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MODERATORS

OF THE

General Assembly of Australia

Rev. John Meiklejohn, D.D.*	1901
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Rev. James Gibson, M.A.*	1920
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Rev. David J. Flockhart, M.A.*	1957
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Rev. Hector Harrison, O.B.E., M.A., B.D.	1962
Rev. William Young, B.A.*	1964
Rev. Norman Faichney, B.A.	1967
Rev. James Frederick McKay, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.A. B.D.	}1970
	}1971
Rev. Gillam Albert McConnell Wood, B.A.	}1973
	}1974

* Deceased

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia

List of Officers

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REV. GILLAM ALBERT McCONNELL WOOD, B.A.
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G.P.O. Box 100, Sydney 2001.

AUTHORIZATIONS, INSTRUCTIONS, Etc.

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ERRATA

Clerk's Return

National Vote—page 44. Number of Congregations South Australia should be 56 and total 1,441. Congregations Continuing South Australia should be 14 and total 520.

State Totals—page 45. South Australia. Penola should be Number of Congregations 15 and total 56. Number of Congregations Continuing Penola 9 and total 14.

Presbytery of Penola—page 67. Congregations within Charge should be total of 15 and number Continuing Congregations should be total of 9.

Remit under Barrier Act

Min. 47 "Repeal Article (xvi) 163 of the Articles of Agreement."
Returns to be in the hands of the Clerk by 31st December, 1974.

Changes to Articles of Agreement

Article (viii) 145 (Min. 51(2))

Add the following words to Article of Agreement (viii) 145:

"Women shall be eligible for admission to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments in the Presbyterian Church of Australia on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to men and all rules and regulations of the Assembly and Services of Ordination and Induction shall be construed that reference therein to ministers of the Word and Sacraments shall include women."

Article 146A, Article 154 (Min. 57)

1. Enact a new Article 146A as follows:

"The united theological institution, Sydney, under a constitution approved by the New South Wales General Assembly shall be a recognized theological hall."

2. Amend Article 154 by inserting after "and" where first appearing "/or" so that the sentence shall read in part "... a Theological Hall Committee, with authority over the general management of the Hall, and/or to deal with all such matters which concern the interests of the Hall that are entrusted to it by its own Assembly."

Committees

Min. 43(18c)

"Continue until next Assembly the membership of all standing and other committees appointed last Assembly." (See B.B. 1973 for Committees.)

Commission to Prepare for the Establishment of the Uniting Church
(See Min. 43(8))

General Purposes Committee

(See Min. 43(9i))

Christian Unity Committee

The Very Rev. J. F. McKay replaces the Rev. Prof. I. Gillman as Convener.
(See Min. 43(15))

Finance Committee

Mr. H. I. M. MacFarlane replaces Mr. K. C. Auld as Convener. (See Min. 56(7))

ROLL

NEW SOUTH WALES

(Elected by the State Assembly)

Ministers:

Very Rev. J. F. McKay
Rev. J. J. T. Campbell
" R. A. Caldwell
" K. W. Burton
" A. L. Hewitt
" M. D. Macleod
" N. Monsen
" J. Mathers
" J. H. Gowdie
" A. W. Grant
" W. Camden
" P. E. Boase
" W. H. Ives
" C. S. Petrie
" J. Bruce
" R. A. MacArthur

Elders:

Mr. D. R. Brierley
" J. E. Sticpewich
" S. C. Gillmore
" I. S. Hunt
" C. R. Brierley
" A. G. Spalding
Mrs. M. Ralph
Mr. H. E. H. Atkinson
" J. C. Mackillop
" R. W. Hooke
" Hugh Ross
Dr. A. R. McK. Langley
Mr. J. Haldane
Dr. P. E. Lush
Mr. S. L. Kerry
" H. E. Scotford

BATHURST

Rev. A. F. Thompson
" A. B. Clark
Mr. R. N. Willis
" H. Kruit

CANBERRA

Rev. P. A. Davidson
" J. Thompson
" J. Moody
Mr. C. R. Martin
" J. W. Hardie
" D. S. Mitchell

DUBBO

Rev. D. Dufty
" R. Engel
Mr. W. H. Turner
" J. W. Miller

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" K. C. McAlpine
Mr. T. S. Fenton
" Allan Macinnis

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" D. K. Robson
" R. E. Spring
" T. C. Watson
Mr. R. M. Arndell
" P. A. Burke
" J. H. Hayes
" D. C. Maclaren

THE HUNTER

Rev. H. G. Durbin
" J. W. Martin
" C. Haxton
" N. S. McCaw
Mr. C. R. Lamb
" A. Husband
" W. A. Gelfius

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" K. B. Walker
" D. R. Parker
Mr. A. M. Wilson
" C. W. N. Tindell
" H. R. Hamilton

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" A. F. Smart
" C. C. McKeith
" J. R. Thorburn
Mr. W. J. Scotford
" I. M. Lindsay
" R. A. Dunstan
" O. M. Allen

MOREE

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" M. J. K. Ramage

Mr. J. Brunskill
" R. G. McCarron

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" W. M. Lockhart

Mr. R. Johnston
" Wm. McAuslan
" John Lovell

NEW ENGLAND

Rev. J. Alblas
" D. A. Handebo

Mr. D. D. Murchie
" G. Gray

NORTH SYDNEY

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" K. Coombes
" J. Peter
" H. McAndrew
" S. Russell-Scott

Mr. J. B. Rae
" M. Ramsay
" N. C. Gorton
" N. Ferguson
" H. Murray

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" R. N. Riek
" E. Thompson

Mr. W. H. Chawner
" R. R. Thompson
" R. C. Frame

ORANGE

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" R. L. Maddigan

Mr. J. O. Nicholson
" W. E. Dunford

SYDNEY

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" C. Uidam
" W. McLeod

Mr. R. Chester
" D. Massie
" R. Smart

SYDNEY SOUTH

Rt. Rev. Neil MacLeod
Rev. R. T. C. Williamson
" J. Baillie
" M. O. Fox
" G. R. George

Mr. J. S. Eddie
" R. Lucas
" J. H. Mercer
" V. S. Smith
" L. Tyler

SYDNEY WEST

Rev. G. J. Stewart
" K. R. Ewin
" F. B. Bray

Mr. R. S. Mackenzie
Deaconess J. McKinnon
Mr. F. Leeming

WAGGA WAGGA

Rev. J. A. Ford
" R. C. Maclachlan
" I. G. Stewart

Mr. W. R. Dunning
" D. Ross
" J. C. Ross

YOUNG

Rev. G. D. Penman
" G. S. Lang

Mr. L. J. Moore
" A. Walker

QUEENSLAND

(Elected by the State Assembly)

Rev. Prof. R. A. Busch
" Prof. Dr. I. Gillman
" J. C. Allan
" Dr. W. S. McPheat
" D. J. Harrison
" S. McCafferty

Mr. R. P. Gresham
" E. E. Compton
" R. P. W. Jell
" J. S. D. Mellick
" R. W. Ralph
Dr. A. D. A. Mayes

BRISBANE

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" D. G. Brandon	" E. E. Rees
" L. H. Brockway	" R. H. Tait
" D. G. Whebell	Mrs. S. Bowen

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" M. W. Roberts	Mr. J. A. Rogers
" J. B. Hartshorn	" J. Currie

CARPENTARIA

Rev. K. J. Gardner	Mr. A. E. Biggs
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MACKAY

