as chaplains to the meeting.
- ♦ Judy Orme for her hard work over many Synods and preparing the way for those who will organise Synod next time.
- ♦ Rev Dr Adam McIntosh and Rev Linda Hanson for coming to work with us, with the right 'tone'. Thank you for your support and leadership.

*Note: Complete tables of Synod Committees can be found at Appendix 3*

## ADJOURNMENT

**24.04.12**     ***It was resolved by consensus that the Synod adjourn to meet in April 2025, on dates to be determined by the Synod Standing Committee***

Moderator reminds people to fill out their feedback forms.

## APPENDIX 1 – Membership of Synod

### 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Synod – April 2024

#### MEMBERSHIP LIST (By law NS 1.1.1 and NS 1.1.2)

<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>		
Moderator	Rev Tony Goodluck	
Ex Moderator	Rev Thresi Mauboy	
Synod General Secretary	Rev Dr Adam McIntosh	
Moderator-Elect		
Northern Synod Representative on the Assembly Standing Committee		
Assembly President	Rev Sharon Hollis	
Assembly General Secretary	Rev Lindsay Cullen	
<b>PILGRIM PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN AUSTRALIA OFFICERS</b>		
Chairperson	Ps Lauren Merritt	
Convenor, Pastoral Relations & Placements Committee	Ps Benjamin Quilliam	
<b>NORTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGRESS OFFICERS (NRCC)</b>		
Chairperson	Mr Jamie Nyaningu	
Convenor, Ananguku Area Ministry Council	Ps Yanima Darrien Bryant	
Convenor, East Arnhem Land Area Ministry Council	Ps Matjarra Garrawurra	
Convenor, West Arnhem Land Area Ministry Council	Ps Jimmy Pascoe	
Convenor, West Kimberley Area Ministry Council	Ps Kirsty Burgu	
<b>FINANCE AND PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>		
Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of FAPS	Mr Matthew Kennon	

<b>THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS / CANDIDATES</b>		
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One nominated by NRCC		
One nominated by PPNA		
<b>MINISTERS IN DESIGNATED MINISTRIES</b> All ministers designated as in active service within the bounds of the Synod (Reg. 2.6.1(b)) excepting those covered in the categories above	<i>Please refer to separate listing</i>	
<b>LAY PERSONS</b> (a) one lay person from each PPNA congregation, appointed by the Church Council or by a process approved by the Synod Standing Committee, who will also represent the congregation to Pilgrim Presbytery	<i>Please refer to separate listing</i>	
(b) one lay person from each Remote Area Ministry Patrol	<i>Please refer to separate listing</i>	
(c) one lay person from each NRCC congregation appointed by the Church Council or by a process approved by the Synod Standing Committee	<i>Please refer to separate listing</i>	
<b>YOUNG PERSONS</b> One young person (18 – 30 years old) appointed by Synod or Standing Committee		
<b>CO-OPTED &amp; ADDITIONAL MEMBERS</b> a) up to two ministers appointed by the Standing Committee; b) up to two lay persons appointed by the Standing Committee; c) such additional members appointed by the Synod or Synod Standing Committee as necessary to ensure balanced representation of youth, lay and clergy.		



<b>MINISTERS IN DESIGNATED MINISTRIES</b>	All ministers designated as in active service within the bounds of the Synod (Reg. 2.6.1(b)) excepting those covered in the categories above [ex-officio; PPNA officers; NRCC officers; FAPS]	
Alice Springs	Rev Emily Hayes	
Aputula / Finke	Ps Jill Doolan	
Broome	(vacant)	
Casuarina	(vacant)	
Central Australian Remote Area Ministry	Ps Benjamin Quilliam	
Darwin Memorial	Rev Vicki Aitken Ps Lauren Merritt (Community Engagement)	
Darwin Ministry Support Worker	(vacant)	
Defence Force Chaplain	Rev Christine Senini (RAAF)	
Dhalinbuy	Ps Kevin Buwathay	
Dhipirri	Ps Peter Garrawurra	
Ernabella (Pukatja)	(vacant)	
Galiwin'ku	(vacant)	
Gapuwiyak	Rev Timothy Wanamayku	
Gangan	Ps Marrpalawuy Marika	
Jabiru Congregation & West Arnhem Area Ministry	Mr James Hughes (supply)	
Karama Indonesian	Guru Jamaat Frits Momuat	
Langarra/Gumurr-Rawarrang NRCC National Elder	Rev Ken Garrawurra	
Living Water	Ps Glenda Bortoli	
Maningrida	Ps David Mirrwana	
Milingimbi	Ps Robert Gaykamangu	
Minjilang	(vacant)	
Mowanjum	Ps Kirsty Burgu	
Nhulunbuy	(vacant)	
Nightcliff	Rev Felicity Amery	
NRCC Educator, Arnhem Land	Ps Yurranydjil Dhurrkay	
NRCC East Arnhem Support Worker	(vacant)	

