



PRESBYTERY MEETING AGENDA

To remind us all of why we meet, here is an extract from the Basis of Union paragraph 15: *The Presbytery's 'function is to perform all the acts of oversight necessary to the life and mission of the Church in the area for which it is responsible, except for those agencies which are directly responsible to the Synod or Assembly. It will in particular exercise oversight over the congregations within its bounds, encouraging them to strengthen one another's faith, to bear one another's burdens, and exhorting them to fulfil their high calling in Christ Jesus. It will promote those wider aspects of the work of the Church committed to it by the Synod or Assembly.'*

And from paragraph 26 of the Constitution *'The Presbytery shall have such oversight as is necessary to the life and mission of the Church in the area committed to it; it shall stimulate and encourage the Congregations within the bounds, providing them with opportunities for counsel in the strengthening and assistance of one another and in their participation in wider aspects of the work of the Church . The Presbytery shall also have such further responsibilities as may be assigned to it by the Assembly or Synod and may do such other things as are consistent with the purposes of the Church, not being the exclusive responsibility of any other council or body within the Church.'*

All Reports will be uploaded to the Presbytery Website [HERE](#) (passcode protected)
Passcode: Faithful

BEFORE THE MEETING

- Take time to prayerfully prepare for the time we will be spending together.
- Remember our meeting is conducted using the Manual for Meetings.
- Please read all the reports and contact the author of the reports if you have any question.
- Any additions for General Business please email to Allison Kahler secretary@downspresbytery.org.au
- Let us know if you have any pastoral concerns or prayer points.
- **REMEMBER** your congregation will be invoiced for your meals by the Treasurer.

Yvonne McRostie on behalf of the secretary Ms Allison Kahler
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Friday 3rd November 2023 – St Stephen’s Uniting Church, 51 Neil St Toowoomba

Time	Session	Notes
6pm – 7pm	Light Supper and Fellowship	
7pm – 8:00pm	COMMISSIONING OF MRS JENNIFER FELDMEIERS - Ministry of Pastor, Bush Chaplain, Cunnamulla, Burke and Wills Remote Area	

Saturday 4th November 2023 – St Stephen’s Uniting Church, 51 Neil St, Toowoomba

Time	Session	Notes
8:15am – 8:30am	GATHER	
8:30am – 9am	WELCOME QUORUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS APOLOGIES PASTORAL CONCERNS MANUAL FOR MEETINGS APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE MEETING CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER APPROVAL RECEIVE THE REPORTS	<i>Adam Tipple</i>
9am – 10:30 am	SESSION 1 - BIBLE STUDY	
10:30am – 11am	MORNING TEA	
11am – 11:30am	DEVELOPMENT OF CPMP PROTOCOL	<i>Jenny Noble</i>
11:30am – 12pm	BIGGER PICTURE OF THE PRESBYTERY BUDGET	
12pm – 12:15pm	ST STEPHEN’S UC STORY	
12:15pm – 12:30pm	CAMBOOYA UC STORY	<i>Laurice Martin</i>
12:30pm – 1:15pm	LUNCH	
1:15pm – 2pm	GATHER IN ZONES FOR A CATCH UP WORSHIP Session 2	
2pm – 2:15pm	FIXED ORDER OF THE DAY – Presentation of Ordinand Mrs Annie Baker. (Including a written ballot)	<i>Pastoral Relations Committee</i>

2:15pm – 2:30pm	REPORTS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standing Committee 2. Finance Report 3. Property Report 4. MC3 Report 5. Presbytery Minister's Report 6. Bottle Tree RAM 7. CBW Remote Area 8. Pastoral Relations Committee Report 9. Period of Discernment 10. BlueCare 11. UnitingCare Connect 100 12. Scots PGC College Report 13. Downs and Toowoomba Churches Together 14. Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group 	<i>Adam Tipple Jenny Noble Rob Callow Marius Kruger Yvonne McRostie Dona Spencer Jennie Feldmeier Ansie Liebenberg Jenny Potter Peter Cole Sam McDonnell Doug Foster John Agnew John Agnew</i>
2:45pm – 3pm	HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN'S REPORT including a conversation about the recent decision of the Synod Standing Committee to no longer fund Public Hospital Chaplaincy from June 2024.	<i>Jenny Potter</i>
3pm – 3:15pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3:15pm – 3:30pm	SYNOD REPORT	<i>Kellie Broderick Kevin Griffith</i>
3:30pm – 3:45pm	37TH SYNOD REFLECTIONS - RENEWAL Faith for a New Season	<i>Members of 37th Synod</i>
3:45pm – 3:55pm	EASTER MADNESS 2024	<i>Lysani Pally</i>
3:55pm – 4:15pm	EXPONENTIAL CONFERENCE STORY	<i>Willie Liebenberg Sharon Baker</i>
4:15pm – 4:30pm	GENERAL BUSINESS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presbytery Meetings for 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd – 25th February 2024 – Allora UC • 14th – 16th June 2024 – Lifeworks UC • 1st – 3rd November 2024 – Warwick/Killarney 2. Financial Gift to MRP – Easter Madness 	
4:30pm – 4:45pm	MISSION MOMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WKUC Housing Opportunity 	<i>Ansie Liebenberg</i>
4:45pm - 5pm	NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING 23 rd – 25 th February 2024. THANK YOU CLOSE OF MEETING	

5pm – 5:45pm	SESSION 3 - Worship	
6pm – 8pm	DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP	

SUN 18th June 2023 – St Stephen’s Uniting Church, 51 Neil St Toowoomba

Time	Session	Notes
9am	WORSHIP	St Stephen’s UC

Reports and Supporting Documents

1. Draft Minutes of the Previous Meeting in June
2. Standing Committee Report– Ms Alison Kahler and Rev Adam Tipple
 - 2.1. Correspondence Report – Ms Allison Kahler
 - 2.2. Treasurer’s Report – Mrs Jenny Noble
 - 2.3. Property Report – Rev Rob Callow
 - 2.4. Mission Coordination Collaboration Committee (MC3) – Rev Marius Kruger
 - 2.5. Presbytery Minister Report – Rev Yvonne McRostie
 - 2.6. Bottle Tree Remote Area Ministry Report – Rev Dona Spencer
 - 2.7. Cunnamulla Burke and Wills Report – Ps Jennie Feldmeier
3. Pastoral Relations Committee – Rev Ansie Liebenberg
 - 3.1. Period of Discernment Report – Rev Jenny Potter
4. UnitingCare - Connect100 Report – Sam McDonnell
 - 4.1. Blue Care Chaplain – Ps Peter Cole
5. Hospital Chaplain’s Report – Rev Jenny Potter
6. SCOTS PGC College
7. Downs and Toowoomba Churches Together – John Agnew
8. Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group – John Agnew

Other helpful documents included on the Website:

- ◇ Manual for Meetings
- ◇ Code of Conduct for Lay Leaders
- ◇ Code of Ethics and Ministry Practice
- ◇ Constitution and Regulations 2019