



MIDDLE RIDGE UNITING CHURCH
264 STENNER ST MIDDLE RIDGE

16th -18th June, 2023

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: Psalm137

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 16th June 2023 Middle Ridge 264 Stenner St, Middle Ridge

Time	Session	Notes
9:30 am – 12:30pm	CODE OF ETHICS AND MINISTRY PRACTICE REFRESHER <i>(Including Morning Tea)</i>	For Ministry Agents <i>Lead by Sue Crittall</i>
12:30pm – 1:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00pm – 3pm	SAFE CHURCH REFRESHER TRAINING – Jenny Noble <i>PLEASE COMPLETE MODULE 1 on EDUCATE before you come.</i>	For Ministry Agents <i>Lead by Jenny Noble</i>
3pm – 3:30pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3:30pm – 5:30pm	SAFE CHURCH REFRESHER TRAINING	For Lay Leaders and Volunteers <i>Lead by Jenny Noble</i>
5:30 pm – 6pm	REGISTRATION	
6pm – 7pm	DINNER and FELLOWSHIP	
7pm – 8:00pm	OPENING WORSHIP <i>'Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land'</i>	

SAT 17th June 2023

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 FEBRUARY MEETING ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER RECEIVE THE REPORTS	<i>Adam Tipple</i>
9am – 10:30 am	'Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land'	
10:30am – 11am	MORNING TEA <i>Including a special birthday celebrations</i>	
11am – 11:15am	UNITINGCARE - Prison Ministry	<i>Rev Wendy McHugh Jessie Saunders Linda Hansen</i>
11:15am – 11:30am	CUNNAMULLA BURKE AND WILLS REMOTE AREA <i>Joint Nominating Committee Report (Written Ballot Required)</i>	<i>Yvonne McRostie</i>
11:30am – 11:45am	NOMINATIONS FOR THE UCA 17 TH ASSEMBLY <i>Hosted by Synod of NSW and ACT (dates yet to be determined)</i>	

	<i>Each Presbytery in Australia elects 1 Lay and 1 Ordained member of the UCA. If you feel called to nominate for this role please complete the nomination form HERE</i>	
11:30am – 11:45am	FIXED ORDER OF THE DAY <i>Application for Synod Selection Panel – Ps Alisi Manu</i>	Ansie Liebenberg
11:45am – 12:45	COMBINED PRESBYTERY MISSION POOL (CPMP) <i>Continued conversation about the way the Presbytery determines the congregational contributions for the 2024/2025 FY</i>	Adam Tipple Jenny Noble
12:45pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH	
1:30pm – 2pm	CPMP <i>Conversation Continued</i>	Adam Tipple Jenny Noble
2pm – 2:45pm	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. Pastoral Relations Committee Report 8. Period of Discernment 9. BlueCare/Grief and Loss Report 10. Chaplaincy Report 11. Scots PGC College Report 12. Downs and Toowoomba Churches Together 13. Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group 	Adam Tipple Jenny Noble Rob Callow Marius Kruger Yvonne McRostie Dona Spencer Ansie Liebenberg Jenny Potter Sharon Baker Jenny Potter Doug Foster John Agnew John Agnew
2:45pm – 3:15pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3:15pm – 3:45pm	SYNOD REPORT	Moderator-Elect Rev Bruce Moore Doug Foster
3:45pm – 4pm	CONNECT 100 Report	Sam McDonnell
4pm – 4:15pm	GENERAL BUSINESS Proposal 1 – Extension to MDF Deadline Proposal 2 – Employment of a Presbytery Fundraiser	Rob Callow Rob Callow
4:15pm – 4:45pm	MISSION MOMENTS <i>Middle Ridge Story</i>	
4:45pm – 5:30pm	‘Singing the Lord’s song in a Strange Land’	
5:30pm - 5:45pm	NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING <i>St Stephens Uniting Church, 51 Neil Street, Toowoomba</i> THANK YOU CLOSE OF MEETING	
6pm – 8pm	DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP	

SUN 18th June 2023 – Middle Ridge Uniting Church, 264 Stenner St, Middle Ridge

Time	Session	Notes
9am	WORSHIP	<i>MRUC</i>

Reports and Supporting Documents

1. Draft Minutes of the Previous Meeting in February
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. CPMP Discussion Paper
 - 2.4. Property Report – Rev Rob Callow
 - 2.5. Mission Coordination Collaboration Committee (MC3) – Rev Marius Kruger
 - 2.6. Presbytery Minister Report – Rev Yvonne McRostie
 - 2.7. Bottle Tree Remote Area Ministry Report – Rev Dona Spencer
3. Pastoral Relations Committee – Rev Ansie Liebenberg
 - 3.1. Period of Discernment Report – Rev Jenny Potter
 - 3.2. Lay Preacher’s Report – Rev Yvonne McRostie
 - 3.3. Safe Church Report – Rev Rob Callow
4. Blue Care Chaplaincy Report – Mrs Sharon Baker
 - 4.1. Blue Care Grief and Loss Report – Marg Spinks
5. Hospital Chaplain’s Report – Rev Jenny Potter
6. SCOTS PGC College – Rev Doug Foster
7. Uniting Care/Connect 100 Report – Sam McConnell
8. Downs and Toowoomba Churches Together – John Agnew
9. 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