Rev. D. J. Lowry	Mr. B. C. Gibson
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Rev. I. G. Davis	Mr. W. R. White
" N. Paxton	" J. C. Fleming

MOWBRAY

Rev. A. W. Laurie	Mr. W. Tootell
" L. W. Wyer	" G. R. E. Nelson
" D. J. Watson	" C. M. Roberts
" R. C. Clark	" J. Y. Adsett

ROCKHAMPTON

Rev. P. L. Gordon	Mr. A. C. Shepherdson
" C. R. Gray	" K. J. Shepherdson

TOOWOOMBA

Rev. N. T. Barker	Mr. D. F. L. Skerman
" N. E. Key	" L. R. Huskisson
" A. B. L. Bailey	" H. R. Shilliday

TOWNSVILLE

Rev. J. Stevenson	Mr. L. Robinson
" W. Stratford	" R. Scott

WARWICK

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" C. L. Squires	" A. A. Thompson

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" C. J. Leane	Mr. K. T. Griffin

PENOLA

Rev. G. S. Leicester	Mr. A. H. Kuhl
" R. W. Traill	" J. B. Clezy

TORRENS

Rev. I. B. Tanner	Mr. C. H. Low
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TASMANIA

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" T. Evans	" H. O. Ives
" C. Mostert	" E. A. Gaby

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Rt. Rev. Principal R. A. Anderson	Mr. J. G. Allison
Very Rev. N. Faichney	" F. M. Bradshaw
Rev. L. F. Gunn	" R. S. Belcher
" W. B. Hastie	" C. Homer Fraser
" R. A. Lawton	" A. R. Gillespie
" W. A. Loftus	Miss A. Grant
" Dr. J. D. McCaughey	Mr. A. J. Kilgour
" Dr. A. M. McMaster	" J. G. R. McArthur
" Dr. D. R. Merritt	" I. D. Mackinnon
" W. Morgan	" J. W. McPhee
" S. J. Paddie	" D. K. P. Miller
" K. D. Pearson	" C. T. Mitchell
" A. R. Peerman	" G. U. Nathan
" R. C. Russell	" R. M. Northrop
" S. S. Smale	" H. L. Richardson
" A. F. Stuart	" F. B. Smith
" Prof. G. S. Yule	" P. N. Thwaites

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" I. W. Littler	" J. H. Stickland

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" T. B. Howells	" G. L. Woolacott
" D. A. Marks	" H. Ingamells

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" R. G. Hazeldine	" R. B. Jamieson

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" J. S. Macfarlane	" D. Kerr
" T. J. B. Diggins	" G. Sutherland

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" J. R. P. Gillan	" W. L. Clark
" I. V. Parton	" J. T. Coutts
" J. F. Price	" E. W. Morrison
" N. S. Vawser	" I. M. Stuart

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" W. Drooger	Mr. J. Maynard
" R. B. Patterson	" R. G. Mason

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" R. C. McLean	" A. C. Top
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" H. A. Prenter	" D. McIntosh

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" I. F. Smith	" J. Ritchie

WIMMERA

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" J. Fraser	" E. Floyd

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

(Elected by the State Assembly)

Rt. Rev. D. N. McGregor	Mr. K. W. Evans
Rev. Dr. J. M. Owen	" R. D. Wilson

CANNING

Rev. D. J. Cousins	Mr. M. Box
" I. J. Purdie	" R. B. Marshall

PERTH

Rev. S. J. McCollum	Mr. G. R. Shearwood
" N. Stuurstraat	" F. H. Dorney

THE SOUTH

Rev. T. J. Tero	Mr. R. J. Twigg
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AUSTRALIA
THE THIRTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

First Sederunt

At Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, 156 Collins Street, Melbourne on Wednesday the first day of May 1974 at 10 a.m.

1. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia ^{Constitution} convened. Public worship was conducted by the Right Reverend the Moderator-General, the Rev. G. A. McC. Wood, B.A.

2. The Clerk laid on the table the Roll of Assembly, intimated changes ^{Roll} since the printing of the White Book and moved that the amended Roll be declared the Roll of this Assembly.

The motion was seconded and approved.

3. The Clerk intimated that an apology for non-attendance had been ^{Apology} received from Mr. J. Mercer and moved it be sustained.

The motion was seconded and approved.

4. The Clerk laid on the table communications addressed to the ^{Communica-} Assembly and acknowledgements to letters forwarded in the name of the ^{tions, etc.} Assembly.

5. The Business Convener laid on the table ^{Assembly Papers 1 and 2 A.P. and N.M.} and Notices of Motion 1-24.

6. The Clerk intimated that the Board of Nominations had unani- ^{Election} mously agreed to nominate to the House the Reverend Gillam Albert Mc- ^{Moderator}Connell Wood, B.A., as Moderator of this Assembly.

The Clerk moved:

That the Assembly—

Accept the nomination and elect the Rev. Gillam Albert McConnell Wood B.A., as Moderator of this Assembly.

The motion was seconded by the Business Convener, and approved.

The Rev. G. A. McC. Wood was inducted with prayer by the Very Reverend J. F. McKay.

7. The Report of the Business Committee was laid on the table and ^{Business} received.

The Rev. C. M. Dyster moved the Deliverance as follows:

That the Assembly—

1. Approve the Order of Business as follows:

Constitution

Formal Business

Election of Moderator

Business

Overture 1 From the Presbytery of Sydney re Effects of Church Union Vote

2 From the Presbytery of Sydney re Federal Union

7 From Seven Commissioners re Validity of Second Vote

Clerk's Report on Remit re Proposed Basis of Union 1971 and Voting Returns from Congregations

Christian Unity

Overture 3 From the Session of Ermington re Commissioning of Elders/Leaders in the Uniting Church

4 From the Presbytery of North Sydney re Section 18(b) Part 3 of the new Constitution

5 From the General Assembly of Queensland re a Confession of Faith for the Uniting Church

Presbytery of Canberra

Overture 6 From the Presbytery of Canberra re Repeal of Article XVI, 163 of Articles of Agreement

Finance

College

Code

Committee to Confer with Mr. R. M. Williams

Australian Presbyterian Life

2. Approve the hours of business as follows:

First Sederunt 10 a.m.-12.45 p.m.

Second Sederunt 2 p.m.-close.

3. Approve times for speakers as follows:
To state an Overture—a total of 25 minutes.
Conveners—20 minutes; Seconders 10 minutes.
All other speakers 5 minutes.
Extensions by will of the House.
4. Appoint the Rev. W. B. Hastie and S. J. Paddle to assist the Table.
5. Appoint as Tellers Rev. R. C. Russell (Convener), A. W. Laurie, S. McCafferty, J. Mathers, W. Morgan, J. B. Edwards, Messrs. R. P. W. Jell, D. R. Brierley, J. Stickland.
6. Appoint the Selection Committee to meet if necessary.
N.S.W. Rev. A. L. Hewitt, N. Monsen, Mr. D. R. Brierley.
Vic. Rev. I. V. Parton, A. R. Peerman, Mr. A. J. Kilgour.
S.A. Rev. J. B. Edwards, Deaconess N. Norris.
Q'ld. Rev. A. W. Laurie, Mr. R. P. Gresham.
Tas. Rev. T. Evans.
W.A. Rev. D. J. Cousins.

Convener: Rev. A. W. Laurie.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Overtures
1 and 2

8. Overtures 1 from the Presbytery of Sydney re Effects of Church Union Vote and Overture 2 from the Presbytery of Sydney re Federal Union were laid on the table and received.

Mr. R. Smart and the Rev. R. King stated the Overtures.

