



Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

MINUTES

OF A SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE NINTH SYNOD

OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE

APPOINTMENT OF A GENERAL SECRETARY

Held in Melbourne

12 May 2012



Moderator: Ms Isabel Thomas Dobson

General Secretary: Rev Dr Peter Blackwood

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Held at Aitken College, 1010 Mickleham Road, Greenvale

12.1 SATURDAY 12 MAY 2012

12.1.1 WELCOME

Mrs Josie Crisara, Principal of Aitken College, welcomed members of the Synod. She acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, of elders past and present, on whose land we gathered, and spoke about aspects of Aitken College.

12.1.2 WORSHIP

The Moderator's Chaplains, Ms Sue Clarkson and Rev David Fotheringham led worship with readings, a hymn and prayers.

12.1.3 APPOINTMENTS

The Moderator spoke to a proposal.

A resolution was passed by consensus (12.2.1).

12.1.4 NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR GENERAL SECRETARY

The report of the Nominating Committee for General Secretary was presented by the Chair, Rev Sue Withers and Mr Dick Carter. Questions were taken from the floor.

The Moderator led the Synod in prayer. A ballot was conducted.

12.1.5 PRAYER AND SINGING

Ms Sue Clarkson presented a conversation and prayer exercise, and a hymn was sung.

12.1.6 BALLOT – DECLARATION OF GENERAL SECRETARY

The Returning Officer, Rev Dr Robert Johnson, announced that, as a result of the ballot, the Rev Dr Mark Lawrence had been appointed as General Secretary from 1 November 2012. A resolution was passed (12.2.2) by acclamation.

The Rev Dr Mark Lawrence addressed the Synod.

The Moderator led the Synod in prayer.

12.1.7 THANKS

Ms Joan McRae, Presbytery of North East Victoria, spoke to a proposal.

A resolution was passed by acclamation (12.2.3).

The Moderator thanked Aitken College and its staff for their hospitality.

12.1.8 WORSHIP

A hymn was sung and the Moderator spoke a blessing.

12.2 RESOLUTIONS

12.2.1 Appointments

The Synod resolved:

To appoint the following people for the 2012 Synod Meeting:

Returning Officer: Rev Dr Robert Johnson

Deputy Returning Officer: Mr Rod Mummery

12.2.2 Appointment of the General Secretary

The Synod resolved:

To appoint the Rev Dr Mark A Lawrence as General Secretary of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania for a five year term commencing 1 November 2012.

12.2.3 Thanks to the Nominating Committee of the General Secretary

The Synod resolved:

To thank and discharge the Nominating Committee for General Secretary.

