

2019

Australia Mission Centre Conference

REACH OUT

7 - 10
June

CONFERENCE BOOKLET



Community of Christ

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Australia Mission Centre Conference

REACH OUT

7 - 10 June



Friday June 7 **Reach Out in Hospitality**

6.00pm Fellowship Gathering (in Chapel)
Wood Fired Pizza, Dry Bar
Coffee and Sweet Pizza
Open Mike

Saturday June 8 **Reach Out and Welcome**

9.00am Acknowledgement of the Land and Smoking Ceremony, lead by Uncle Wes Marne, Elder, Bigambul Nation followed by a Gathering Celebration

10.00am Morning Tea

10.30am Concurrent Workshops:
Spiritual Practices - *Charmaine Unger*
Sacredness of Creation - *Annie & Phil Falcke*
Bringing the Scriptures Alive - *Mark Euritt*
Kids Activities for Under 12's

12.00 noon Lunch

1.00pm Presentation and Updates - *Ben Smith & Julie Crittenden*
Afternoon Tea
Business Sessions - *AMC Leadership Team*

6.00pm Dinner

7.00pm Youth Activity

Sunday June 9 **Reach Out Beyond the Horizon**

10.00am Mission Worship - *Adam Wade speaking*

11.30am Morning Tea

12.00 noon Mission Stories - *Lisa Yen*

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Concurrent Workshops:
The Elevator Pitch - *Lisa Hoelzl*
Bringing the Scriptures Alive - *Mark Euritt*
Sacredness of Creation - *Annie & Phil Falcke*
Kids Activities for Under 12's

3.00pm Afternoon Tea

3.15pm Concurrent Workshops:
The Elevator Pitch - *Lisa Hoelzl*
Bringing the Scriptures Alive - *Mark Euritt*
Kids Activities for Under 12's

4.30pm Twilight Communion (in chapel) - *Ben Smith speaking*

6.00pm Own Arrangements for Dinner

Monday June 10 **Reach Out in Community**

MONDAY FUNDAY

10.00am - 1.00pm at Meadowbank Park Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space

10.30am Games

11.00am Cream Buns

12.00 noon BYO Picnic Lunch and rug/ chair

All meals in the chapel.
Concurrent workshops are repeated at different time slots to allow people to attend what they like



SESSION AND WORKSHOP INFORMATION

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES WORKSHOP – CHARMAINE UNGER

Come and have a taste test of a variety of different spiritual practices. Maybe there is another way of engaging with the spirit you would like to experiment with. We'll use our senses, take time to be and share ways the divine touches you.

LIVING OUT THE STRATEGIC PLAN – BEN SMITH

Growth, change, movement...all words that excite some people and make others worried. The good news is overflowing around the nation, and in this session, we'll explore what has been happening around Australia as a result of our Strategic Plan.

WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE? WORKSHOP: THE ELEVATOR PITCH - LISA HOELZL

Have you ever felt caught out trying to respond to a question like 'Community of Christ? Who are they? I've never heard of them. This workshop is all about equipping each and every one of us with a message about the church that we can share within 30 seconds the next time someone asks us who we are. In business terms it's called the 'elevator pitch'.

BRINGING THE SCRIPTURES ALIVE - MARK EURITT

Many conflicts over the centuries, and even around the world today, have been started due to inappropriate interpretation of sacred texts. Authentic biblical exploration is thus an important and crucial part our our faith journey as a people. Come along and explore in more depth the background, cultural meaning, and nuances of some popular biblical texts as we spend time delving deeper into the many facets of the Christian sacred text that guides our faith and discipleship.

SACREDNESS OF CREATION – ANNIE & PHIL FALCKE

Explore the evolution of environmental philosophy within the Christian movement, and within the Community of Christ, and how an adjustment in perspective may open opportunities for growth and connection. Phill Falcke is an ecologist and natural resource manager from Albury NSW. Annie Falcke is a Naturopath, wholefoods nutritionist and arts writer also based in Albury NSW. They share two children and a love of the natural world and ethical living.

FAQs

BUSINESS SESSION

We will conduct pre-legislative and business sessions on Saturday. At the legislative session, everyone is invited to participate. Note: Only delegates can vote in the legislative session but all are welcome to attend.

OFFERINGS

The offering received during the Saturday business meeting will help defray the cost of the Mission Centre Conference. Offerings can be received as cash, cheque or online donations can be made at Conference using the website donation page <http://www.cofchrist.com.au/give/>

There will also be an offering during the Twilight Communion on Sunday which will be directed to oblation aid. In addition, Julie Crittenden will be pleased to receive offerings directly, outside of this time.

FUNDRAISING

Fellowship Gathering - Friday, 6pm

The Community Plus+ Youth and Young Adults will be working as waitstaff at this gathering, putting in some hard work for your delight, in return, your appreciation can be shown by leaving some coins in their tip jars - All funds raised will go towards CPLUS camp in October 2020.

'Holy grounds' café - Saturday and Sunday

Community Plus+ will be opening up the café, before things kick off in the morning and in the conference breaks, serving coffees and hot chocolates to warm you up.

Hot Choccies \$3 and Coffees \$4 - All funds raised will go towards CPLUS camp in October 2020.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

Administrative officers are asked to advise the Credentials Secretary, Emma Espinosa, of any changes to their delegates before 9:00am on Saturday 8th of June. Ex officio officers of the conference must register in writing to the Credentials Secretary at the earliest possible time and no later than 9am on Saturday 8th of June.

REGISTRATION

You can register online: <http://bit.ly/MissionConference2019>

ENQUIRIES

Conference Director: *Wendy Ballard*

Workshops: *Kass Unger, Wendy Ballard*

Youth Activities: *Alicia Turner*

CommunityPlus+ Fundraising: *Alicia Turner*

Business Meeting support: *Emma Espinosa*

2019 AUSTRALIA MISSION CENTRE BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Greetings and Acknowledgement of Country
2. Announcements
3. Review Parliamentary Guidelines
4. Selection of the Chair

ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

5. Selection of Conference Secretary
6. C-1 Credential Report

CONFERENCE ORGANISED AND READY FOR BUSINESS

7. Minutes of the 2017 Mission Conference

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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CLOSING PROCEDURES

37. Announcements
38. Motion to adjourn



PARLIAMENTARY GUIDELINES

The principle of common consent requires that each delegate of the Mission Centre Conference have a fair and efficient opportunity to speak.

OBTAINING THE FLOOR

If you wish to take any parliamentary action, or speak on any matter, follow this procedure: Stand, get attention of Chair (ie "Mr. Chairman"); when recognised, give your name and where you are representing. This helps the secretary keep an accurate record of the proceedings.

DEBATE AND MOTIONS

Moving a Motion: After you have proposed a motion, the Chair will call for a second. The name of the seconder will not be made a matter of record. After a second has been acknowledged, you will be recognised to speak to your motion if it is debatable.

Time Limits on Debate: The mover will be given three (3) minutes to speak to the motion. Each subsequent speaker will be allowed two (2) minutes.

Amendments: Motions to amend will be better understood if a written copy is given to the secretary of the Conference. However, the fact that the secretary has a copy of your amendment does not mean that you will automatically be recognised. It is your responsibility to obtain the floor as described above.

Rule of Alternates: If some persons wish to speak for and some against a motion, the Chair may alternate between those wishing to speak "for" and those wishing to speak "against" the motion.

Closing Debate: At any time during debates someone may move the previous question. Debate may be closed only by motion and a two-thirds affirmative vote unless there are no persons wishing opportunity to speak or unless it appears to the Chair that further debates would be repetitive. The presiding officer will

PARLIAMENTARY QUICK REFERENCE

- A main motion must be moved, seconded, and stated by the Chair before it can be discussed.
- If you approve the motion as it is, vote for it.
- If you disapprove the motion, in toto, vote against it.
- If you disapprove the idea of the motion but want to change it, move to amend it by adding, deleting, or substituting.
- If the pending matter should be set aside temporarily because something more urgent has come up, move that it be laid on the table.
- If you want time to think the motion over, move the consideration be postponed to a certain time.
- If you think that further discussion is unnecessary, move the previous question.
- If you do not agree with a decision rendered by the Chair, appeal the decision to the assembly.
- If you think that a matter introduced is not pertinent to the matter at hand, a question of order may be raised.
- If you think that speakers are consuming too much time, you can move a time limit on such speeches.
- If a motion has several parts and you wish to vote differently on these parts, move to divide the motion.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE 2019 AUSTRALIA MISSION CENTRE CONFERENCE

A. ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

A-1 Sustain the Australia Mission Centre President

Resolved, That Ben Smith is sustained as the Australia Mission Centre President.

A-1a Sustain Counsellors to the Mission Centre President

Resolved, That Adam Wade and Lisa Yen are sustained as counsellors to the Mission Centre President.

A-2 Sustain the Australia Mission Centre Financial Officer

Resolved, That Julie Crittenden is sustained as the Australia Mission Centre Financial Officer.

A-2a Sustain Counsellors to the Mission Centre Financial Officer

Resolved, That Malcolm Stephenson, Rick Sarre and Linda Hazell be sustained as counsellors to the Mission Centre Financial Officer (with Malcolm Stephenson and Rick Sarre serving as Directors of Community of Christ Ltd by virtue of their role as a counsellor).

A-3 Sustain Australia Mission Centre Field Ministers (Congregational Support Ministers)

Resolved, That Wendy Ballard, Robert Thompson, Cassandra Unger, Alicia Turner are sustained in their roles as Australia Mission Centre funded field ministers.

A-4 Sustain Mission Centre Historian

Resolved, That Margaret Morris be sustained as the Historian and Archivist for the Australia Mission Centre.

A-5 Sustain Centre Recorder

Resolved, That Helen Taylor be sustained as the Recorder for the Australia Mission Centre.