Questions were called for.

Mr. R. Smart moved:

That the Assembly—

Sustain Overture 1

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

The Clerk moved:

That the Assembly—

Dismiss the Overture.

The motion was seconded and approved.

9. Rev. R. King moved:

That the Assembly—

Sustain Overture 2.

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

The Clerk moved:

That the Assembly—

Dismiss the Overture.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Overture 7

10. Overture 7 from seven members of the General Assembly re the Validity of the second vote Among Communicants was laid on the table and received.

The Rev. N. Monsen and Mr. L. Moore stated the Overture.

Questions were called for.

The Rev. Norman Monsen moved:

That the Assembly—

Sustain the Overture.

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

The Clerk moved:

That the Assembly—

Dismiss the Overture.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Basis of
Union

11. The Clerk's Report on the Remit re Proposed Basis of Union 1971 and Voting Returns from Congregations was laid on the table and received. The Rev. L. F. Gunn moved the Deliverance.

That the Assembly—

Approve the Proposed Basis of Union 1971.

The motion was seconded.

Debate adj.
Adjournment

12. The debate was adjourned. (Min. 15.)

13. The House adjourned to meet on Wednesday, 1st May, 1974, at 2.00 p.m., which having been duly intimated the sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

L. F. F. GUNN
A. M. McMASTER

Clerks.

Second Sederunt

At Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, 156 Collins Street, Melbourne on Wednesday the first day of May 1974 at 2 p.m.

14. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Constitution

15. The adjourned debate on the Deliverance to the Clerk's Report on the Remit Re the Proposed Basis of Union 1971 and the Communicants' Vote was resumed (Min. 12). Basis adj.
Debate

The Moderator indicated that in his opinion the motion was approved.

16. A Division with names recorded was called for in accordance with Standing Orders. Division

The Division was taken.

The Moderator intimated the result of the Division as follows—For 230
Against 143

Total present when the vote was taken 373 and declared the motion approved.

17. The Deliverance was approved by the required majority as follows: Basis of
Union
That the Assembly—

Approve the Proposed Basis of Union 1971.

FOR

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18. Notices of Motion 25-28 were laid on the table.

19. The Report and Supplementary Report of the Christian Unity Committee were laid on the table and received.

The Rev. Professor Ian Gillman in accordance with Notice of Motion B.8 moved the Deliverance in the following amended form:

Proposed Deliverance

That the Assembly

1. (a) Resolve that on the second day of June, 1976 or such earlier or later date as is determined by a commission to be appointed, the Presbyterian Church of Australia enter into union with the annual conferences of New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia of the Methodist Church of Australasia and the Congregational Union of Australia on its own behalf and on behalf of the Congregational Union in each of the states of the Commonwealth and on behalf of those churches on whose behalf the Congregational Union of Australia is authorized so to do, on the Basis of Union approved by this Assembly on the first day of May 1974 provided that the Methodist Church of Australasia and the Congregational Union of Australia each appropriately resolve to enter the said union on the second day of June 1976 or such earlier or later date as may be determined and until the Presbyterian Church of Australia enters into such Union it shall continue to function pursuant to its existing Constitution, its existing Basis of Union and existing Acts of Parliament.
- (b) Appoint the commission as follows: The Moderator, the Clerks, the Business Convener, the Procurator, the Law Agent, and the Convener of the Christian Unity Committee with the Moderator as Chairman, four members to form a quorum.
2. Resolve pursuant to Section 18 of the Schedule to the Presbyterian Church of Australia Act, 1971, as amended by the Presbyterian Church of Australia (Amendment) Act 1972 of the State of New South Wales, the Presbyterian Church of Australia Act 1971 of the State of Queensland, the Presbyterian Church of Australia Act 1971 of the State of Tasmania, the Presbyterian Church of Australia Act 1971 of the State of Victoria, the Presbyterian Church of Australia

Act 1970, as amended by the Presbyterian Church of Australia Amendment Act, 1972 of the State of Western Australia, and pursuant to Section 4 of the Third Schedule of the Presbyterian Trusts Act, 1971 of the State of South Australia, and pursuant to Section 5 of the Presbyterian Church (Proposals for Union with Other Churches) Ordinance 1972 of the Australian Capital Territory, to provide just and equitable safeguards of the rights of minorities who do not concur in the said decision to unite, as hereinafter provided, namely:

- (a) by the provisions therein required to be provided for minorities who do not concur in the decision to unite: and,
 - (b) by instructing officials of this assembly, state assemblies and presbyteries to provide needed information to assist any continuing Presbyterian Church and its congregations.
3. Appoint the commission provided for in the aforesaid Acts as follows:
- (a) Mr. K. R. Handley Q.C., J. M. Hunter, G. Stevens independent members.
 - (b) Rev. C. M. Dyster, Messrs. R. Gough and R. M. Northrop Q.C. with Messrs. J. T. Johnstone and J. G. R. McArthur as alternates representing those approving union.
 - (c) Rev. S. McCafferty, Messrs. F. M. Bradshaw and D. R. Brierley; with Messrs. C. Homer Fraser, R. P. W. Jell and H. I. M. MacFarlane as alternates representing those disapproving union provided that if in the opinion of the Code Committee any of the above named persons refuses to acknowledge that until the Presbyterian Church of Australia enters into union on the second day of June 1976 or such earlier or later date as is determined by the commission appointed by clause 1(b) it continues to function pursuant to its existing Constitution, its existing Basis of Union and existing Acts of Parliament then that person or those persons shall cease to be members of this commission and the commission appointed to convene the next Assembly shall have power to appoint upon the nomination of the independent members of this commission another person or persons from among those disapproving the union to fill the vacancy or vacancies so arising.
 - (d) Appoint Mr. K. R. Handley Q.C. as Chairman; seven members to form a quorum.
4. Appoint the Rev. L. F. Gunn executive officer of the above commission.
5. Request from the state assemblies in the proportion at present used for contributing to Assembly Expenses the necessary financial contribution to provide for:
- (a) the honoraria of the independent members of the commission;
 - (b) the expenses of the commission including the salary of the executive officer and secretarial assistance.
6. Require by the 31st day of July 1975:
- (a) All ministers, licentiates, home missionaries, candidates for the Ministry, deaconesses and deaconess students, all Assembly or Presbytery Lay Appointees to declare to the presbytery of which they are a member or under whose jurisdiction they may be, whether they propose to enter the Uniting Church at its inauguration or whether they propose to remain in any Presbyterian Church of Australia continuing to function when the Uniting Church is inaugurated and require presbyteries to forward to the Clerk of their State Assembly and to the Clerk of this Assembly a return of such declarations with names and addresses by the 15th day of August 1975.
 - (b) Missionaries and staff of the Board of Ecumenical Mission and Relations to make a similar declaration of intention to the Board of Ecumenical Mission and Relations and require the Board to forward to the Clerk of this Assembly a return of such declarations with names and addresses by the 15th day of August 1975.
 - (c) Ministers, Deaconesses and staff of the Australian Inland Mission to make a similar declaration of intention to the Australian Inland Mission Committee and require the Committee to forward to the Clerk of this Assembly a return of such declara-

tions with names and addresses by the 15th day of August 1975.

