



Presbytery Rules

WPR 1.01 STANDING COMMITTEE

Updated 10/12/2019

Adopted by Standing Committee 04/02/2020

Amended 18/11/2020 (Refer WP20.120)

- WPR 1.01.01 The Membership of the Standing Committee shall consist of:
- a. Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer as ex officio members.
 - b. One (1) person appointed by the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) SA.
 - c. At least seven (7) and up to nine (9) other members elected by the Presbytery.

Of the elected members, ideally:

At least two (2) will be women and at least two (2) will be men.

- i. at least two (2) members will be from rural Congregations
 - ii. at least two (2) members will be from urban Congregations
 - iii. at least one (1) member will be a person under 35 years of age.
- d. Ministers and lay persons shall be elected, the lay members being not fewer in number than the ministerial members.
 - e. all members of the Standing Committee will be required to undertake an induction process as determined by the Presbytery.

Note:

All meetings of any Council of the Church are open meetings, which any person can attend as observers, and at which they can speak with the permission of that Council.

- WPR 1.01.02 The method of election shall be in the following manner:
- a. The Presbytery shall hold an election for the Standing Committee at its annual meeting.
 - b. The Standing Committee may appoint a Nominating Committee of up to three (3) people.
 - c. The Nominating Committee
 - i. shall receive expressions of interest from prospective nominees as well as suggestions of suitable prospective nominees from members of the Presbytery.
 - ii. may approach people they consider would be suitable members of the Standing Committee
 - iii. shall consult the people identified to determine their willingness to be nominated for membership of the Standing Committee
 - iv. shall assess the suitability of candidates according to agreed criteria
 - v. shall bring to a full meeting of the Presbytery the names and profiles of the nominee.
 - vi. Shall particularly seek nominations from people with skills in financial management, legal knowledge and the principles of good governance.



- d. That the following be the criteria to guide the Nominating Committee:
 - i. the requirements of the regulations and categories needed such as gender balance, lay and ordained, rural urban, and youth.
 - ii. the ability to effectively contribute to the deliberations and decision making of the Standing Committee.
 - iii. the collective membership reflect the perceived theological diversity within the Presbytery.
 - iv. the inclusion of people who could contribute significantly in leadership to the Uniting Church in the future.
- e. Members of the Presbytery may make additional nominations prior to the meeting where the election will take place.
- f. Elected members will be eligible for re-election for a maximum of two additional consecutive two year terms.

WPR 1.01.03 The Standing Committee may co-opt additional members as required to ensure that the appropriate expertise is available to adequately resource Standing Committee for matters to be considered.

Any co-opted member does not have voting rights.

WPR 1.01.04 The Standing Committee shall have the power to deal with matters of policy referred to it by the Presbytery provided the quorum shall be the number next above half the membership of the Committee.

WPR 1.01.05 The Standing Committee shall have the power to deal with matters of a policy nature not referred to it by the Presbytery provided that a quorum shall be the number nearest two-thirds of the members of the Committee.

WPR 1.01.06 The Standing Committee shall report all decisions to the subsequent meeting of the Presbytery.

The confirmed minutes of the Standing Committee shall be made available to any members of the Synod upon request.

Refer Standing Committee minutes of 18 November 2020:

Amending clause 1.01.01 c of Presbytery Rule WPR 1.01

WP20.120: it was resolved to amend the line "Of the elected members, ideally: At least two (2) will be women and at least two (2) will be men, the remainder being of *either* gender" in Presbytery Rule WPR 1.01.01 c to read "Of the elected members, ideally: At least two (2) will be women and at least two (2) will be men."