B. COMMITTEE, BOARDS AND COUNCILS

B-1 Saints Care Ltd. Election to the Board

Whereas in 2017 the Mission Centre Conference elected five Directors, three of whom are serving until 2021 and two until 2019, and

Whereas, the Saints Care Board was tasked with applying these terms to selected individuals at a later date, and

Whereas, the Saints Care Board selected Alisha Raju, Jenny Meurant and Adrian O'Dea to serve on the Board as Directors until 2021, and

Whereas, in October 2018 Russell Jacka resigned as Ordinary Director from the Board, and

Whereas, in October 2018 Malcolm Stephenson retired from the Board as an Office Bearing Director, and

Whereas, Ken Robinson will retire as Ordinary Director from the Board at the 2019 Mission Centre Conference, and

Whereas, Jenny Robinson was elected for a term expiring in 2019, and has been nominated for re-election, and

Whereas, the call for nominations for open positions on the Board resulted in no nominations being received prior to the deadline of three months prior to Mission Centre Conference, leaving two positions on the Board open, and

Whereas, the Saints Care Board have received notice of two nominations from Rick Collins and Andrea Putting after the closing date, and

Whereas, if there be no objection from the conference, the Saints Care Board would consider their nominations acceptable, and

Whereas, the Board has given recent consideration to membership terms that best serve its purposes, therefore be it

Resolved, That the 2019 Mission Centre Conference elect Jenny Robinson, Rick Collins and Andrea Putting as Ordinary Directors to a term of four years, to expire in June 2023.

Submitted by the Mission Centre Presidency in conversation with the Saints Care Ltd. Board of Directors

B-2 Sustain and elect Mission Centre Council Members

Resolved, That the following individuals be sustained to a two-year appointment to the Mission

Centre Council (up to 4):

Adam Wade

Lisa Yen

Malcolm Stephenson

Rick Sarre

And be it further **Resolved**, That the following individuals be elected to a two-year appointment to the Mission Centre Council (up to 6):

Linda Hazell

Merrilyn Gartside

Ross Boreham

Sheralee Francis

Adrian O'Dea

B-3 Sustain Tiona Management Committee Members

Resolved, That the following individuals be sustained to a 2 year appointment to the Tiona

Management Committee:

Allan Walshe

David Henricks

Fran Breen

Ken Archer

B-4 Sustain Australia Investment Committee Members

Resolved, That the following individuals be sustained to a 2 year appointment to the Australian Investment Committee:

David Hutchinson

Malcolm Stephenson

Russell Wade

B-5 S Elect Australian Earth Stewardship Team Members

Resolved, That the following names be placed in nomination for a two-year term as a member of the Australian Earth Stewardship Team:

Corey Moore

Deanna Scott

Don Semmens

Emma Ghazarian

Lindsay Hyde

Phill Falcke

Tim Prescott

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ELECTED OR ARE EX OFFICIO DELEGATES FOR THE 2019 MISSION CENTRE CONFERENCE

C. CONFERENCE ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURES

C-1 Credentials Report:

(The final report will be assembled after Conference and a copy maintained at the Mission Centre office as part of the Conference minutes.)

ADELAIDE

BENDIGO

BRISBANE

Olive Munns
Jan Thompson

CENTRAL COAST

Heather Gillard
Joan Harley
Kerrie Heslop
Wayne Heslop
Wayne Hutchinson
June Mitchell

DRUMMOYNE

Julian Archer
Anne Bonnefin
Mimi Brunsdon
Eliza Brunsdon
Arlo Burke
Aleesa-Anne Coglan
Madison Cotton
Graham McAleer
Nicole Cotton
Fiona Daw
Lisa Godwin
Joanne Godwin-Viglione
Patricia Harrison
Barbara Haworth
Ray Haworth
Jan Haworth
Jane Henricks
Matthew Henricks
Val Imrie
Alan Law
Brenton Law
Pam Law
Marshall Leaver
Mark Lillico Thompson
Madeline Mee
Warren Simmons
Sharon Tranter
Suzanne Tranter
Janine Wood

FERNTREE GULLY

FRANKSTON

GREEN CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES
Frances Breen

Barry Ballard
Alice Granleese
Tom Granleese
Judith Jackson

GUILDFORD

Lyn Davis
Peter Davis
Betty Gillard
Bill Gillard
Lesley Prangell
Bruce Wooderson
Rhonda Wooderson

HUGHESDALE

JOHNS RIVER

Ralph Ferrett
Beryl Ferrett
Leanne Johnson
Pat Legge
Fran Pearce
Carol Potts
Gilbert Potts

KINGSGROVE

Judy Burdekin
Ray Burdekin
Judith Ryan
Eric Selden
Gwen Selden

NEWCASTLE

PERTH

PORT MACQUARIE

John Rawson
Janine Stockham

TAREE

Helen Taylor
Allan Walshe
Ralph Godwin

THE OPEN DOOR

TUNCURRY

Jill Smith

WEST PENNANT HILLS

Roy Burdekin
Brodey Collins

Emily Judd
Courtney Meurant
Jenny Meurant
Val Morley
Nicole Sanders
Myra Stack
Robert Stack
June Stephenson
Charmaine Unger
Clinton Unger
Norma Unger
Sam Wallis

WINGHAM

Kay Lygoe
Kristine Waugh
Gaye Leggett

AUST MISSION CENTRE GENERAL

AUST MISSION CENTRE NON RES

EX OFFICIO

Wendy Ballard
Candice Care-Unger
Julie Crittenden
Emma Espinosa
Annette Francis
Richard Gillard
Linda Hazell
David Henricks
Lindsay Hyde
William Johnson
Peter Lonsdale
Margaret Morris
Adrian O'Dea
Gary Prangell
Jan Pratt
Tim Prescott
Robyn Rankin
Ben Smith
John Taylor
Robert Thompson
Alicia Turner
Kass Unger
Russell Wade
Adam Wade
Ruth Walshe
Lisa Yen

D. FINANCES: SEE FINANCIAL AND ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLETS (DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY)

D-1 Australia Mission Centre Financial Officer Report (to be distributed separately)

D-2 Community of Christ Ltd. 2016/17 & 2017/18 Annual Reports

Resolved, That the Mission conference receive the 2016/17 and 2017/18 Annual Reports for Community of Christ Ltd.

D-3 Community of Christ Ltd. Auditors Report

Resolved, That the Mission conference approves the independent auditors report of Community of Christ Ltd. for 2018.

D-4 Australia Mission Centre Budget for 2019/20 and 2020/21

Resolved, D4: Australia Mission Centre Budget

Whereas, the World Church has recognised that establishing budgets many months or years in advance often requires interim management budgets to be generated to ensure wise use of current and future income received, and

Whereas, the World Church has opted to seek World Conference approval to set maximum spending limits only, while delegating to administrators the task of reviewing future detailed budgets, and

Whereas, the Mission Centre leadership has significantly changed the structure of the budget to 30 June 2020, the processes behind it, and made late changes to staffing structures, and

Whereas, budget projections that cover fiscal year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 and fiscal year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 will be circulated for consideration at the 2019 Mission Centre Conference, and

Whereas, these projections shall be based on the best estimate of potential church income and expenses, but they shall not bind the Community of Christ Ltd Board of Directors and Mission Centre Council in developing and approving Australia Mission Centre annual budgets should circumstances change or income vary.

Resolved, That the 2019 Mission Centre Conference approve the budget for fiscal year 2020 and budget projection for fiscal year 2021,

and be it further **Resolved,** That Community of Christ Ltd Board of Directors, in consultation with the Mission Centre Council, by June 12, 2020 approve a detailed budget for fiscal year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, publishing that budget to the wider church as soon as possible thereafter.

Submitted by the Mission Centre Financial Officer.

D-5 Saints Care Ltd. 2016/17 & 2017/18 Annual Reports

Resolved, That the Mission conference receive the 2016/17 and 2017/18 Annual Reports for Saints Care Ltd.

D-6 Saints Care Ltd. Auditors Report

Resolved, That the Mission conference approves the independent auditors report of Saints Care Ltd. for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

D-7 Saints Care Ltd. Budget for 2019/20 and 2020/21

Resolved, That the Mission conference receive the 2019/20 and 2020/20 budgets for Saints Care Ltd.

F. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

F-1 Report of the Australia Investment Committee

Report on the Australia Investment Committee

The activities of the Australia Investment Committee are on behalf of the Community of Christ in Australia. The committee's work is governed by strict internally developed policies and procedures developed in harmony with best fiduciary/trustee practice. Our guiding documents include a Code of Conduct, Charter and Investment Policy Statement which are revisited at least annually by both the Committee and our church corporations. Currently, the committee operates with a risk profile that seeks to safely generate a return at CPI plus 4% net of fees on a rolling 5 year basis. In the prevailing investment market in the conference period ahead that may be difficult to achieve. This is due to the fact that we are relatively late in the investment cycle where valuations are relatively high, meaning that expected future returns are likely to be relatively lower than historical averages. This said, we are taking a disciplined investment approach that we expect to deliver better than market returns but with lower risk.

Statement of Purpose

The Australia Investment Committee ("AIC") is charged by Community of Christ Ltd. Board of Directors in conjunction with Community of Christ Mission Centre Conference with the responsibility of advising the Board, the SaintsCare Ltd. Board, church trustees and other fiduciaries on the church's investment management program.

Scope of activity

The AIC's role is to assist church trustees in overseeing the investment activities of the church.

Arenas of activity included:

- Investment policies
- Asset allocation strategies
- Portfolio construction asset selection
- Administration and reporting
- Appoint / terminate investment advisors and asset managers
- Selection of performance benchmarks
- Governance, risk and compliance

Stability of our Investment Pool

Significant research is undertaken by our independent investment advisors before any recommendation comes to the committee. At that point, the committee undertakes its due diligence on the research received before any agreement to purchase that item. Factors that influence our decisions include asset type and category, past and projected performance, term restrictions, liquidity issues etc..

The factors that are evaluated within Strategic Asset Allocation selections includes the following :

ASSETS ALLOCATION PARAMETERS				
	TAA FLOOR	SAA TARGET	TAA CEILING	Recommended Benchmarks
Equities - Australian	15%	20%	50%	An appropriate benchmark should be attributable to each underlying investment within the portfolio that best suits the strategy of that investment
Equities - International	15%	18%	40%	
Property - Australian	10%	12%	30%	
Growth Alternative	10%	20%	25%	
TOTAL GROWTH ASSETS	40%	70%	75%	Collectively, the relevant benchmark for the portfolio as a whole is CPI + 4%
Fixed Income	10%	25%	50%	Relevant Blooming
Cash	5%	5%	50%	Cash & Term Deposit Guidelines
TOTAL DEFENSIVE ASSETS	15%	30%	100%	

Note 1: The SAA target is a long-term target with variance allowed either side, but within the TAA floor and ceiling limits. The actual asset class weightings are not to exceed TAA limits by >5% without written approval from the AIC with rectification of any breach completed within 10 working days.