7. (a) Request all parties to whom the custody of any records be awarded under any order of the commission appointed under the Act to make such records available on all proper occasions to persons authorized by the Church that has not been awarded such records;
 - (b) Request all concerned to co-operate with the State Negotiators and the Commission appointed under the Act.
8. Appoint a commission consisting of the Clerk of each State Assembly, the Rev. J. C. Allan, A. Crawford, J. B. Edwards, D. Cousins, C. M. Dyster, the Law Agent and Messrs. A. R. Gillespie and R. P. Gresham, with the Rev. A. Crawford as Chairman; seven members to form a quorum; which commission is to have full authority and power to prepare for the establishment of the Uniting Church including, but without limiting the generality of such authority and power, the authority and power to co-operate with the equivalent bodies of the other uniting churches in seeking all legislation necessary or advisable in relation to such a Uniting Church.
9. (a) Approve the recommendation of the Joint Constitution Commission for the appointment of a minister with appropriate staff to plan and direct a programme of preparation for the Uniting Church and to act as executive officer of the Joint Constitution Commission and the Joint Constitutional Council.
 - (b) Concur in the appointment by the Joint Constitution Commission of the Rev. W. O'Reilly as Executive Officer of the Joint Constitution Commission and the Joint Constitutional Council.
 - (c) Approve of the estimated Budget of \$100,000 for the preliminary costs of establishing the Uniting Church and the Inaugurating Assembly, such cost of the inaugurating Assembly to exclude the travel expenses and allowances of the representatives of the uniting churches which shall be carried by each of the churches concerned.
 - (d) Approve the Joint Constitution Commission borrowing up to \$100,000 at prevailing rates of interest to meet the preliminary costs of the establishment of the Uniting Church and the Inaugurating Assembly, repayment of moneys borrowed to be regarded by the uniting Churches as a charge against the assets of the Uniting Church.
 - (e) Approve, if so required by the lending authority, the repayment of the moneys so borrowed and the interest be secured either by a general charge over assets of any one or more of the Uniting Churches which will pass to the Uniting Church or a specific charge over any one or more of such assets.
 - (f) Authorise the Commission appointed under clause 8 to negotiate and make appropriate arrangements for the grant of any security if so requested by the Joint Constitution Commission and to deal with any matters which may arise from time to time in relation to the expenses of the establishment of the Uniting Church and the Inaugurating Assembly.
 - (g) Approve the Chairman, Secretary and Executive Officer of the Joint Constitution Commission being authorized to sign all loan agreements and security documents required by the lending authority.
 - (h) Allocate to those who do not concur in the decision to unite and who will continue as the Presbyterian Church of Australia from the date of the inauguration of the Uniting Church, the sum of \$20,000 to enable them make preparation for the coming into being of that church.
 - (i) (i) Appoint a committee to be known as the General Purposes Committee, to have full power and authority to attend to all planning necessary for the Presbyterian Church of Australia which will continue after the inauguration of the Uniting Church, but without limiting the generality of such power and authority.
 - (ii) Appoint Rev. K. J. Gardner (Convener), Samuel McCafferty, Norman Monsen, W. Camden, W. A. Loftus, E. R.

Pearsons, A. C. Stubs and Messrs. R. W. Ralph, R. P. W. Jell, D. R. Brierley, H. I. M. MacFarlan, L. J. Moore, F. M. Bradshaw, and C. Homer Fraser as members of the General Purposes Committee, provided that if in the opinion of the Code Committee any of the above named persons refuses to acknowledge that until the Presbyterian Church of Australia enters into union on the second day of June 1976 or such earlier or later date as is determined by the Commission appointed under Clause 1(b) it continues to function pursuant to its existing Constitution, its existing Basis of Union and existing Acts of Parliament then that person or those persons shall thereupon cease to be members of the committee and the remaining members shall have power to appoint others in their place from among those disapproving of union who remain within the Presbyterian Church of Australia until the second day of June 1976 or such earlier or later date as may be determined by the Commission appointed in clause 1(b).

- (j) Declare that such sums actually expended against the allocation of moneys provided for in sub clause 9 (h) be debited against the funds of the Presbyterian Church of Australia allocated by the Commission appointed under clause 18 (a) of Part III of the Schedule to the Act to those who do not concur in the decision to unite who will continue as the Presbyterian Church of Australia upon the inauguration of the Uniting Church and that such sums actually expended as provided for in clauses 11 and 14 be debited against the funds allocated by the aforesaid Commission to the Uniting Church.
10. (a) Request each state assembly to appoint representatives to the first Assembly of the Uniting Church as follows: from New South Wales 20, from Queensland 14, from South Australia 6, from Tasmania 4, from Victoria 20, from Western Australia 6; in each case the number appointed to consist of an equal number of ministers and elders.
- (b) Authorise state assemblies to appoint alternates.
- (c) Request state assemblies to forward to the Clerk names and addresses of their appointees not later than the 31st December, 1975.
11. Agree that each of the uniting churches pay the travelling costs and living allowances of the representatives appointed by it to the first Assembly of the Uniting Church.
12. Appoint as members of the Joint Commission on Church Union: the Rev. Prof. I. Gillman, D. M. Hodges, Dr. J. D. McCaughey, Dr. J. M. Owen, A. F. Smart, Messrs. H. E. H. Atkinson and A. J. Kilgour; with the Rev. J. F. Peter as alternate.
13. Appoint as members of the Joint Constitution Commission: Rev. D. Conomos, J. B. Edwards, L. F. Gunn, J. Mathers, Messrs. I. S. Hunt, R. M. Northrop and the Law Agent; with alternates: Mr. H. E. H. Atkinson and the Rev. J. C. Allan.
14. Appoint as members of the Joint Constitution Council: the members of the Joint Constitution Commission—Rev. D. Conomos (Q), J. B. Edwards (S.A.), L. F. Gunn (Vic.), J. Mathers (N.S.W.), Messrs. I. S. Hunt (N.S.W.), J. G. R. McArthur (Vic.), R. M. Northrop (Vic.), the members of the Joint Commission on Church Union,—the Rev. Prof. I. Gillman (Q), D. M. Hodges (Vic.), Dr. J. D. McCaughey (Vic.), D. J. M. Owen (W.A.), A. F. Smart (N.S.W.), Messrs. H. E. H. Atkinson (N.S.W.), A. J. Kilgour (Vic.), and Rev. A. W. Grant, Deaconess C. Ritchie, Mrs. M. Ralph and Mr. R. Brown (N.S.W.), Mrs. M. McPheat and Mr. R. P. Gresham (Q), Mrs. J. Yule (S.A.), Rev. I. N. Kerr (Tas.), Deaconess P. Lewis and Mrs. E. Mitchell (Vic.), Mr. D. Birch (W.A.).
15. Appoint the Christian Unity Committee as follows:
- (a) Convener: Very Rev. J. F. McKay.
- (b) Conveners of state Christian Unity Committees ex officio, with the proviso that should any such member cease to hold the convenuehip of a state committee his place upon the federal committee shall be taken automatically by his successor.

- (c) Two members each from New South Wales and Victoria and one from Queensland appointed by and from the membership of the Christian Unity Committees of the states concerned.
- (d) Mrs. M. Ralph, Messrs. D. R. Brierley, R. H. Gough and R. M. Northrop.