<b>MINISTERS IN DESIGNATED MINISTRIES <i>continued...</i></b>		
NRCC Anangu Ministry Support Workers	Ps Ben Howland	
Nungalinya College, Lecturer	Rev Dr Michelle Cook	
Nungalinya College, Lecturer	Rev Dr Amos Leana	
Nungalinya College, Dean of Uniting Church students	Ps Doreen Leana	
Palmerston	Ps David Crawford	
Prison Chaplain - Derby (Co-ordinating Prison Chaplain)	Ps Gail Cresswell	
Ramingining	Pastor Matjarra Garrawurra	
St Philips College Chaplain	Ms Sarah Pollitt	
Tennant Creek & Tennant Barkly Remote Area Ministry	(vacant)	
Warruwi	Ps Richard Dhamarrandji	
Wingelina / Ikatha	Ps Yanima Darrien Bryant	
Yirrkala	(vacant)	

<b>LAY PERSONS</b>		
Alice Springs	Ms Melanie Churchill,	
Amata	Ms Muna Kulyuru Ms Sharon Roberts	
Aputula / Finke	Ms Marlene Boku	
Barrkira	Ms Dorothy Wanamula Gondarra	
Broome	Ms Bette Lake	
Casuarina	Mrs Drua Lotu	
Central Australian Remote Area Ministry	(vacant)	
Darwin Memorial	Mr John McLaren	
Darwin Ministry - NRCC	Rev Djawanydjawany Gondarra Mrs Elizabeth Gurimangu	
Derby Faith Community / Mowanjum	Mrs Mary Nankivell	
Dhalinbuy	(vacant)	
Dhipirri	Ms Melissa Yimayima	
<b>LAY PERSONS <i>continued....</i></b>		

Ernabella (Pukatja)	Ms Yanyi Bandicha Ms Katrina Tjitayi	
Fregon	Ms Angela George Ms Meredith Curley	
Galiwin'ku	Ms Jane Garrutju Mr Stephen Dhamarrandji	
Gapuwiyak	(vacant)	
Jabiru Congregation & West Arnhem Area Ministry	(vacant)	
Kalka	Ms Dolores Miller Ms Yangi Yangi Fox	
Karama Indonesian	Mr Ferdie Mauboy	
Langarra	Mr Harry Garrawurra Ms Roslyn Maypilama	
Living Water	Ms Liz Taylor	
Maningrida	Mr Leon Guymala	
Milingimbi	Ms Helen Milminydjärk	
Mimili	(vacant)	
Minjilang	Ms Serina Lee Ms Mandy Noinba	
Mowanjum	Ms Kelsena Burgu	
Nhulunbuy	Mrs Hazel Trudgen Mr Richard Trudgen	
Nightcliff	Mr Russell Williams	
Palmerston	Mrs Jan Crawford Mrs Sue Hornick	
Ramingining	Ms Sylvia Garrawurra	
Tennant Creek	Mr Ben Whippy Mr Michael Williams	
Tennant Barkly Remote Area Ministry	(vacant)	
Waruwi	Ms Nancy Ngalmindjalmag	
Wingelina / Ikatha	Ms Renae Fox	
Yirrkala	Ms Rhonda Yunupingu Ms Faye Mayalil Marika	

<b>Associated with the Synod</b>		
Rev Linda Hanson	General Secretary Delegate	
Rev Mark Kickett	National President, UAICC	
Dr Ben Van Gelderen	Principal, Nungalinga College	
Mr Lawson Broad	Chief Executive, Somerville Community Services	
Mr Ben Grimes	Chief Executive, ARDS	
Ms Sylvia Nulpinditj	Board Member, ARDS	
Mr Rob Floyd	National Director, Frontier Services	
Ms Wendy Hubbard	General Manager, ARCS	
Mr Peter Jones	Chairperson, Property Trust	
Mr Ross Coburn	Executive Officer, Northern Synod	
Mr Reg Gulley	Property Officer	
Mrs Margie Goodluck	Artist	
Ms Emily Evans	Convenor, Moderator-Elect Search Committee	