Composition of our Investment Pool (see charts on page 16)

Community of Christ Ltd., Saints Care Ltd., and Australia Mission Centre Endowment Fund are each stakeholders of our investment pool. Community of Christ Ltd holds in trust Kallara's, many congregations, and some individual funds at approximately \$2.7m within the investment pool.

The chart that follows on the next page shows the proportions and the amounts, as at the end of our financial years - 30th June 2017 & 30th June 2018.

The income generated by our investment activity is distributed to the stakeholders in accordance with their holding. The value of the investment pool constantly varies. The timing of drawdowns for our operational budget, distributions [income] from investments received at varying times, and the daily variable valuation of our 'managed funds', all impact the value of the investment pool on any one day. For the purposes of our accounts we must use the official valuation of our assets on the actual end of financial year date.

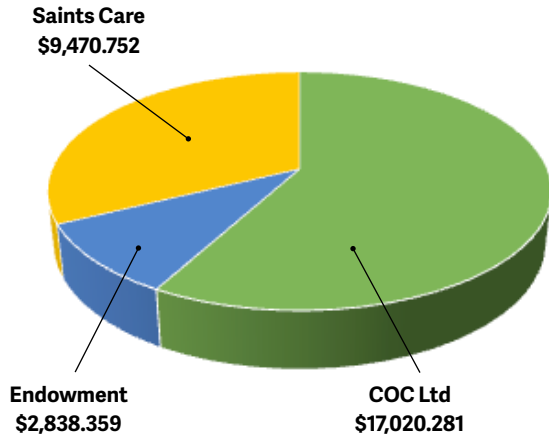
Composition of the Committee

Current committee members are Malcolm Stephenson [chair pro-tem], David Hutchinson, Russell Wade, and ex-offici Ben Smith [Mission Centre President] and Julie Crittenden [Mission Centre Financial Officer]. The mandated Saints Care Ltd. representative has yet to be appointed. The committee is very interested in discussing further appointments with interested persons who hold appropriate financial and / or legal experience.

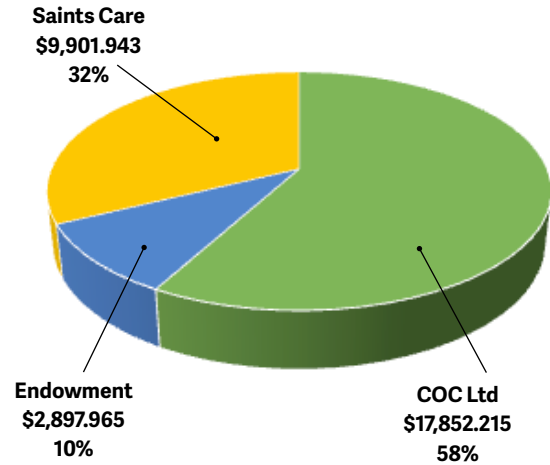
Malcolm Stephenson, on behalf of the Australia Investment Committee

INVESTMENT POOL PROPORTIONS AND VALUE

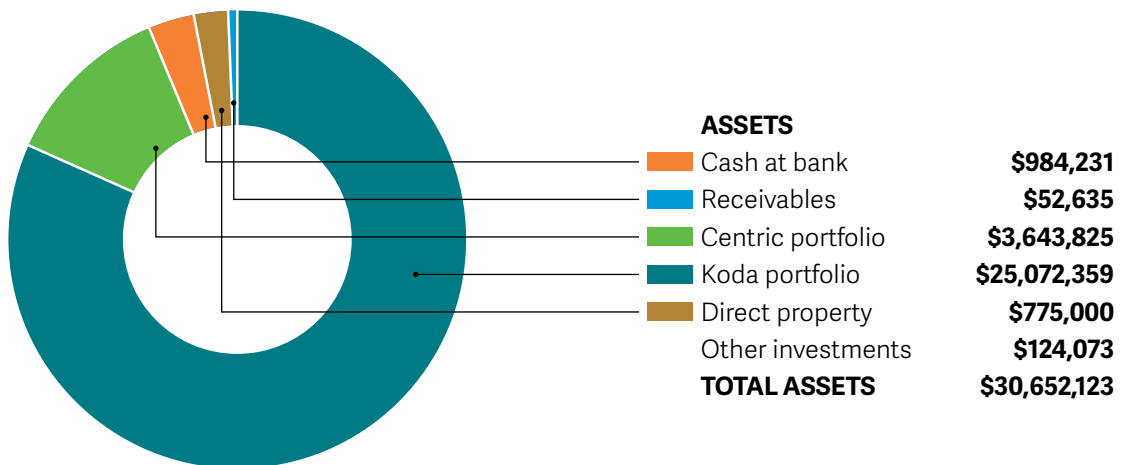
INVESTMENT POOL June 2017



INVESTMENT POOL June 2018



INVESTMENT POOL ASSETS - 30th June 2018



F-2 Report of the Australian Earth Stewardship Team

The church is called in Doctrine and Covenants 165:1d and 163:4c to “Pursue Peace on and for the Earth and to “...bring fresh vision to bear on the perplexing problems of ...environmental deterioration”. The team promotes human accountability and responsible behaviour toward the earth and its resources in individual, church and community life through the awareness of the nine enduring principles and implementation of the Aspects and Objectives of AMC Strategic Plan.

Team Members:- Chair - Lindsay Hyde (Frankston VIC), Treasurer/Minutes Secretary – Tim Prescott (Tuncurry NSW), Don Semmens (Bendigo VIC), Deanna Scott (Brisbane QLD). Ex-Officio – Australia Mission Centre Financial Officer - Julie Crittenden is represented by Linda Hazell (Johns River/Port Macquarie/Laurieton NSW). In 2019 AEST has made plans to welcome three new members, Phillip Falcke (Albury NSW), Corey Moore (Community Plus/Toowoomba QLD) and Emma Ghazarian (Frankston VIC).

Mission Statement: - The Australian Earth Stewardship Team (AEST) will promote World Church Earth Stewardship (ES) Principles and embrace as its mission the encouragement and support of congregations in embodying ES principles. We will do this through aiding congregations to have active ES teams and, where there is sufficient support, to identify potential Australian environmental projects within their communities and geographic locations. We will work towards all church properties and activities in congregational locations reflecting leading practice ES principles.

Team meetings and communication: - The team communicates by scheduled teleconference meetings, emails, face-to-face meetings in various locations, National Gatherings, Reunions and AMC Conferences. The team submits articles for publication in the Australia Herald, develops power-point presentations and materials for displays at gatherings. Information about AEST is available on the Australia Mission website and Facebook.

AEST activities:- Individual team members visit congregations, WoW weekends and camps to present worship services, scriptural interpretations, discussion sessions, heritage talks and ideas to promote earth stewardship principles in an authentic Australian setting. In May 2018 Lindsay, Deanna and Tim participated in the Inspiracy Ecotheology Festival at Adamstown Uniting Church in Newcastle with speakers from various faith traditions and cultures addressing sacred earth issues.

As volunteers, team members participate in environmental workshops, lectures and hands-on activities conducted by local councils, land-care groups and social justice networks, including Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, a multi-faith network taking action on climate change.

Earth Stewardship in action in congregations:- “Green” projects include community gardens at Bendigo Congregation and Ferntree Gully Congregation, landscaping and a proposed labyrinth at Brisbane Congregation, Clean Up Australia Day activities, recycling initiatives and installation of energy saving solar panels at various church properties. Volunteer work by individuals and congregations to maintain and care for buildings, grounds and equipment is valued and contributes to creating caring communities and cared for environments. If any congregation wishes to share happenings in its local area please contact any member of AEST.

Conference Centres and Campgrounds:- AEST commends the work of management committees and volunteer workers for care of the natural environment and improvements to facilities at Kallara Conference Centre and Tiona Tourist Park. Implementation of the weed management plan and the environmental impact to the littoral rainforest at Tiona continues to be a concern.

AEST at World Conference in April 2019:- Tim set-up an information booth at the Village Expo and distributed stickers focusing on earth stewardship principles. AEST is the only national earth stewardship team within the church globally and World Conference is a great opportunity to share ideas. Tim arranged meetings with Apostle Lachlan McKay and Barbara Walden, Executive Director of Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation, to discuss recognition of sites of heritage significance in Australia and Jim Hanna, Community Garden Coordinator, at Stone Church in Independence. Following World Conference, Tim participated in international cultural events at Graceland University in Lamoni with an AEST display for students, met with Jen Abraham-White, Graceland University Sustainability Coordinator, about new courses in sustainability and environmental issues and campus resource management and had discussions with Dee White Eye, Graceland University Professional Counsellor, about First Nations Peoples and earth stewardship.

AEST vision for the future:- An AEST activity at Bendigo Congregation is proposed for late 2019. Some of the team are proposing to attend the fifth Common Dreams International Conference on the Creation Spirituality theme "Sacred Earth, Original Blessing, Our Common Home" to be held at Newington College at Stanmore, Sydney, on 11-14 July 2019.

AEST continues to engage with the Australia Mission Centre and congregations with a view to implementing good practice earth stewardship principles and sustainable environmental projects in church facilities and activities in Australia. We are all stewards of this planet..... What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us?

Let's continue to work together and "Reach Out".

Anyone interested in joining the team may contact Lindsay Hyde or any team member.

Tim Prescott, on behalf of the Australian Earth Stewardship Team

F-3 Report of the Kallara Conference Centre

This report covers the period 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018.

This year has been one of consolidation at Kallara.

Minor works have been completed to keep the Conference Centre in optimal operating condition.

Thanks again to the work and efforts of Max Kubeil, Leo Kubeil and Doug Morgan, together with Russell Wade, the following works have been actioned and/or completed.