16. Request State Christian Unity Committees in the period leading to the inauguration of the Uniting Church to take all steps possible to foster co-operation between congregations and presbyteries with congregations and equivalent courts in the uniting churches.
17. Authorize the Code Committee to take whatever steps may be necessary to protect the interests of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, should such become necessary through any developments subsequent to the resolution of the General Assembly of Australia to enter into union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches, and authorize the Finance Committee to make arrangements to meet any expense involved.
18. (a) Appoint the next General Assembly to convene in the Scots Church Sydney on the second day of June 1976 at the hour of 10 a.m. and appoint a Commission consisting of the Moderator, Clerks and Business Convener with the Moderator as Chairman three to form a quorum, to appoint another date, time and place should it become impracticable for the Assembly to discharge its functions on the date or at the time and place appointed, or upon a request by the Code Committee.
- (b) Request standing and other committees to bring to this Assembly final reports with requests for any necessary approval of action taken.
- (c) Continue until the next Assembly the membership of all standing and other committees appointed last Assembly.

Competency Questions

20. Mr. R. P. W. Jell questioned the competency of the amended Deliverance.

The Moderator ruled that the amended Deliverance was competent.

Moderator's Ruling

21. The Rev. N. S. McCaw moved that the Moderator's ruling be disagreed with.

The motion was seconded and disapproved, and the Deliverance was declared competent.

22. It was decided to take the Deliverance clause by clause.

Clause 1 was moved and seconded.

Mr. C. R. Brierley moved the omission of the words "or later" from line 2 of Clause 1(a) and from line 15 of Clause 1(a) and the addition of a new sub-clause (b).

Authorize the Commission to be appointed in sub-clause (c) to convene a meeting of the General Assembly of Australia on the second day of June, 1976 (or on any day within two weeks of the second day of June, 1976) if it becomes apparent to the said Commission that the Uniting Church of Australia cannot be formed by the second day of June, 1976 and to report accordingly to such meeting of the General Assembly of Australia with the date by which the Uniting Church of Australia can be formed.

The amendment was seconded and disapproved.

Privilege

23. Mr. J. W. McPhee raised a question of privilege concerning procedures in the debate, and called for the Moderator's ruling.

The Moderator ruled that there had been no breach of privilege.

Moderator's Ruling

24. Mr. J. W. McPhee moved that the Moderator's ruling be disagreed with.

The motion was seconded and disapproved and the Moderator's ruling upheld.

Division

25. The Moderator indicated that in his opinion clause 1 was approved.

26. A division with names recorded was called for in accordance with Standing Orders.

The Division was taken.

The Moderator intimated the result of the Division as follows:

For 236.

Against 133.

and declared clause 1 approved.

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Shepherdson, K. J. Shepherdson, D. F. L. Skerman, R. Smart, V. S. Smith, A. G. Spalding, J. E. Sticpewich, J. H. Stickland, G. Sutherland, C. W. N. Tindell, R. R. Thompson, W. R. White, G. Williams, R. N. Willis.

Protest

27. The Rev. K. J. Gardner read the following Protest and Claim of Right:

1st May, 1974.

WE, the undersigned Commissioners to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia HEREBY PROTEST against the decision of this Assembly to enter into union with the annual conferences of New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia of the Methodist Church of Australasia on its own behalf and on behalf of the Congregational Union in each of the states of the Commonwealth and on behalf of those churches on whose behalf the Congregational Union of Australia is authorized so to do, on the Basis of Union approved by this Assembly.

The reasons for this protest are as follows—

1. That this church, in entering into such union on the Basis of Union approved by this Assembly,
 - (a) is denying the doctrinal standards of the Presbyterian Church of Australia which each of its ministers has pledged to maintain and defend, namely, its Supreme Standard, the Word of God as contained in the Old and New Testament to be the only rule of Faith and Practice,
 - (b) as a church of Word and Sacrament, is forsaking its subordinate Standard of the Westminster Confession of Faith and specifically, in relation to the Sacrament of Baptism, it is denying the covenantal relationship of this Sacrament.
2. The office of the ruling elder in the tradition of the reformed churches will no longer be given its pre-eminent place in the government of the church which will result from the said union.
3. That in resolving to enter into the said union, this Assembly has knowingly acted so as to cause grievous division within the Assembly, and the church throughout Australia, in that a very large minority of Presbyterians cannot in all good conscience enter into such a union on the Basis of Union as approved by this Assembly.

WE therefore ASSERT our CLAIM OF RIGHT to a separate existence at this time by virtue of the resolution of the Assembly to enter the said union but WE DECLARE that without prejudice to this claim and to avoid so far as possible further disruption and confusion, WE CONSENT to meet in undivided Assembly and to participate in all matters within the jurisdiction of this Assembly PROVIDED THAT all decisions made hereafter so far as the (continuing) Presbyterian Church of Australia is concerned are subject to and dependent upon the claim of this (continuing) church to regulate its own affairs from the time of the resolution to enter into the said union and further that WE HEREBY UNDERTAKE on behalf of ourselves not to prosecute our claim at law unless and until the Assembly of the undivided church or any inferior Court of the undivided church, whether State Assembly Presbytery or Kirk Session or any committee or agency thereof or any officer appointee or servant thereof makes such resolution or takes such action as may prejudice or derogate from the rights and privileges of any member or Court of the (continuing) Presbyterian Church of Australia and its duty to assert, maintain and defend its doctrine, worship and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF We have hereunto set our hands this first day of May in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy four.

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N. Monsen
S. McCafferty
R. C. Clark
K. J. Gardner
D. M. Campbell
E. Thompson
J. Perkins
R. N. Riek
A. B. Bailey
M. W. Roberts
C. R. Gray
F. B. Bray
R. C. Russell

RULING ELDERS
R. W. P. Jell
E. Nelson
G. R. E. Nelson
J. W. Adsett
B. T. Scott
D. F. L. Skerman
R. M. Ralph
A. C. Shepherdson
K. J. Shepherdson
A. E. Biggs
A. D. A. Mayes
W. R. White
J. A. Rogers
R. Lucas

28. The Clerk moved:

That the Assembly—

Cannot accept this Protest and Claim of Right for the following reasons—

1. It is based on a claim that the continuing Presbyterian Church of Australia comes into existence on the date of the resolution to enter union and that the Assembly should recognize the continuing Presbyterian Church as coming into existence on this day. The Code Committee has advised that the continuing Presbyterian Church does not come into existence until the actual entry into union on 2nd June 1976 or such earlier or later date as may be determined. Until then the continuing Presbyterian Church cannot be recognized.
2. The offer to meet in undivided Assembly is dependent upon the recognition of the continuing Presbyterian Church from this day and the recognition that the continuing Presbyterian Church is free to regulate its own affairs from this day. Such recognition cannot be given.
3. The offer not to prosecute a claim at law is dependent upon acceptance of a false premise, namely the existence of a continuing Presbyterian Church from this day.

The motion was seconded.

The Moderator declared that in his opinion the motion was approved.

29. A Division with names recorded was called for in accordance with Division Standing Orders.

The Division was taken.

The Moderator intimated the result of the Division as follows:

For 272.

Against 83.

and declared the motion approved.