<b>Apologies</b>		
Rev Christine Senini	RAAF Defence Force Chaplain	
Mr Lawson Broad	Chief Executive Officer, Somerville Community Services	
Mr Ben Grimes	Chief Executive Officer, ARDS	
Ps David Mirrwana	Maningrida	
Ps David Crawford	Palmerston	
Ps Yurranydjil Dhurrkay	NRCC Educator, Arnhem Land	
Mr Stephen Dhamarrandji	Galiwin'ku	
Ms Nancy Ngalmindjalmag	Waruwi	
Rev Timothy Wanamayku	Gapuwiyak	
Ms Meredith Curley	Fregon	
Mrs Faye Mayalil Marika	Yirrkala	

<b>Staff &amp; Volunteers</b>		
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NRCC	Ms Sebasti Ward Ms Rosie Scott Mr James Hughes Ms Jemma Whittaker	
Synod	Mr Reg Gulley Mrs Judy Orme Mrs Heidi McKelvie Mrs Louise Macdonald	
IT & Admin assistance	Mr Ross Champion Mr Loui Mauboy Mrs Jemima Bishop	
Catering	Members of Casuarina congregation	

## APPENDIX 2 - Synod representation on other bodies

### 8.1 Nungalinga College Board

<b>NUNGALINYA COLLEGE BOARD</b>		NS By Law 5.1.1 and 5.1.1.1
In accordance with the College Constitution		
One corporate member	Moderator	Rev Tony Goodluck
Two director members (two-year term)	Appointed by Synod on the advice of NRCC.	Mr Robert Maliwalnawuy Gaykamangu (2021-2023) Ms Marlene Boku (2021-2023)

### 8.2 St Philips College Inc.

<b>ST PHILIPS COLLEGE ALICE SPRINGS BOARD</b>		NS By Law 5.1.2
In accordance with the College Constitution Appointed for 3 years		
The Synod shall appoint two members to the Board		Mr Peter Jones (2020-2025) Mr Lawson Broad (2022-2025)
The Synod shall appoint a Member to the St Philips College Property Trust		Mr Kevin Davis AM (2022-2025)

### 8.3 Somerville Foundation Limited

<b>SOMERVILLE FOUNDATION LIMITED</b>	NS By Law 5.1.3
In accordance with the Constitution of Somerville Foundation Limited Synod Standing Committee to appoint for three-year term.	Ms Talitha Francis <i>(appointed by Synod standing Committee December 2022)</i>

#### 8.4 Aboriginal Resource and Development Services (ARDS)

<b>ABORIGINAL RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>	NS By Law 5.1.5
The General Secretary or their nominee shall be the Corporate Member of ARDS.	

#### 8.5 UnitingCare Australia

<b>UNITINGCARE AUSTRALIA</b>	
Northern Synod representative to Board of UnitingCare Australia	Mr Lawson Broad (2022 – 2025)

#### 8.6 Committee for Counselling & Committee for Discipline

<b>COMMITTEE FOR COUNSELLING and COMMITTEE FOR DISCIPLINE</b>
Normally referred to the Synod of South Australia

#### 8.7 Sexual Misconduct Committee

<b>SEXUAL MISCONDUCT COMMITTEE</b>
<p>Convenor appointed by the Synod – delegated to South Australia</p> <p><i>Noting that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>the Convenor preferably be female</i></li> <li><i>the Convenor is appointed for three-year term</i></li> </ul>