- Replacement of all original Ablutions Block hot water units (parts no longer available).
- Solar Panel System now operational and reducing costs/carbon footprint.
- Benching of the area for the new Children's Playground completed.
- Children's Playground equipment supply and installation placed (due for installation mid August).
- Trimming of high level tree branches around the property.
- Clearing up around the rear slopes continued.
- 40 new additional chairs purchased for the Upper Room

These works have contributed to the operational efficiency, user friendliness and personal safety around Kallara.

We are grateful for the support of many people to assist in carrying out these tasks, such Judd Kubeil. Graeme and Helen Gidney have also been wonderful contributors to the maintenance of the facilities at Kallara for which we thank them. Thanks also must go to Rosalie Wrest and Maurice Frater who have provided opening and closing services for our guest clients.

There are also many others who have contributed in their unique way and we thank them for their assistance. These efforts by individuals continue to ensure that Kallara remains a viable and sustainable facility.

In addition to the above, we note that Kallara continues to be well utilized by both our own membership, together with numerous external users. This ensures a myriad of different programmes operate throughout the year, which is a testament to the "spirit" that is present at Kallara which is impacting on lives.

An analysis of the accounts will confirm that income remains strong, expenses for maintenance are at appropriate levels to ensure the continued reliability of the facility, and financial surpluses on a yearly basis are being achieved. On these measures, Kallara is functioning well as a support facility for the Community of Christ. In that regard, Kallara is available and capable of providing more and more for subsidizing the Community of Christ outreach as may be determined by the membership from time to time. This is an important aspect of the vision for Kallara that is being achieved.

With respect to the Kallara Committee of Management, we look forward with anticipation and excitement to the opportunity of continuing to maintain Kallara both physically and financially for the benefit of the membership.

We appreciate your trust and desire to be challenged by the ways the membership seek to utilize Kallara for the work of Christ's ministry in this part of the world.

Ross Boreham, on behalf of the Kallara Committee of Management

F-4 Report of the Tiona Management Committee

The Tiona Management Committee (TMC) met several times over the last two years, considering a number of issues ranging from the Lease to the Tiona Chapel development.

At the end of 2017, the Lease was sold by Sundowner, who had held the lease for around 14 years, to Southern Cross Parks (SCP). This came as somewhat of a relief to the TMC, as negotiations with Sundowner were becoming increasingly difficult and expensive for the church to use the grounds for reunion and other camping programmes. There was a noticeable improvement in management from December that year with favourable comments by Reunion attendees.

The financial details regarding the lease income and expenditure are contained in the church financial reports.

Work is currently underway on the negotiation of a new lease which, while confidential, will look to secure a long term position for the church and address several key issues that have plagued the relationship over the past 15 years, including ownership and management of the Tiona Chapel (previously the Visitors' Centre). SCP have been given permission to rename Tiona from "Sundowner Tiona" to "Tiona Palms" and the conference centre "Palms Conference Centre"

In consultation with SCP, the TMC have been doing our best to support reunions and other camps, and have endeavoured to bring as many Church activities to Tiona, e.g. National Gathering 2018, at a reasonable price to all involved. There has been a change to a Tiona tradition with the demolition of the storage cubicles for members camping equipment. This saw a lot of trips to and from Tuncurry tip to get rid of decades of some useful and some useless hoardings.

The boatshed site has been cleared and decontaminated after the fire and subsequent removal of the boatshed building. The TMC has no plans to develop this site in the foreseeable future.

Work on the Tiona Chapel development has commenced! There is now a construction fence in place and the demolition of the old stage already completed. To enable safe access to the Green Cathedral during the build, there is a new (temporary) access path to the Green Cathedral. This path adds to the beauty of the walk through the palms to the Green Cathedral. Electricity, sewer and water connections will be in place before MC Conference, and limited tree removals have taken place ready for car park and building construction to move forward. Construction of the carpark and new vehicle entrance will occur before building construction and commence during May.

Attaining modifications of the Development Application and subsequent Construction Certificate and Public Works Engineering Permit has been a time consuming and challenging path. The uniqueness of this development has required liaising with and gaining the support of MidCoast Council, MidCoast Water and Essential Energy as well as various consultants and service providers, particularly our architect Arcoessence. All are keen to continue to play their part and make this development happen. Augmenting the Green Cathedral it will become a community landmark and well serve the aims of the church. We also have to play our part.

It should be noted that an outcome of commencing construction of the Tiona Chapel on the Visitor Centre Site is that the church no longer has any right of vehicle access through the tourist park.

A special mention must be made of the time and effort Allan Walshe has put in to the Tiona infrastructure with SCP, the lease negotiations and the co-ordinating of architects and service providers for the construction of the Tiona Chapel.

Tiona Management Committee

Fran Breen, Ken Archer, David Henricks.

Julie Crittenden, Ben Smith, both ex officio and Allan Walshe (Consultant to TMC)

F-5 Report of the Tiona Chapel

In the 2017/18 financial year, progress on the Tiona Chapel really got moving. After early delays, planning on a new design through architect Arcoessence begun. The Tiona Management Committee (TMC) (with direct assistance and leadership from Allan Walshe) worked with Craig Patterson to design a new layout with the intent of building a facility we would be proud of, one that spoke of its surroundings, and one that would speak to who we are as a people. The new design was then re-submitted to MidCoast Council for approval (later approved in March 2019 with multiple new conditions). The concept and design can be more fully explored online at www.tionachapel.com.au

In picking the project back up, we realized that a vast amount of the original work done by earlier consultants needed to be re-done, which was both time consuming and costly.

The new design was launched for feedback at the 2018 National Gathering at Tiona, and garnered warm and whole hearted acceptance from those gathered, much to the delight of the team working on it. Being the first building Community of Christ has built in Australia for some years, it has received a lot of focus and will be the centre of our minds moving into the next few years. Fundraising targets are set, and work is well under way raising the additional \$700,000 needed to build the facility (which has a total upper limit cost of \$1,760,000 ex GST).

As part of our strategic plan, the Tiona Chapel is (and will be) more than simply a building. We believe it will become a centre for the whole community to share in the sacredness of the place that we have been custodians of for generations. The Chapel has been designed in a way that will harnesses the wild aspects of the land; without fighting it, rather, embracing it. It will be a place where cares are jettisoned and hope is lifted; a truly restorative ministry.

While we tend to focus on details and dollars, the aspect we want to highlight; for those around the Mission Centre, is that if this were a building, we would not be building it. This facility is a ministry, an avenue for Christ's mission to be lived out in the world, and a way Community of Christ can share its message with those who walk through its doors.

The TMC are grateful for all the assistance it has received in making this project possible, and we encourage each person at the conference to consider its part in the provision of funds, time or talent as we move forward in the building project.

Ben Smith, on behalf of the Tiona Management Committee



For details on how you can be a part of this project, or to donate, go to:
www.tionachapel.com.au



F-6 Report of the Saints Care Ltd. Board

During the years 2016/17 and 2017/18, Saints Care saw many highlights in the ministry and work it undertook.

Youth Rezolutions continues to be a large focus for Saints Care, and in 2017, the funding agreement with FACS was extended to 2020. Together with Catholic Care Social Services, Saints Care continue to outperform against targets in our work with young people in the Blacktown and Hills Districts. Youth Rezolutions operates with a 'no wrong door' approach, assisting all those who come into contact through referral or service provision, and in 2016/17 assisted 235 young people who were homeless and 926 young people who were imminently homeless, 2.7 times the number expected. In 2017/18, similar numbers were delivered, with a total of 889 youth receiving service provisions from Youth Rezolutions, more than double that required.

Part of the work Youth Rezolutions performed was as a Community Housing Provider. Due to a number of risk factors, the Saints Care Board decided in the year 2016/17 to not extend this service. Evolve Housing, another Community Housing Provider, is now managing those properties, while we continue to work with tenants in the Blacktown and Hills areas who are at risk of homelessness or who are homeless in two transitional properties.

Over the last two years, the Board has focused its energy on building a framework for good governance and decision making. Work has been done on building a Board skills matrix, reporting and maintenance of records have been assessed and new systems are in place to ensure compliance.

The Community of Christ strategic plan calls for Saints Care's structure to be re-organised, 'binding it closely with the mission of the church as an extension of its purpose'. Structural work like this takes significant time, and while initial discussions have taken place, given the restraints on personnel resources over the past two years this work is yet to begin in earnest. Time has been allocated to address this task in late 2019.

Compassionate ministry continues to be a focus for Saints Care; sharing funding for Community of Christ staff engaged in these ministries. This continues to be a valuable relationship and will remain so into the future. Significant ministry is experienced at the Perth Food Pantry, in Brisbane at Hope Safari, and in Victoria; through two congregations participating in relationship with KinCarer groups. We thank all those who are involved in these ministries and their desire to reach out to those in need.

As we assess needs in the community it is clear to us that there is much work to do. We uphold the avenues of oblation, congregational compassionate ministry and the services provided through Youth Rezolutions to you as a meaningful and hopeful way of reducing poverty and ending needless suffering in our world and encourage collaboration wherever possible with Saints Care services.

Ben Smith, on behalf of the Saints Care Ltd Board of Directors

F-7 Report of the Mission Centre Historian

Since the June 2017 Australia Mission Centre Conference, thirteen of twenty congregation historians in Australia have filed annual reports.

The response of these congregations to the important work of preserving the history of their local congregation is commendable. Our congregational history is an important part of our story, we record not only the milestones and life events but with it a sense of our humanity and culture. You are encouraged to continue to document and share, offering help to your historian to record the journey of your congregation for future generations.

Bulahdelah Congregation

Following the death of the pastor Jim Richards on 15 August 2017, the Bulahdelah Congregation met for their Annual General Meeting on 9 September 2017 and regretfully decided to close the congregation. As a result of the decision to close, the opportunity for members to continue to worship and give ministry in other places and a realignment of congregation assets provides valuable opportunities to continue to bless the church into the future. A special service of celebration was held on Sunday 19 November 2017.