FOR

Ministers: J. Alblas, J. C. Allan, R. A. Anderson, P. C. Aumann, B. J. Bateman, C. J. Baulch, J. A. Bouwmeester, D. J. Brandon, P. E. Boase, L. H. Brockway, K. W. Burton, R. A. Busch, R. A. Caldwell, A. B. Clark, A. M. Clark, I. E. Collings, G. L. Colquhoun, K. Coombes, S. J. Cooper, D. J. Cousins, A. S. Crawford, A. P. Dyal, W. Drooger, D. Duffy, I. G. Davis, P. A. Davidson, C. M. Dyster, J. B. Edwards, C. E. J. Egan, R. Engel, D. W. Erickson, J. G. Evans, T. Evans, K. R. Ewin, N. Faichney, J. A. Finlay, J. A. Ford, M. O. Fox, J. Fraser, W. B. Gentle, G. R. George, J. R. P. Gillan, J. E. Gillanders, I. Gillman, J. H. Gowdie, A. W. Grant, L. F. Gunn, W. E. Haddrick, K. G. Hamill, D. A. Handebo, J. B. Hartshorn, D. J. Harrison, W. B. Hastie, R. G. Hazeldine, A. L. Hewitt, I. L. Higgins, J. S. Holden, A. Horsburgh, T. B. Howells, R. A. E. Hunt, W. H. Ives, J. Jebb, R. B. Johnson, T. M. Kelly, N. E. Key, A. E. Laurie, R. A. Lawton, C. J. Leane, G. S. Leicester, W. M. Lockhart, I. W. Littler, D. J. Lowry, H. McAndrew, R. A. MacArthur, J. D. McCaughey, S. J. McCollum, D. N. McGregor, J. F. McKay, D. G. McKechnie, C. C. McKeith, W. S. McPheat, R. C. McLean, W. McLeod, A. M. McMaster, J. S. Macfarlane, R. C. MacIachlan, M. D. Macleod, R. L. Maddigan, J. W. Martin, D. A. Marks, J. Mathers, D. R. Merritt, J. Minchin, J. Moody, W. Morgan, C. Mostert, J. S. Murray, A. T. P. North, J. M. Owen, S. J. Paddle, D. R. Parker, I. V. Parton, R. B. Patterson, N. Paxton, K. D. Pearson, A. R. Peerman, G. D. Penman, J. Peter, D. W. Poynton, I. J. Purdie, W. Purves, D. K. Robson, R. J. Scrimgeour, S. S. Smale, A. F. Smart, I. F. Smith, I. H. Silke, R. Sparks, R. E. Spring, H. C. Spykerboer, C. L. Squires, J. Stevenson, G. J. Stewart, I. G. Stewart, W. Stratford, A. F. Stuart, N. Stuurstraat, I. B. Tanner, T. J. Tero, A. F. Thompson, J. Thompson, J. A. Thompson, J. R. Thorburn, C. Uidam, N. S. Yawser, D. J. Watson, T. C. Watson, K. B. Walker, W. A. Walker, A. A. Watts, L. W. Wyer, D. G. Whebell, M. Williams, R. T. C. Williamson, G. S. Yule.

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Debate adj.

30. The debate was adjourned (Min. 32).

President-General Methodist Conference

31. 1. The Rev. Rex Mathias, the President General of the Methodist Church of Australasia and the Rev. Winston O'Reilly the Secretary General of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia were welcomed by the Moderator and invited to address the House.

The President General announced that the result of the vote on Church Union in the Methodist General Conference was to approve such union by 160 votes approving and 11 votes disapproving. The President General conveyed greetings to the Assembly and was supported by the Rev. Winston O'Reilly. The Moderator thanked the President General and the Secretary General for their presence and addresses and requested them to convey greetings to the Methodist General Conference from the Assembly.

Debate Resumed

32. 2. The adjourned debate on the Christian Unity Deliverance was resumed. (Min. 30).

Mr. C. R. Brierley moved the addition immediately after clause 1 of the following clauses to be numbered 2 and 3.

Declare its determination to take all possible steps to protect the rights of Ministers, Missionaries, Students for the Ministry, elders, communicants and adherents who do not concur in the decision to unite.

In accordance with its desire and duty to protect the rights of minorities who do not concur in the decision to unite request all State Assemblies, Presbyteries and Sessions and instruct the members of the Commission to be appointed pursuant to Government Legislation to take into account in all decisions, until such time as the Uniting Church of Australia is formed, the necessity to provide just and equitable safeguards of the rights of all those who do not concur in the decision to unite.

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

Clause 2 was approved.

Clause 3 was moved and seconded as follows:

3. Appoint the commission provided for in the aforesaid Acts as follows:

- (a) Mr. K. R. Handley Q.C., I. M. Hunter, G. Stevens independent members.
- (b) Rev. C. M. Dyster, Messrs. R. Gough and R. M. Northrop Q.C. with Messrs J. T. Johnstone and J. G. R. McArthur as alternates representing those approving union.
- (c) Rev. S. McCafferty, Messrs. F. M. Bradshaw and D. R. Brierley; with Messrs. C. Homer Fraser, R. P. W. Jell and H. I. M. MacFarlane as alternates representing those disapproving union provided that if in the opinion of the Code Committee any of the above named persons refuses to acknowledge that until the Presbyterian Church of Australia enters into union on the second day of June 1976 or such earlier or later date as is determined by the commission appointed by clause 1(b) it continues to function pursuant to its existing Constitution, its existing Basis of Union and existing Acts of Parliament then that person or those persons shall cease to be members of this commission and the commission appointed to convene the next Assembly shall have power to appoint upon the nomination of the independent members of this commission another person or persons from among those disapproving the union to fill the vacancy or vacancies so arising.
- (d) Appoint Mr. K. R. Handley Q.C. as Chairman; seven members to form a quorum.

Mr. F. M. Bradshaw moved the omission of all words in clause 3 (c) after the word "union" first appearing. The amendment was seconded and disapproved.

33. Mr. D. R. Brierley challenged the competency of clause 3 (c). The Moderator ruled the sub-clause to be competent. Moderator's Ruling

Mr. D. R. Brierley moved that the Moderator's Ruling be disagreed with.

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

Clause 3 was approved.

34. Clause 4 was moved and seconded as follows:

Appoint the Rev. L. F. Gunn executive officer of the above commission.

Mr. Lindsay Moore moved the omission of all words after "Assembly" with a view to inserting other words viz:

Authorize the chairman of the above commission, if it is found to be necessary, to appoint a secretary or executive officer to the commission on terms approved by the Executive of the Finance Committee, such appointee not being a minister, elder, office bearer or member of any of the churches which are party to the proposal to unite.

The amendment was seconded.

The Rev. C. Uidam moved the omission of all words after "Finance Committee" in the amendment.

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

The amendment was disapproved.

Clause 4 was approved.

35. The debate was adjourned. (Min. 40). Debate adj.

36. Overture 4 from the Presbytery of North Sydney re Section 18 (b) of Part 3 of the new Constitution was laid on the table. Overture 4

The Clerk challenged the competency of the Overture.

The Moderator ruled that the Overture was not competent.

37. The Rev. J. H. Gowdie moved that the Moderator's Ruling be disagreed with. Moderator's Ruling

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

38. The adjourned debate on the Christian Unity Deliverance was resumed. (Min. 9). Debate Resumed

The Rev. Dr. J. M. Owen moved an additional clause to be inserted after clause 4 as follows:

- (i) In Section 18(b) of the new Basis of Union of which the Assembly implemented Part III (Union with Other Churches) in December, 1971, the words "such communicants" refer to those communicants who, being at least one-third of the communicants of a congregation who participated in the vote, recorded votes

indicating their desire to continue in membership of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, i.e., voted "Yes" to Question (b); so that these communicants alone are to be recognized in accordance with Section 18 (b) as "a congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Australia continuing to function on this basis of union" and are in Part III of the Basis of Union "hereinafter called 'a continuing congregation'";

(ii) In any case where such a continuing congregation is to be recognized:

(a) all other communicants and all adherents of the present congregation remain in membership of the congregation which at the point of union shall become a congregation of the church to result from the union;

(b) all members of the session and board of management who are not among the communicants who are to be recognized as a continuing congregation retain their membership of the session or board of the congregation which is to become a congregation of the Church to result from the union;

(c) the minister remains linked by pastoral tie or appointment to the congregation which is to become a congregation of the church to result from union, until released therefrom by normal procedures of the Church or special provisions of the General Assembly;

(iii) Nothing in the provisions of Section 18 stands in the way of individual members and adherents transferring their membership from a uniting to a continuing congregation or vice versa; this should be done by way of disjunction certificate and can only take effect from the day on which the church to result from the union comes into being.

