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Presbytery and Synod SA
Annual Meeting
15 - 17 November 2018

Dear Presbytery and Synod Members

The time is fast approaching when we will be gathering at Adelaide West Uniting Church to participate in worship, opportunities of fellowship, sharing and to consider items of business central to the life and witness of the Presbytery and Synod.

Logistics / Seating

This meeting sees a significant increase in the number or people who have submitted their "Intention to Attend". This 30 - 35% ITA increase necessitates changes to several aspects of presentation and logistics involved in staging the event.

The space available to accommodate this number of attendees is limited so the traditional style of seating at tables will not be possible**. Seating at this meeting will be "theatre" style.** The use of devices is recommended and adequate provisions for power will be provided.

Ordination Proposal

Among the proposals to be considered is:

That the Presbytery of South Australia:

RESOLVE to ORDAIN Elizabeth Dyson as a Deacon in the Uniting Church in Australia.

Proposers: **Rev Graham Vawser**
Rev Philip Gardner

Presbytery Rules (PR1.8.3.5) require that any objections to this proposal must be lodged no less than 7 days prior to the meeting at which the recommendation is to be received. Therefore, any objections will need to be lodged either via letter or email, as per the below details, by close of business on **Wednesday 7th November**.

These should be forwarded to:

Interim CEO / General Secretary
Rev Rob Brown
GPO Box 2145
Adelaide SA 5001
or email: gensec@sa.uca.org.au

Any objections will be reviewed according to the Presbytery Rules. If there are no objections, the proposal concerning this ordination will be formally put.

Official Opening – UCLT / Celebration of Ministry Service

On Friday 16 November commencing at 9.00am the official opening of the recently completed Uniting College for Leadership and Theology will be celebrated. Later that day at 4.45pm we will be participating in a “Celebration of Ministry” service.

Elections / Appointments

At this meeting we are facilitating a number of elections and appointments to various Presbytery and Synod Committees and Boards. These include Placements Committee, Standing Committee, Covenanting Committee and Parkin Mission Parkin Trust. Some nominations have been received. Members of Presbytery and Synod are encouraged to submit further nominations prior to the meeting using the forms which can be found at the link to the web page below.

Nominations will close at 4.15pm Friday 16 November. Ballots, if required, will be conducted on Saturday 17 November between 8.30 and 11.00 am.

Reports – Website / App

There are a number of papers and reports now available on the web page:
https://sa.uca.org.au/pres-synod-meetings/2018-presbytery-and-synod-meetings/15-17-november-2018-presbytery-and-synod-meeting/

There is also an app which provides a central database for attendees of the Presbytery and Synod meeting. It will contain information including: schedule/timeline for the meeting, reports and proposals, daily e-Updates, photographs, social media links and a news feed which allows for real-time updates of proceedings.

The app can be viewed on tablets and smartphones and can also be viewed offline or online for real-time news feed/updates.

In order to download the app on your smartphone or tablet we have created these simple instructions:

- Go to the App store on your smartphone or tablet and download the “Yapp” app
- Enter code http://my.yapp.us/Y7XMVT
- Ensure you agree to the push notifications by selecting ‘allow’ when the app prompts you with this question after you download the app
- Once the app has downloaded, navigate the different menus to locate the schedule, reports and papers.

Please contact either Chris Jaensch or myself if you have questions.

Regards

Malcolm Wilson
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