Saints History Association Of Victoria

On Sunday, 25 November 2018 SHAOV members and friends gathered at the home of Helen & Graeme Gidney of Carrum Downs for a 40th anniversary celebration luncheon.

A number of papers were presented at meetings of the association since in the past two years,

Roy Reynolds is the current SHAOV president. If you are interested in accessing any of the newsletters or papers or in becoming a member of the association please contact Roy or the SHAOV Treasurer Pat McClelland.

I have appreciated serving the church as Australia Mission Historian over the past two years as I have sought to fulfill requests for advice, information and research, taken care of our collection of historic records and encouraged local historians to record the stories of their congregations.

Margaret Morris, Mission Centre Historian

F-8 Report of the Mission Centre Recorder – Membership Statistics

Sadly, 2018 figures report a large number of deaths, in the main reflecting an aging membership. However, there are some positives with 45% of our congregations increasing or maintaining member numbers.

Congregations	as at 1 April 2019	as at 26 April 2017
Adelaide	75	82
Bendigo	55	50
Brisbane	66	61
Central Coast	26	26
Drummoyne	83	89
Ferntree Gully	38	39
Frankston	68	70
Green Cathedral Ministries	19	16
Guildford	48	45
Hughesdale	50	52
Johns River	21	22
Kingsgrove	20	20
Newcastle	42	43
Perth	53	56
Port Macquarie	8	9
Taree	45	52
The Open Door	25	25
Tuncurry	17	19
West Pennant Hills	99	99
Wingham	17	14
Sub-total	875	902
Australia Mission Centre General	973	1,097
Australia Mission Centre Non-Res	678	755
Total	2,526	2,754

Life Events

Year	Baptisms and Confirmations	Blessings	Confirmations	Deaths	Marriages	Ordinations
2017	8	22	1	40	4	5
2018	8	12	1	186	10	6

Helen Taylor, Mission Centre Recorder

G. OTHER BUSINESS

G-1 Priesthood Calls

Resolved, that the following priesthood call be approved:

Robyn Rankin to the office of Seventy

G-2 The Multi-Media Committee

Whereas, the Multimedia Committee was established by the 2012 Mission Centre Conference with the express purpose to "study and ascertain ways to use multimedia technologies to the benefit of Australian church members, including consideration of recording of regular and special local and national events within the Mission Centre to make resources available on a webpage to any member for viewing, and also including consideration of a systematic and intentional Mission Centre history project of the members so that the Australian Community of Christ identity is recorded, clarified and available to contribute to the future...", and

Whereas, the Australia Mission Centre website was redeveloped and is again under review for further improvements, and

Whereas, the focus of the committee has shifted over the years, with varying skillsets representing different interests, and

Whereas, the Australia Mission Centre has recently appointed a part-time employed Communications Coordinator who will coordinate much of the activity the committee was tasked with, and

Whereas, the Communications Coordinator will seek to establish a smaller, focused team with the view of using different communication methods (including multimedia), therefore be it

Resolved, that the Multimedia Committee be dissolved, effective from the date of the 2019 Mission Centre Conference.

Submitted by the Mission Centre Presidency

APPRECIATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO STAFF, BOARDS, COMMITTEES 2017 TO 2019

On behalf of the church, we express a deep appreciation to the following individuals for the service offered. The church has been greatly blessed by the gift of their time and talents and we are grateful to them for their support and assistance.

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Brian Ayres
Russell Jacka

Mission Centre Council

Greg Short
Harry Fielding

Multimedia Committee

Anne Bonnefin
Matt Dobing
Robert Thompson
Sue Palmer

SaintsCare Board

Kenneth Robinson
Russell Jacka

Staff

Christy Pratt
Diane Vernon
Helen Taylor
Jessica Jiang
Robyn Mitchell

BIOGRAPHIES

BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES FOR ORDINARY DIRECTORS OF SAINTS CARE LTD. IN THE ORDER THEY WERE RECEIVED.

Rick Collins – ACT



Rick is a public servant by profession and has over 10 years experience working in the community and government sectors. Rick has served on the boards of the Canberra Student Housing Cooperative and the ACT Greens. In both organisations he has led transformative governance review processes.

Rick holds a Master of Public Administration from the Australian National University at which he focused his studies on the relationship between the government and community sectors.

Other relevant experience includes work with ACT Shelter, the Commonwealth

Andrea Putting – Victoria



Andrea Putting lives in Melbourne and currently serves as the Victorian Cluster Coordinator. She is an Author, Speaker and Business Soul Mentor, with over 35 years' experience in leadership in church, business, and community. She perceives that the way that she can have her ultimate impact on the world is to work with communities (with-in business and with-out) to co-create new ideas and ways of being.

Andrea is the founder of Chocolate and Coffee Day for Religious Harmony, encouraging people to reach out and break down barriers by sharing the simple pleasures in life. This has taken her on a journey into the understand of how being involved in a Social Mission benefits us as individuals and community.

Her passion for Social Mission, has become the focus of her work. Andrea believes that when a business or organisation is involved in Social Mission that is in alignment with their values and principles, they become a light for the world. In addition, it opens up new horizons in growing leadership that is right and attuned for the times, building community in the workplace or organisation and developing a vision that belongs to everyone. When we have a unified vision that belongs to everyone, then we can all get on board.

Andrea will bring to the Saints Care Board a fresh approach in the development of ideas and strategies to align the direction of Saints Care with the enduring principles of the church.

BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES FOR MISSION CENTRE COUNCIL

Adam Wade



Adam Wade, a minister for Community of Christ, is a President of Seventy for the 9th Quorum. He also currently sits on the Community of Christ Peace and Justice Committee and the Theological Formation Team. He has served as East Asia Mission Center president, pastor of the Seoul congregation in South Korea, and as youth and young adult minister for North South Wales within the Australia Mission Center.

Born in Melbourne, Australia, he received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Monash University, Clayton, Victoria, Australia, and a master of arts in Christian ministries from Community of Christ Seminary, Independence, Missouri.

Adam is married to Rebecca and has two boys - Matthew (15) and William (13).

Adrian O'Dea



Baptised church member in 1979, since then Adrian has acted in many capacities in the Perth congregation; utilizing his practical social ministry skills and personal passion to serve. Some of the roles Adrian has held include: co-pastor, treasurer, youth leader, worship leader, camp director, camp cook. Adrian serves as editor for Perth newsletter 'The Transformer' and as the congregation's Financial Officer.

Adrian holds the priesthood office of Elder and has been a member of the Mission Centre Council since 2011.

Linda Hazell



Linda grew up in country NSW attending Bulahdelah, Johns River and Laurieton Congregations. While attending university in Sydney, Linda worshipped and studied with a number of congregations and was part of the leadership team of "The Centre" – a congregation exploring new ways to live our mission - focused towards youth and young adults.

Gaining qualifications as a research scientist, Linda has been published in peer-reviewed journals and successful in attracting grants.

After moving to Laurieton, Linda worked in a variety of roles in adult education and training and for the Juvenile Justice Department as a Youth Conference Convener – dealing with juvenile offenders to facilitate restorative justice.

Linda was ordained as an elder in 2009 and currently serves as Pastor to Johns River, Laurieton and Port Macquarie congregations, advisor to the Mission Financial Officer and as a member of the Australian Mission Council and Australian Earth Stewardship Team. Linda also served on the Saints Care Board from 2001 - 2008.

Lisa Yen



Dr Lisa Yen has over a decades experience in research administration and currently works at the Chief Operating Officer for Microscopy Australia.

Lisa is a committed and passionate church leader who participates in the church at local congregation level, mission centre level, and internationally through International Youth Forum and World Conference. She has been serving as the West Pennant Hills financial officer since 2010, has been a counsellor to the Mission Centre president since 2014, and was was ordained a high priest in 2017.

Malcolm Stephenson



Malcolm chose to retire early in 2012 a paid minister for Community of Christ following a career that included Mission Centre President in Australia as well as assistant to the apostle for both the Pacific and later the Africa - Haiti Mission Field. Malcolm has the priesthood office of bishop; he has also served as Mission Centre Financial Officer for the Central Africa, East Africa, Southern Africa, West Africa and Australia Mission centres.

Born in Adelaide, he has Australian Institute of Bankers certification in banking, data processing, managerial, administrative and communication development arenas. He studied business administration [bachelor degree] at Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa and religion [master degree] at Park University, Kansas City, Missouri.

Merrilyn Gartside



Merrilyn currently serves as the pastor of the Bendigo congregation. Her first experience of the Church was through the Skylarks activities and over the years, since then, has been involved in many roles within the church.

First drawn by the social aspect of the church Merrilyn recognizes the inspiration of many passionate members as the source of her yearning for more. Merrilyn is, herself, passionate about the community of the church and seeks to give back in ways that strengthen the church in ways that provide a sanctuary and home for the broader community.

Ross Boreham



Ross lives with his wife Sue in Melbourne, Victoria. He has an extensive background in senior management positions with specific experience in civil engineering including capital works, fitouts, plant and equipment. Ross has a creative mind and strong communication skills, he also brings experience in managing projects from a sustainability perspective with technical and analytical skills. Ross has been the chair of the Kallara Conference Centre Management Committee since its inception, holds the role of Pastor at Hughesdale and is a High Priest.

Rick Sarre



Rick was a Professor at the University of South Australia (UniSA) for thirty four years, with six of those years as Chair of Academic Board, and retired in 2017. But he has just come out of retirement to become the Dean of the Law School at UniSA. Rick is the immediate Past President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology, and a Fellow of the Society. Internationally, has an honorary doctorate from Umeå University, Sweden, and taught at Graceland University on three occasions.

Rick ran as a Labor candidate in two federal elections (2010 and 2013), and one State election (2018). He and his wife Debra, along with their two children, attend the Adelaide congregation, where he has previously served as co-pastor for a decade.

Sheralee Francis



Shar is a young adult both committed to and passionate about the future of the church in Australia.

Having grown up in the church in Adelaide, Shar continues to participate; pursuing new ways to offer her ministry in the local community as well as as part of a larger global community, and online with Community Plus+.

Shar has studied a Bachelor degree in Psychology and has experience working in fundraising and welcomes the opportunity to continue to contribute to the Mission Centre Council.

BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES FOR TIONA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Allan Walshe



Allan is a chartered professional engineer of over 40 years experience and life member of the Institute of Engineers Australia. Having held senior management positions now works for Jacobs as Transport Project Director Rail on significant sized projects principally throughout Australia and SE Asia. Historically involved with Tiona as a Board member during the 70's and 80's during which time he supervised the construction of the Conference Centre, Managers Residence and Lodge. Has acted as a consultant to the TMC since January 2016 having significant involvement in lease negotiations and progressing the Tiona Chapel development. Melchisedic priesthood member.

David Henricks



David is married to Jane with two adult children, and three grand-children, all of whom attend Tiona Reunions.

David has attended Tiona Reunion 64 times in his 66 years.

David studied Economics at Macquarie University after which he had his own businesses for over 30 years. His business experience has always been in retail including Dry Cleaning and Video Rental and believes this gives him an insight into what the public want.

David also has experience in sitting on Boards having been on the board of Water Polo NSW for over 20 years recently retiring as president and also having served on the Strata board of a block of units.

Fran Breen



Over a period of 25 years, up to 2011, Fran has been professionally engaged with administrative and quasi-judicial functions in the Local and District Courts of NSW. Since retirement she has been involved with numerous community activities including as a committee member and secretary for Women's Refuge in Taree and as the Unit Commander and current Deputy Unit Commander of Forster Marine Rescue as well as their administration officer, involved in mentoring primary and high school students in areas of literacy and numeracy. Fran is a co-pastor of the Green Cathedral Ministries congregation and has been a member of the Tiona Management Committee since 2015.

Ken Archer



Except for a short time when the National Bank assigned him to Forbes NSW Ken has always lived in Newcastle. Ken is currently a CPA holding a Public Practice certificate and has a client base in Newcastle and Bourke. Ken has experience in IT; has developed software; owned a computer bureau and supplied and installed computer systems to business and education.

Ken is the treasurer of the Newcastle congregation and has been associated with Tiona for most of his life. He was the Business Manager for many years.

Ken is committed to ensuring the best outcome for Tiona, the church and its members.

BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES FOR AUSTRALIA INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

David Hutchinson



David has had a diverse career which has embraced working for religious / not for profit organisations as well operating his own project management business. This has given him extensive knowledge within current and future possibilities of property usage and associated community demographics. David also has an interest in financial markets through his experience investing in and trading shares and options across Australian and US equity markets over the last 20 years.

Malcolm Stephenson



Malcolm chose to retire early in 2012 a paid minister for Community of Christ following a career that included Mission Centre President in Australia as well as assistant to the apostle for both the Pacific and later the Africa - Haiti Mission Field. Malcolm has the priesthood office of bishop; he has also served as mission centre financial officer for the Central Africa, East Africa, Southern Africa, West Africa and Australia mission centres.

Born in Adelaide, he has Australian Institute of Bankers certification in banking, data processing, managerial, administrative and communication development arenas. He studied business administration [bachelor degree] at Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa and religion [master degree] at Park University, Kansas City, Missouri.

Russell Wade



Russell is an Elder and member of the Hughesdale Congregation in Victoria. He has been passionately involved in the development of the Kallara camp grounds since its beginnings and has been the Financial Officer for Kallara for the past 30 years. He is actively involved in all aspects of keeping Kallara operational and viable as a centre of ministry. Russell has been retired from the work force for 5 years following a career where he held senior management roles in the Commonwealth Bank and Monash University. He has been a continuous member of the Australia Investment Committee for more than 16 years and has previously served for extensive periods in the roles of Counsellor to the Mission Centre Financial Officer and the Mission Centre President.

BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES FOR AUSTRALIAN EARTH STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Corey Moore



Corey is 26 and lives in Toowoomba, QLD. A qualified Engineer Corey has been working in Water Treatment fields since graduating university. Corey has an interest in joining the AEST because he is motivated to communicate the importance of engaging in the widespread societal changes that will need to occur to alleviate the existential crisis being caused by human driven climate change. As a part of the AEST he hopes to work collaboratively with other ministries to provide deliverables that help people personally engage with more sustainable methodologies.

Deanna Scott



Deanna is actively involved with Brisbane Congregation as Coordinator of the Queensland Earth Stewardship Team (since its establishment in 2011) and editor of the Queensland Area Gazette. She is currently employed in Biosecurity Queensland, a unit of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. Deanna has demonstrated, practical skills in native gardening, treatment and removal of myrtle rust, recycling and teamwork and brings a commitment to congregational life through the earth stewardship principles of Community of Christ.

Don Semmens



Don has served the church in many capacities including as pastor, youth leader and in priesthood education.

In his professional life, Don showed the entrepreneurial characteristics of adaptability, resourcefulness and constant learning and growth and sees these same qualities: the ability to develop skills and knowledge in a changing world, as part of our church challenge - both in personal ministry and community action.

Don has an active interest in areas including the Australian Democrats, sustainable house design, adult education, social justice and other community programs. He is currently exploring the teachings from D&C especially Sec, 82, Sec150 & 163 and aspects of innovative garden design.

Emma Ghazarian



Emma Ghazarian is both a young "Mother" to two beautiful children but would also describe herself as an "Earth Mother" as well. One of her life goals is to live self-sufficiently with her husband Sean and both her children on a hobby farm on the Mornington Peninsular where she would put into practice all of her passions for sustainable living.

As a successful horticulturist she combines her love of gardening and permaculture and her connection with the wider community and love of people by having successfully established the first stages of a Community Garden in the Ferntree Gully area in Victoria.

Lindsay Hyde



Lindsay lives in the south east suburbs of Melbourne, Victoria with his wife Norma. During his working life he generally gravitated towards areas which had a community based focus. Now retired, he enjoys making a contribution to the community via groups which support the less fortunate in society.

As a devoted grandparent Lindsay senses a call to seek ways that contribute to make the world a more peaceable place to live, not only now but also for future generations. He believes the Australian Earth Stewardship Team (AEST) is a group that has an important voice to contribute in areas such as conservation, sustainable communities and social justice. He is currently the Chair of the AEST and has been a member of the team since mid 2013.

Phill Falcke



Phill is an ecologist and natural resource manager from Albury NSW. Working within the Environmental and Natural Resource Management sectors, Phill is passionate about reconciling human developments with the environment. Together with his wife Annie, they share two children and a love of the natural world and ethical living.

Tim Prescott



Tim has served as Treasurer of AEST since August 2012 and believes Christ's mission is achieved through servanthood, witness in the community and compassionate equality for all in natural and built environments.

Tim enjoys exploring ideas to engage congregations in earth stewardship at local, national and global levels.

Studies in public administration and a career in the NSW Department of Education have enhanced skills for vision, organisation and implementation.

In retirement Tim serves as Facility Manager and Financial Officer for Tuncurry Congregation on the beautiful Mid North Coast of NSW and pursues passions for social justice, peace, humanitarian, environmental, heritage and conservation issues.

REACH OUT



**MINUTES OF THE 2017 AUSTRALIA
MISSION CENTRE CONFERENCE**



MINUTES OF THE 2017 AUSTRALIA MISSION CENTRE CONFERENCE

The 2017 Australia Mission Centre Conference convened at 11.15am at Kallara Conference Centre with the singing of CCS 245 The Old, Old Path.

The Mission Centre President was in the Chair and extended a welcome to all delegates and friends. The Chair offered an Acknowledgement of Country to the traditional lands of the Taungurung people of the Kulin nation. This was followed by a short video clip about the process of restoring the language of the people of this country.

The Chair recognised Apostle Mareva Arnaud who extended greetings to the Conference from the First Presidency, Scott Murphy and the Council of Twelve.

Parliamentary Rules

The Chair reminded the Conference it is guided by an amended Roberts Rules of Order - summary found on page 7 – 8 of Mission Centre Conference Report.

The Chair reminded the Conference to use the microphone, and if intending to speak to please raise your hand, wait to be acknowledged and the microphone will come to them. The Conference was reminded to identify themselves with their name and congregation.

Election of Chair

Apostle Mareva Arnaud assumed the Chair and received a motion from Julie Crittenden that the Mission Centre President, Ben Smith, preside over the 2017 Australia Mission Centre Conference. A second was received. The Chair called for the vote on the motion and it was approved. The Chair was then returned to the Mission Centre President.

Organising Procedures:

Conference/Credential Secretary

The Chair called up the following motion:

Resolved, Helen Taylor is to serve as the Conference/Credential Secretary for Australia Mission Centre Conference 2017.

Sue Boreham moved approval of the resolution. A second was received.

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

CREDENTIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT C-1:

The Chair informed the assembly the Delegates to the 2017 Australia Mission Centre Conference are recorded and printed as C-1 on page 14-15.

The Chair invited the Conference Secretary, Helen Taylor, to read into the minutes the changes and apologies to the published delegate list.

Apologies: Barbara Woodward, Des Woodward, Todd Houston, Heather Gillard, Richard Gillard, Kerrie Heslop, Wayne Heslop, June Mitchell, Reg Mitchell, Arthur Piggott, Hailey Daly, Elizabeth Howland, Steve Howland, Eric Judd, Maureen Judd, Phil Judd, Barry Ballard, Frances Breen, Judith Jackson, Carol Potts, Alisha Raju, Maureen Raju, Moses Raju, Judy Ryan, Gwen Selden, Chris Hardwick, Kevin Wall, Sarah Duxbury, Allan Walshe, Geoff Ivers, Bob Stack, Myra Stack.

Additions: Karli Smith, Dione Jacka, Deanna Scott, Mimi Brunson, Judy Burdekin, Bec Wade, Matt Wade, Ross Boreham, Sue Boreham, Jan McLaughlin, Roger McLaughlin, Wendy Wade, Ruth Boyd.

Exofficio: Garry Boyd, Anne Bonnefin, Adam Wade.

With the corrections read into the Credentials Report, the Chair read the following motion:

Resolved, the 2017 Mission Centre Conference approves the Credential Report as corrected. Jan McLaughlin moved approval of the resolution. A second was received.