The motion was seconded.

Moderator's
Ruling

39. The Rev. J. F. Boyall challenged the competency of the Amendment.

The Moderator ruled the Amendment to be completed.

The Rev. J. F. Boyall moved that the Moderator's ruling be disagreed with.

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

Dissent

40. The Rev. J. F. Boyall and Messrs. D. K. P. Miller and J. H. Stickland recorded their dissent.

41. Dr. J. M. Owen's motion for an additional clause was disapproved. Clause 5 was approved.

Clause 6 was moved and seconded as follows:

Require by the 31st day of July 1975:

(a) All ministers, licentiates, home missionaries, candidates for the Ministry, deaconesses and deaconess students, all Assembly or Presbytery Lay Appointees to declare to the presbytery of which they are a member or under whose jurisdiction they may be, whether they propose to enter the Uniting Church at its inauguration or whether they propose to remain in any Presbyterian Church of Australia continuing to function when the Uniting Church is inaugurated and require presbyteries to forward to the Clerk of their State Assembly and to the Clerk of this Assembly a return of such declarations with names and addresses by the 15th day of August 1975.

(b) Missionaries and staff of the Board of Ecumenical Mission and Relations to make a similar declaration of intention to the Board of Ecumenical Mission and Relations and require the Board to forward to the Clerk of this Assembly a return of such declarations with names and addresses by the 15th day of August 1975.

(c) Ministers, Deaconesses and staff of the Australian Inland Mission to make a similar declaration of intention to the Australian Inland Mission Committee and require the Committee to forward to the Clerk of this Assembly a return of such declarations with names and addresses by the 15th day of August 1975.

The Rev. S. McCafferty moved the omission of the date "1975" wherever appearing, and the substitution of the date "1974".

The amendment was seconded and approved.

Clause 6 as amended was approved.

Clause 7 was approved in the following form:

(a) Request all parties to whom the custody of any records be awarded under any order of the commission appointed under the Act to make

- such records available on all proper occasions to persons authorized by the Church that has not been awarded such records;
- (b) Request all concerned to co-operate with the State Negotiators and the commission appointed under the Act.
 - (c) Instruct each Presbytery at the first opportunity to report to the Clerk of Assembly in its State for immediate transmission to the negotiators appointed by that State Assembly on changes or threatened changes in circumstances in a parish or congregation within its jurisdiction, such changes to be reported upon to include any one or more of the following matters as they may arise:
 - (i) a vacancy occurring in a charge and the appointment of an Interim Moderator by the Presbytery.
 - (ii) a complaint, appeal or petition to the Presbytery by any minister, communicant member or adherent and the circumstances relating to such complaint, appeal or petition.
 - (iii) disciplinary action proposed or taken by the Presbytery or by a Session against a minister, elder, communicant member or adherent.
 - (iv) a proposed disposal of congregational property or a substantial transfer of congregational funds by a congregation within the Presbytery.
 - (v) a sudden alteration in the number of communicant members and/or adherents on the rolls of a congregation within the Presbytery not attributable to normal circumstances.
 - (vi) a request by a congregation for the creation of a joint parish within the Presbytery of the bounds.
 - (vii) an inability of a congregation within the presbytery to fulfil the terms of settlement of the minister to that congregation.
 - (viii) any question raised as to the continuation of a congregation within the Presbytery whether by the congregation itself or on the initiative of the Presbytery of the bounds.
 - (ix) a proposed division of a sanctioned charge within the Presbytery.
 - (x) a proposed change in the boundaries of a Presbytery.
 - (xi) circumstances arising whereby the Presbytery is called upon to consider
 - (a) the appointment of a special visitation to enquire into matters relating to a particular charge within its jurisdiction.
 - (b) the appointment of assessors whether at the request of a session or on its own initiative.
 - (xii) any matter within the Presbytery whereby the worship instruction fellowship and work of a congregation and its viability as a Parish or home mission station is endangered.
 - (d) Instruct each Presbytery:
 - (i) to report to the Chairman of the Commission appointed pursuant to Section 18(a) of the Schedule to the enabling Acts of Parliament those minorities of congregations not concurring in the decision to unite which in the opinion of the Presbytery of the bounds are not able to be related in membership with some continuing congregation or congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Australia after union is consummated.
 - (ii) to report to the General Secretary of the Church in its State for transmission to the State negotiators those minorities of congregations which in the opinion of the "Presbytery are able to be related with some continuing Congregation or congregations as a charge or charges on the consummation of union and the name or names of the congregation or congregations to which such minorities are able to be related.

Clause 8 was approved in the following form:

8. Appoint a commission consisting of the Clerk of each State Assembly, the Rev. J. C. Allan, A. Crawford, J. B. Edwards, D. Cousins, C. M. Dyster, the Law Agent and Messrs. A. R. Gillespie and R. P. Gresham, with the Rev. A. Crawford as Chairman; seven members to form a quorum; which commission is to have full authority and power to prepare for the establishment of the Uniting Church including, but without limiting the generality of such authority and power, the authority and power to co-operate with the equivalent bodies of the other uniting churches in seeking all legislation necessary or advisable in relation to such a Uniting

Church and request from state assemblies in the proportion at present used for contributing to Assembly Expenses the necessary financial contribution to provide for necessary expenses."

Clause 9 was approved in the following form:

9. (a) Approve the recommendation of the Joint Constitution Commission for the appointment of a minister with appropriate staff to plan and direct a programme of preparation for the Uniting Church and to act as executive officer of the Joint Constitution Commission and the Joint Constitutional Council.
- (b) Concur in the appointment by the Joint Constitution Commission of the Rev. W. O'Reilly as Executive Officer of the Joint Constitution Commission and the Joint Constitutional Council.
- (c) Approve of the estimated budget of \$100,000 for the preliminary costs of establishing the Uniting Church and the Inaugurating Assembly, such cost of the inaugurating Assembly to exclude the travel expenses and allowances of the representatives of the uniting churches which shall be carried by each of the churches concerned.
- (d) Approve the Joint Constitution Commission borrowing up to \$100,000 at prevailing rates of interest to meet the preliminary costs of the establishment of the Uniting Church and the Inaugurating Assembly, repayment of moneys borrowed to be regarded by the uniting Churches as a charge against the assets of the Uniting Church.
- (e) Approve, if so required by the lending authority, the repayment of the moneys so borrowed and the interest be secured either by a general charge over assets of any one or more of the Uniting Churches which will pass to the Uniting Church or a specific charge over any one or more of such assets.
- (f) Authorize the Commission appointed under clause 8 to negotiate and make appropriate arrangements for the grant of any security if so requested by the Joint Constitution Commission and to deal with any matters which may arise from time to time in relation to the expenses of the establishment of the Uniting Church and the Inaugurating Assembly.
- (g) Approve the Chairman, Secretary and Executive Officer of the Joint Constitution Commission being authorized to sign all loan agreements and security documents required by the lending authority.
- (h) Allocate to those who do not concur in the decision to unite and who will continue as the Presbyterian Church of Australia from the date of the inauguration of the Uniting Church, the sum of \$20,000 to enable them make preparation for the coming into being of that church.
- (i) (i) Appoint a committee to be known as the General Purposes Committee, to have full power and authority to attend to all planning necessary for the Presbyterian Church of Australia which will continue after the inauguration of the Uniting Church, but without limiting the generality of such power and authority.
- (ii) Appoint the Rev. K. J. Gardner (Convener), Samuel McCafferty, Norman Monsen, W. A. Loftus, E. R. Pearsons, A. C. Stubs and Messrs. R. W. Ralph, R. P. W. Jell, D. R. Brierley, H. I. M. MacFarlane, L. J. Moore, F. M. Bradshaw, and C. Homer Fraser as members of the General Purposes Committee, provided that if in the opinion of the Code Committee any of the above named persons refuses to acknowledge that until the Presbyterian Church of Australia enters into union on the second day of June 1976 or such earlier or later date as is determined by the Commission appointed under Clause 1(b) it continues to function pursuant to its existing Constitution, its existing Basis of Union and existing Acts of Parliament then that person of those persons shall thereupon cease to be members of the committee and the remaining members shall have power to appoint others in their place from among those disapproving of union who remain within the Presbyterian Church of Australia until the second day of

