



Pastoral Relations Report

Prayer Points:

- Chinchilla Uniting Church as they continue to worship and witness together
- St Stephen's as they prepare to welcome their new minister
- Dalby-Jandowae Joint Nominating Committee as they discern together
- CBW Remote Area Ministry JNC as they discern together

Membership

Members	August	October
Rev Ansie Liebenberg (Minister Chair)	√	√
Rev Yvonne McRostie (Minister Secretary)	√	Apology
Kerrie Andrews (Lay elected)		Apology
Warren Midgley (Lay elected)	√	√
Jenny Noble (Lay elected)	√	√
Rev Kate Fraser (Ministry co-opted)	Apology	Apology
David Prestridge (Lay co-opted)	√	√
Cliff Forrester (Lay Co-opted)	Apology	√
Susan Popple (Note taker)	Apology	Apology

The Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) also had a strategic planning day on 22nd Oct.

Meeting Dates set for 2022 are:

9th November (via Zoom)

Proposed Dates for 2023 are:

8th February (in person)
8th March (via Zoom)
10th May (in person)
14th June (via Zoom)
12th July (in person)
9th August (via Zoom)
13th September (in person)
11th October (via Zoom)
8th November (in person)

If you have any business for PRC please send it through to pm@downspresbytery.org.au one week before the meeting date.

The regulations require that this committee provide a report 'with due regard to the confidentiality of the information given to the Committee' (Reg 3.7.3(b)(iv)).

This committee continues to work within this agreed behavioral framework:

1. That we make decisions justly, with kindness and humility.
2. Remember that we are making decisions about people and we need to care for their humanity.
3. We talk about people as if they are in the room.
4. Be courageous enough to have difficult conversations.
5. Honest

Report

Congregation/Ministry Updates

- The Presbytery Minister has been communicating with the congregation in Chinchilla and will give a report to the November meeting.

Pastoral Matters

- Chinchilla Uniting Church congregation as they discern a way forward.
- Crows Nest District Uniting Church as they seek a new ministry agent.

Placements

- Rev Dylan Miegel begins his placement as Minister at St Stephen's Toowoomba Uniting Church on 01.01.23. His induction will be on 22.01.23 at 3pm at St Stephen's Toowoomba UC.

Ministry Supply

- Dalby-Jandowae Uniting Church is still be arranged

Joint Nominating Committees (JNC)

- Bottle Tree RAM - Report and recommendation from the Bottle Tree JNC to be presented at the meeting through the Standing Committee Report
- **Dalby Jandowae Uniting Church** – continues
- **Cunnamulla, Bourke and Wills RAM** – continues

Consultations/Ministry Reviews

At our recent Strategic Planning Day we particularly looked at our responsibility to undertake the Life and Witness Consultations. In 2023 it is our aim to focus those congregations identified by the Presbytery as vital congregations to the health of the whole Presbytery (Highfields, Middle Ridge, St Stephen's and Lifeworks). In light of that we will undertake Life and Witness consultations and celebrate and discern together possibilities of supporting wider missional opportunities. So at the February meeting we hope to present a report from Highfields Community Church in their local context. Our recommendation would be to follow this pattern and in the July Presbytery present St Stephen's Toowoomba UC report, November presbytery present Middle Ridge UC report and February 2024 Lifeworks UC report.

Synod Selection Panel

Naomi Bell application to candidate for Minister of the Word was successful and she will begin formation in Feb 2023. Naomi will give a short reflection to the November meeting.

Formation

Annie Baker continues formation and will give a short reflection to the November meeting

Safe Ministry with Children

As people are aware Annette is no longer able to offer support to Safe Ministry with Children. Pastoral Relations Committee and Standing Committee agreed for Susan to spend one day each week (Thursday) offering administrative support to ensure that all congregations are supported in completing their SMC requirements. Susan has emailed each congregation to make sure we have up to date information each congregation's SMC Co-ordinator if your congregation has not responded please email her.

edUCate is the Synod's education training platform (replacing Moodle and ULearn), while there has been a few hiccups, it seems to be working as it should now. The Presbytery office has access all our profiles and can support your congregation for any requirements you may have with training in edUCate. If you still need to access educate, or you require a login, or your information stored is incorrect, please do not hesitate to contact the Presbytery office.

Every year at the February Presbytery Meeting the Presbytery adopts the 'Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy' this is also a yearly obligation for each Church Council. Please remind your Church Council of this requirement.

Recommendations

1. That the report be received.

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