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

With these actions complete, the Chair declared the 2017 Australia Mission Centre Conference organised. The Chair reminded the assembly that the use of 'without objection' is to seek to streamline the legislative process – not an attempt to stifle debate or voting on any motions.

Approval of Minutes

The Chair referred the assembly to the minutes of 2016 Mission Centre Conference as printed on pages 42 – 56 in Conference Reports.

The Chair advised that without objection, we will record the 2017 Mission Centre Conference received the minutes of 2016 Mission Centre Conference were accepted as presented. There was no objection raised that the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair advised the assembly that Julie Crittenden, Mareva Arnaud, Peter Lonsdale, Lisa Yen, and Adam Wade will also Chair various portions of the business meeting and that Rick Sarre is serving as Parliamentarian.

Financial Report:

Mission Centre Financial Officer Julie Crittenden assumed the Chair.

The Chair presented Item D-1 Financial Officers Report as a verbal report and reminded the Conference assembly that it is now mainly looking at the Financial Booklet.

The Chair invited questions and comments on the report reminding the delegates to identify themselves when speaking.

Community of Christ Ltd. Financial Report:

The Chair calls up Item D-2: Community of Christ Ltd Annual Report on page 16 of the conference report.

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to pages 3 – 36 of the Financial Report booklet:

Directors Report	pages: 5 -8
Financial Reports	pages: 10-33
Directors Declarations	page: 34

The Chair informed the Conference assembly that this is a courtesy report of Community of Christ Ltd statutory accounts for the year ending 30 June 2016.

The Chair invited questions or comments from the body regarding the Annual Report.

The Chair stated without objection we will receive these reports into the minutes of the Conference.

The Chair informed the Conference assembly that seeing no objection, the Community of Christ Ltd financial report is received.

Approving Audit Report:

The Chair called up Item D-3: Community of Christ Ltd Auditor's Report on page 16 of the Conference booklet.

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to pages 35 -36 of Financial Report booklet for the report.

The Chair called up the following motion.

Resolved, Conference approves Community of Christ Ltd. 2016 auditor's report.

Ross Boreham moved approval of the resolution. A second was received.

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

Saints Care Ltd. Financial Report:

The Chair called up Item D-5 Saints Care Ltd Annual Report on page 17 of the Conference Report booklet.

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to pages 35 - 65 of Financial Report booklet.

The Chair informed the Conference assembly that this is again a courtesy report Saints Care Ltd statutory accounts for the year ending 30 June 2016

The Chair invited questions or comments from the body on the report on pages 35 -65.

The Chair stated without objection we will receive these reports into the minutes of the Conference.

The Chair informed the Conference assembly that seeing no objection, the Saints Care Ltd Financial report is received.

Saints Care Ltd. Audit Reports:

The Chair called up Item D-6: Saints Care Ltd. Auditors Report on page 17 of the Conference booklet.

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to page 66 of the Financial Report booklet.

The Chair called up the following motion.

Resolved, the Conference approves the Saints Care Ltd. 2016 auditor's report.

Ruth Walshe moved approval of the resolution. A second was received.

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

Approving 2017 - 2018 Budget:

The Mission President Ben Smith assumed the Chair.

The Chair calls up Item D-4: Budget Projections found on page 16 of the Conference booklet.

The Chair called up the following motion.

Therefore be it Resolved, the Conference approves the following budget projections, which cover fiscal year 17/18 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) and fiscal year 18/19 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019):

Fiscal Year 2018: \$1,481,900 million

Fiscal Year 2019: \$1.635million

And be it further Resolved the Community of Christ Board of Directors in consultation with the Mission Centre Council approve a detailed budget for 17/8 and repeat 12 months later for 18/19 and the Mission Centre leadership present its approved budget to the annual National Gathering and then publish that budget to the wider church as soon as possible thereafter.

Julie Crittenden moved approval of the resolution. A second was received.

Julie Crittenden presented information relevant to the motion.

Added to clarify a detailed budget for 2017/8 and repeated 12 months later for 18/19

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

The Chair recognised Julie in appreciation of her report. The Conference assembly acknowledged appreciation by acclamation.

Saints Care Budget:

The Chair called up D-7 Saints Care Ltd Budget for 2017/18 and 2018/19 found on page 17 of the Conference booklet.

The Chair informs the Conference assembly that this is a courtesy extended to the Mission Conference as the budget is developed and approved by the Saints Care Board of Directors as part of their legal responsibility.

The Chair calls up the following motion:

Resolved, That the Mission Centre Conference receive the budgets for Saints Care Ltd.

Julie Crittenden moved approval of the motion. A second was received

Julie Crittenden spoke to the motion.

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

The Chair called upon Conference director Wendy Ballard for announcements.

Recess

The Conference assembly recessed for lunch at 12.35pm with the grace offered by Garry Boyd.

Reconvene

The Conference reconvened at 2.00pm following lunch with the singing of Hymn, Standing on the Promises of God.

The chair shared the sad news of the passing of Colin Morley, Drummoyne congregation. Pam Law offered a prayer on behalf of the Conference assembly.

The chair called the meeting to order.

Proposed Legislation:

The Chair called up B-1 Motion to Extend Terms of Office found on page 11 of the Conference booklet.

The Chair informed the Conference assembly that this motion is submitted by the Mission Centre Presidency in order to align the selection process to the two-year Mission conference cycle adopted in 2016 to take effect at the 2017 Mission conference.

The Chair calls up the following motion.

Resolved, that the terms of office, whether appointed or elected, be extended as per the following schedule:
Mission Centre Council:

- Four (4) positions appointed/sustained extended from 2018 to 2019

- Four (4) positions elected extended from 2018 to 2019

Saints Care Board of Directors (Ordinary Directors) staggered terms:

- Three (3) Ordinary Directors elected in 2016 whose term of office is extended to 2019, with two (2) vacant positions being filled at the 2017 Mission Centre Conference

- Three (3) Ordinary Directors to be elected for a term ending in 2021 with three (3) vacant positions being filled at the 2017 Mission Centre conference.

The term of each member of the Australian Earth Stewardship Team extended from 2018 to 2019.

The term of each member of the Tiona Management Committee extended from 2018 to 2019.

The term of each member of the Australia Investment Board extended from 2018 to 2019, and

The term of each member of the Multimedia Committee extended from 2018 to 2019.

Meredith Wall moved approval of the motion. A second was received.

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

B-2: Nomination of Directors for Saints Care Ltd

The Chair called up B-2: Nomination of Directors for Saints Care Ltd. found on page 12 of the Conference booklet.

The Chair informed the Conference assembly that the biographies of those nominated were found on pages 35 – 39 of the Conference booklet.

The Chair informed the Conference assembly that the Saints Care Ltd constitution identifies two sets of directors, Office-bearing and Ordinary. Office-bearing directors serve by virtue of the office they hold, i.e. Mission Centre President, Mission Centre Financial officer and up to two his or her counsellors. Ordinary directors are selected from the membership of the church at large. The constitution provides for up to 4 Office-bearing directors and up to 6 Ordinary directors. The Constitution also stipulates that nominations must be received 3 months prior to the conference at which they are considered. Each of the names nominated satisfy that criteria.

The Chair reads B-2: Nomination of Ordinary Directors for Saints Care Ltd.

The following individuals were nominated to fill a Director position with Saints Care Ltd. They are listed in the order they were received:

Alisha Raju

Russell Jacka

Jenny Meurant

Adrian O’Dea

Jenny Robinson

Karli Smith moved approval of the motion. A second was received.

The Chair informed the Conference assembly that as there are 5 nominations for 5 positions the Chair, without objection, declared the individuals nominated to be elected.

There being no objection, the Chair declares the individuals elected.

The Chair informed the Conference assembly that the Saints Care board will determine which terms new directors will fill and advise the Mission Centre in due course.

D-8 Australia Investment Committee

The Chair called up D-8 Australia Investment Committee

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to page 17 – 18 of the conference booklet with the slight amendment of adding 'at least' under point 4, and changing the word 'expertise' to 'experience' in the same point.

The Chair calls up the following motion.

Be it Resolved That this Conference approve a name change from "Australia Investment Board" to "Australia Investment Committee, and

Be it further Resolved, that the Australia Mission Centre affirm the following operating guidelines for the Australia Investment Committee, namely that

1. The World Church Investment Committee model be followed wherever possible and applicable;
2. Expert commercial and professional consultants be engaged from multiple appropriate sources wherever applicable,
3. Financial reports on investment activities and performance be published at least annually,
4. The Australia Investment Committee be comprised of at least five members, namely the Mission Centre Financial Officer, a representative of the Saints Care Ltd. Board of Directors, selected by that Board, and other ordinary members who hold appropriate financial and/or legal experience appointed by Community of Christ Ltd. Board of Directors.

Be it further Resolved, That this Conference rescind the following resolutions:

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| ARC1995-25 | Australia Funds Board – Nominations |
| SB1997-1 | Australia Investment Board |
| SB1997-2 | Australia Region Finances |
| ARC 2001-2 | Make-up of Australia Investment Board |
| ARC 2003-5 | Australia Investment Board Practice and Composition |
| AMCC 2014-4 | Australia Investment Board |

Julie Crittenden moved approval of the motion. A second was received

The Chair read the **Resolved** again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

B-3: 2019 World Conference Delegate List

Lisa Yen assumed the chair.

The Chair called up B-3: 2019 World Conference Delegate List

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to page 12 of the conference booklet.

The Chair called up the following motion.

Resolved, That the Mission Centre Presidency be authorised to set up a list of individuals who plan to attend the 2019 World Conference as delegates or alternates on a first come basis, and

Resolved, That this list be updated at the 2017 and 2018 National Leaders Gathering and then reviewed and approved by the Mission Centre Council and submitted in time to comply with the 2019 World Conference credentials committee deadline to receive delegate/alternate lists.

Charmaine Unger moved approval of the motion. A second was received.

The Chair read the **Resolved** again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to the following printed reports:

1. F-1 Report from Tiona Management Committee, pages: 19-20
2. F-2 Report from the Australian Earth Stewardship Team, pages: 20-23
3. F-3 Report from the Mission Centre Historian for 2017 pages: 24-26
4. F-4 Report from Community Plus pages: 27-29
5. F-5 Membership Statistics page 30

The Chair reminded the Conference assembly no motion is necessary to receive these reports. The Chair invited questions or comments from the Conference assembly on the reports in the order they were presented.