June 1976 or such earlier or later date as may be determined by the Commission appointed in clause 1(b).

- (iii) Authorize the General Purposes Committee appointed above to borrow up to \$20,000 from the Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust at prevailing rates of interest to enable them to make preparation for the Presbyterian Church of Australia (continuing) to be secured by a general charge over assets of that church.
- (iv) Request the Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust to make up to \$20,000 available in terms of iii (above).
- (j) Declare that such sums actually expended against the allocation of moneys provided for in sub clause 9(h) be debited against the funds of the Presbyterian Church of Australia allocated by the Commission appointed under clause 18(a) of Part III of the Schedule to the Act to those who do not concur in the decision to unite who will continue as the Presbyterian Church of Australia upon the inauguration of the Uniting Church and that such sums actually expended as provided for in clauses 11 and 14 be debited against the funds allocated by the aforesaid Commission to the Uniting Church.

Clause 10 was approved.

Clause 11 was approved in the following form:

- 11. (a) Agree that each of the uniting churches pay the travelling costs and living allowances of the representatives appointed by it to the first Assembly of the Uniting Church.
- (b) Authorize the Commission appointed under Clause 8 to borrow up to \$12,500 from the Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust at prevailing rates of interest (to provide for travelling costs and living allowances of the representatives appointed in terms of Clause 10 to the first Assembly of the Uniting Church and for expenses of the Joint Constitution Council) to be secured by a charge, as jointly agreed upon, over specific assets that will pass to the Uniting Church.
- (c) Request the Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust to make up \$12,500 available in terms of (b) above.

Clauses 12-18 were approved.

The Deliverance as a whole as amended was moved and seconded.

The Moderator declared that in his opinion the motion was approved.

42. A Division was called for in accordance with Standing Orders.

Division

The Division was taken.

The Moderator announced the result of the Division as follows:

For. 201.

Against. 82.

and declared the Deliverance as a whole as amended to be approved:

FOR

Ministers: J. Alblas, Principal R. A. Anderson, J. C. Allan, P. C. Aumann, B. J. Bateman, C. Baulch, D. J. Brandon, L. H. Brockway, Principal R. A. Busch, R. B. Catford, K. Coombes, A. M. Clark, I. E. Collings, G. L. Colquhoun, S. J. Cooper, D. J. Cousins, A. S. Crawford, P. A. Davidson, I. G. Davis, W. Drooger, D. Duffy, A. P. Dyal, J. B. Edwards, C. E. J. Egan, T. Evans, N. Faichney, J. A. Finlay, J. A. Ford, M. O. Fox, J. R. P. Gillan, J. E. Gillanders, Dr. I. Gillman, J. H. Gowdie, A. W. Grant, L. F. Gunn, W. E. Haddrick, D. J. Harrison, J. B. Hartshorn, W. B. Hastic, A. L. Hewitt, I. L. Higgins, J. S. Holden, A. Horsburgh, T. B. Howells, R. A. E. Hunt, W. H. Ives, R. B. Johnson, N. E. Key, R. A. Lawton, C. J. Leane, G. S. Leicester, I. W. Littler, W. M. Lockhart, D. J. Lowry, H. McAndrew, R. A. MacArthur, Dr. J. D. McCaughey, S. J. McCollum, D. N. McGregor, J. F. McKay, C. C. McKeith, Dr. A. M. McMaster, Dr. W. S. McPheat, R. C. Maclachlan, J. S. Macfarlane, M. D. Macleod, R. L. Maddigan, D. A. Marks, J. Mathers, Dr. D. R. Merritt, J. Moody, J. Minchin, W. Morgan, C. Mostert, Dr. J. S. Murray, A. T. P. North, Dr. J. M. Owen, S. J. Paddle, D. R. Parker, I. V. Parton, R. B. Patterson, J. Peter, K. D. Pearson, D. W. Poynton, L. J. Purdie, W. Purves, D. K. Robson, R. J. Scrimgeour, I. H. Silke, I. F. Smith, R. Sparks, R. E. Spring, Prof. H. C. Spykerboer, C. L. Squires, G. J. Stewart, I. G. Stewart, J. Stevenson, W. Stratford, A. F. Stuart, N. Stuurstraat, T. J. Tero, J. A. Thompson, J. Thompson, C. Uidam, N. S. Vawser, W. A. Walker,

D. J. Watson, T. C. Watson, A. A. Watts, M. Williams, L. W. Wyer, Prof. G. S. Yule.

Elders: O. M. Allen, J. G. Allison, R. M. Arndell, H. E. H. Atkinson, B. W. Barnard, D. H. Bertram, S. Bowen, M. Box, K. W. Burnside, R. Chester, R. W. Clark, W. L. Clark, E. E. Compton, J. G. Coutts, J. T. Coutts, Dr. I. A. Cumming, D. J. Davies, L. Dickenson, F. H. Dorney, K. W. Evans, T. S. Fenton, A. Fisher, J. C. Fleming, E. Floyd, R. C. Frame, I. R. Fry, E. A. Gaby, B. C. Gibson, A. R. Gillespie, A. Grant, G. Gray, M. Hamilton, J. W. Hardie, H. Ingamells, A. E. Kerr, D. Kerr, A. J. Kilgour, A. H. Kuhl, Dr. A. R. McK. Langley, I. M. Lindsay, J. Lovell, J. G. R. McArthur, C. B. MacGibbon, I. D. Mackinnon, J. McKinnon, D. C. Maclaren, B. McMullin, R. B. Marshall, R. C. Mason, J. Maynard, J. S. D. Mellick, H. H. Menzel, C. T. Mitchell, R. Montgomery, B. W. Morrison, G. U. Nathan, A. Newton, O. J. Nielsen, N. A. Norris, R. M. Northrop, A. M. Philip, A. D. Phillips, M. Ralph, M. Ramsay, H. L. Richardson, C. M. Roberts, L. Robinson, D. Ross, J. F. Ryan, W. J. Scotford, B. T. Scott, R. M. Shadforth, G. R. Shearwood, N. Simpson, I. M. Stuart, F. B. Smith, V. S. Smith, R. H. Tait, A. A. Thompson, W. Tootell, A. C. Top, W. H. Turner, R. J. Twigg, L. Tyler, J. Vial, J. T. Wightman, A. M. Wilson, K. