



## Presbytery Rules

### WPR 1.05 PRESBYTERY MEMBERSHIP

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- WPR 1.05.01 Presbytery membership shall be determined in accordance with Regulation 3.3.4
- In exercising its power to appoint, co-opt and invite as per below, all persons shall be confirmed members of the Uniting Church in Australia.
- These Rules presume that the Presbytery will pay particular attention to ensuring that members of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) congregations and members of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) are members of the Presbytery.
- WPR 1.05.02 Associate Presbytery membership shall be determined in accordance with Regulation 3.3.5.
- WPR 1.05.03 Election for Presbytery representatives on boards and committees of the Presbytery and of the wider church shall be by two thirds majority vote of those members present physically and electronically at a meeting of the Presbytery.
- WPR 1.05.04 In relation to the election of Lay Preachers under Regulation 3.3.4 (c) (ii)
- a. The Presbytery shall co-opt up to five (5) active Accredited Lay Preachers nominated by the Lay Preachers Committee.
- WPR 1.05.05 In exercising its power under Regulation 3.3.4 (f)
- a. The Presbytery shall co-opt the Treasurer.
  - b. The Presbytery shall advise each congregation that the congregation may nominate additional lay confirmed members who are under the age of thirty five (35) for co-option;
  - c. The Presbytery shall advise each Faith Community that they may designate a participant to attend meetings of the Presbytery as non-voting participants (Regulation 3.9.2 (d)).
- WPR 1.05.06 In exercising its power of co-options under Regulation 3.3.4 (f) and (g)
- a. The Presbytery shall co-opt those Candidates who have candidated for a specified ministry through Wimala Presbytery, provided they are neither
    - I. employed in a Ministry of Pastor role, nor
    - II. holding a leadership role in another Presbytery.



- WPR 1.05.07 In exercising its power of co-options under Regulation 3.3.4 (f)
- a. The Presbytery may co-opt Retired Ministers who are offering supply at 0.5 full time equivalent or higher.
  - b. The Presbytery may co-opt up to five (5) Retired Ministers nominated by the congregation of their membership.
  - c. If nominations exceed required numbers, Standing Committee shall decide those who will be co-opted.

WPR 1.05.08 The Presbytery shall invite the Moderator and the General Secretary to be associated with Wimala Presbytery as non-voting participants. \*\*

\*\* Refer Presbytery decision PA19.01 of 16 November 2019