The Chair stated without objection we will receive these reports into the minutes of the Conference. The Chair informed the Conference assembly that seeing no objection, the reports are received.

F-6 Report From the Mission Centre Review

The Chair called up item F-6 Report from the Mission Centre Review that was distributed separately.

The Chair stated that without objection item F-6 will be received by the Conference. The Chair informed the Conference assembly that seeing no objection, the reports are received.

G-1 Priesthood Calls

Peter Lonsdale assumed the Chair.

The Chair called up G-1 Priesthood Calls

The Chair refers conference delegates to page 31 of the conference booklet.

The Chair called up the following motion.

Resolved, that the following priesthood calls be approved:

- Helen Taylor to the office of Evangelist
- Peter Bonnefin to the office of Evangelist
- Candice Care-Unger to the office of Seventy
- Lisa Yen to the office of High Priest
- Ben Smith to the office of High Priest

Roger McLaughlin moved approval of the motion. A second was received.

The Chair invited each person named to share their testimony with the Conference assembly.

The Chair invited Ken Barrows to share affirming testimony of each call as the Mission Centre President during the presenting of the calls.

The Chair read the **Resolved** again and called for the vote on each individual in the order they are presented in the motion:

Helen Taylor	Carried
Peter Bonnefin	Carried
Candice Care-Unger	Carried
Lisa Yen	Carried
Ben Smith	Carried

The Chair informed the Conference assembly that Helen Taylor will be ordained tonight; Ben Smith will be ordained on Sunday morning; Peter, Candice and Lisa's ordinations will occur at a later date which will be advised.

Ben Smith assumed the Chair and announced the business meeting will continue with afternoon tea being served at 3.45pm.

G-2 and G-3: Domestic Violence

The Chair called up G-2 and G-3: Domestic Violence

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to pages 32 and 33

The Chair informs the Conference assembly that because these two motions are practically the same, it will rule that G-3 will be considered and if it passes it will carry Item G-2. If there is no objection to this process the Chair will then call for a motion, second and open for discussion.

The Chair called up the following motion.

Resolved that:

1. The Australia Mission Centre express its solidarity with and show active support for those organisations and community groups allied with the Nation Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 in calling for a holistic response to reducing domestic violence.
2. A similar call be taken to the 2019 World Conference to highlight the impacts of domestic violence in all countries of the world.

Sue Boreham moved approval of the motion. There was a second.

Prior to calling for the vote, the Chair reminded the Conference assembly that if the motion is passed that it will carry with item G-2.

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

G-4 Updating Language of Previously Approved Resolutions.

Adam Wade assumed the Chair.

The Chair called up item G-4 Updating Language of Previously Approved Resolutions.

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to the item found on page 34 of the conference booklet.

The Chair called up the following motion.

Resolved, That the Australia Mission Centre Presidency be requested to place a record of past Mission Centre Conference enactments into the Mission Centre's archives for the use of historians and researchers, and be it further

Resolved, That the Mission Centre Conference request the Mission Centre Presidency select the resolutions that have current force and effect for church governance and policy making and that this selection be kept up to date following each Mission Centre Conference; and be it further

Resolved, That the Mission Centre Presidency be authorised to update the language usage in the resolutions that have current force and effect to reflect current usage in the church, and be it further

Resolved, That the Mission Centre Conference request the Mission Centre Presidency to place those resolutions with current force and effect on the church's website.

Dione Jacka moved approval of the following motion. There was a second.

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

Sustaining Mission Centre Officers:

The Chair called up Item A-4: Sustain Mission Centre Historian

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to page 9 of conference booklet.

The Chair called up the following motion.

Resolved, That Margaret Morris be sustained as the Historian and Archivist for the Australia Mission Centre
Ronda Wooderson moved approval of the resolution. There was a second.

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

The Chair invited the Conference assembly to show appreciation to Margaret for her work as Historian. The Conference assembly responded by acclamation.

A-5 Sustain Mission Centre Recorder

The Chair called up A-5 Sustain Mission Centre Recorder

The Chair referred to page 9 of the conference booklet.

The Chair called up the following motion.

Resolved, That Helen Taylor is sustained as the Recorder for the Australia Mission Centre.

Val Abbott moved approval of the motion. There was a second.

The Chair invited the Conference assembly to express its appreciation by acclamation.

The Chair read the **Resolved** again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

Recess

Ben Smith assumed the Chair.

The Chair informed the Conference assembly that it will recess at 3.30pm for afternoon tea and resume at 3.45pm with opportunity for persons to speak to the priesthood calls.

Reconvene

The conference reconvened at 3.45pm with Ben Smith in the chair.

The Chair invited persons to come to the microphone and speak to the priesthood calls limiting their testimonies to 90 seconds. Pam Law, Roy Reynolds, Charmaine Unger, Robert Thompson, Karli Smith spoke to the calls. Testimony by June Stephenson was read to the Conference.

Sustaining Mission Centre Officers

Item A-3: Sustain Australia Mission Centre Field Ministers (Congregational Support Ministers)

The Chair called up Item A-3: Sustain Australia Mission Centre Field Ministers (Congregational Support Ministers)

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to page 9 of the conference booklet.

The Chair called up the following motion.

Resolved, That Wendy Ballard, Robert Thompson, Kassandra Unger, Alicia Turner, and Christy Pratt be sustained in their roles as Australia Mission Centre funded field ministers.

Pam Law moved approval of the motion. There was a second.

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

The Chair invited the Conference assembly to express appreciation by acclamation.

A-2 Sustain the Australia Mission Centre Financial Officer

The Chair called up Item A-2 Sustain the Australia Mission Centre Financial Officer

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to page 9 of the conference booklet.

The Chair called up the following motion.

Resolved, That Julie Crittenden be sustained as the Australia Mission Centre Financial Officer.

Bruce Wooderson moved approval of the motion. There was a second.

The Chair called upon Apostle Arnaud to read the letter of recommendation from the First Presidency.

The First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric offer our support and recommendation for Julie R. Crittenden to serve as your Mission Centre Financial Officer. As the financial officer works in partnership with the mission centre president, together they support congregations in their endeavours to live the mission of Christ. As the Presidency and Bishopric, we are deeply grateful for those who offer their skills and ministry to serve in this special and essential assignment.

Today, we ask for your support for Julie to serve as the appointed Mission Centre Financial Officer. May you hold Julie in your prayers.

*In the spirit of peace,
K. Scott Murphy Stassi D. Cramm
The First Presidency, Presiding Bishopric*

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.
The Chair congratulated Julie and the conference body expressed appreciation with acclamation

The Chair calls up Item A-2a Sustain Counsellors to the Mission Centre Financial Officer
The Chairs referred the Conference assembly to page 9 of the conference booklet.

Resolved, That Malcolm Stephenson, Rick Sarre and Linda Hazell be sustained as counsellors to the Mission Centre Financial Officer (with Malcolm Stephenson and Rick Sarre serving as Directors of Community of Christ by virtue of their role as a counsellor).

Julie Crittenden moved approval of the motion. There was a second.

The Chair read the **Resolved** again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

Sustaining more Mission Centre Officers:

Ben Smith hands the Chair to Apostle Mareva Arnaud:

The Chair calls up Item A-1 Sustain the Australia Mission Centre President

The Chairs referred the Conference assembly to page 9 of the Conference Booklet.

Resolved, That Ben Smith is sustained as the Australia Mission Centre President.

Ken Barrows moved approval of the motion. There was a second.

Apostle Mareva Arnaud, in the Chair, read the letter of recommendation from the First Presidency.

We pleased to offer our support and recommendation for Benjamin J. Smith to serve as your Mission Centre President. This is an essential position in the life of the church that supports congregations in their endeavours to live the mission of Christ. As the Presidency, we are deeply grateful for the sacrifice to offer one's service and ministry as mission centre president.

Today, we ask for your support for Benjamin to serve as the appointed Mission Centre President. May you hold Benjamin in your prayers.

*In the spirit of peace,
K. Scott Murphy
The First Presidency*

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.
The Conference assembly expressed appreciation with acclamation.

Ben Smith assumed the Chair.



Sustaining more Mission Centre Officers:

The Chair calls up Item A-1a Sustain Counsellors to the Mission President

The Chair referred the Conference assembly to page 9 of the Conference Booklet.

Resolved that Adam Wade and Lisa Yen be sustained as counsellors to the Mission Centre President Don Semmens moved approval of the motion. There was a second.

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

The Chair informed the Conference assembly that this now completed the business before the conference.

Closing Procedures:

The Chair reminds the Conference assembly that provision has been made for the setting apart of Mission Officers on Sunday morning during the Sending Forth service.

The Chair reminded the Conference assembly:

1. Let it be known to the Mission Centre President if anyone wishes to serve as a delegate to the 2019 World Conference so their names can be listed.

2. By action of the 2016 Australia Mission Centre conference (AMCC2016-2) the date for the 2019 Australia Mission Centre Conference will be in either May or June depending on the date for World Conference, to be announced by the Mission Centre Presidency in consultation with the Mission Centre Financial Officer and the Mission Centre Council once the date and location are decided upon.

The Chair called on Conference Director Wendy Ballard for announcements.

The Chair invited Tim Prescott to express appreciation to Pat Robinson AEST chairperson.

The Chair expressed appreciation to the following persons who had served on committees and boards during the conference period 2016 – 2017:

Richard Gillard: SaintsCare Board and Australia Investment Board

Matt Henricks, Karli Smith and Liz Rayner: SaintsCare Board

Peter Lonsdale: Mission Centre Presidency

The Conference assembly expressed appreciation with acclamation.

The Chair invited Ray Burdekin to express appreciation to Ken and Chris Barrows. The Conference assembly viewed a slideshow of Ken's time in Australia. Helen Taylor presented flowers on behalf of the Conference.

The Chair stated that if there are no other announcements that a motion to adjourn is in order:

Judy Burdekin moved approval of the motion. There was a second.

The Chair read the Resolved again and called for the vote. The motion carried.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm.