## APPENDIX 3 - Synod Committees

9.1 STANDING COMMITTEE		
<b>Northern Synod By Law NS 1.2.1 and 1.2.2</b> <i>No fewer lay persons than clergy</i> <i>Only members of the Synod are eligible for membership of the Standing Committee</i>		<b>Regulation 3.7.4.1</b> <b>Constitution Clause 36</b> <i>No FEWER lay members than ministerial members.</i>
<b>Ex Officio</b>	Moderator Ex-Moderator Moderator-elect General Secretary  Chairperson, NRCC or nominee Chairperson, PPNA or nominee Chairperson, FAPS Committee	Rev Tony Goodluck Rev Thresi Mauboy Rev Dr Michelle Cook Rev Janet Staines  Rev Djawanydjawany Gondarra Ps Lauren Merritt  Mr Matthew Kennon (appointed 2022 for 3-year term)
Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia	2 persons at least one to be an ordinary (lay) person	Ps Benjamin Quilliam (2024-2027) Mr John McLaren (2024-2027)
Northern Regional Council of Congress	2 persons at least one to be an ordinary (lay) person	Ms Jane Garritju (2024-2027)
Northern Synod representative on Assembly Standing Committee	Elected by the Assembly for three-year term	Rev Felicity Amery (2024-2027) Ms Emily Evans (2024-2027)
Appointed by Synod – one (1) person in accordance with national guidelines	Elected by the Synod	Rev Felicity Amery (2024-2027)
Co-options NS 1.2.3 (One person)	Co-options appointed by the Standing Committee <i>(maintaining the balance of youth, lay and clergy)</i>	<i>Standing Committee to co-opt as necessary</i>

## 9.2 FINANCE AND PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

NS 3.1.1; NS3.1.2

*Members elected for a term of three years.*

Ex Officio	General Secretary	Rev Janet Staines
	Chief Operating Officer / Property Officer	Mr Reg Gulley
Chairperson	Elected by Synod	Mr Matthew Kennon (2022-2025)
Up to three (3) persons	Elected by the Synod	Mr Eric Neil (2022-2025) Mr Richard Trudgen (2024- 2027) Vacant
One (1) person co- opted by the Committee	Co-opted by the Committee	
Two (2) persons appointed by NRCC	Advised by NRCC	Rev Djawanydjawany Gondarra (2024-2027) Vacant
Two (2) persons appointed by PPNA	Advised by PPNA	Mr Peter Jones (2022 - 2025) Mr John McLaren (2022 – 2025)



9.3 PROPERTY TRUST		UCA Property Trust (N.T.) Act
NS 4.1.2 Five nominations, one of whom is elected by the Synod as the Chairperson of the Trust.		
Ex Officio	Moderator  General Secretary  Synod Property Officer	Rev Tony Goodluck  Rev Janet Staines  Mr Reg Gulley
Trustee	Chairperson	Mr Peter Jones (2022 – 2025)
Trustees – four persons	Elected by the Synod	Matthew Kennon (2022-2025) Mr Eric Neil (2022-2025) Mr John McLaren (2022-2025) Mr Richard Trudgen (2024-2027)

9.4 NORTHERN TERRITORY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES		
Appointed in accordance with NTCC Constitution		
Ex Officio	Moderator	Rev Tony Goodluck
Three to be elected by the Synod	<i>(current members: Rev Thresi Mauboy Rev Vicki Aitken Ms Emily Evans)</i>	Rev Thresi Mauboy Rev Vicki Aitken Ms Emily Evans

9.5 NORTHERN SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES TO ASSEMBLY 2024			
According to the Regs 3.3.8 (a) (iii) (1) Northern Synod has 10 reps to Assembly.			
1	Moderator	Rev Tony Goodluck	Ordained
2	General Secretary	Rev Janet Staines	Ordained
3	PPNA Minister	Rev Felicity Amery	Ordained
4	PPNA Lay Person	Ms Emily Evans	
5	NRCC	Mr Terence Gondarra	
6	NRCC	Mr Raymond (Benyi) Stuart	

7	Synod appointment	Rev Dr Michelle Cook	Ordained
8	Synod appointment	Ms Floriana Lamboa	Youthful member
9	Synod appointment	Ps Benj Quilliam	
10	Synod appointment	Ps Jill Doolan	

The four Synod nominations need to bear in mind a balance of gender, indigenous/ non-indigenous, age, ordained/ lay.

Ordained/ Lay shall be equal numbers – Regs 3.3.8 (a) (iii) (2)

### Confirmation of Minutes:

The 46<sup>th</sup> Synod Minutes were confirmed and signed by:

Moderator

Rev Tony Goodluck: 

General Secretary

Rev Janet Staines: 

Chairperson - PPNA

Pastor Lauren Merritt: 

Chairperson - NRCC

Rev Djawanydjawany Gondarra: 

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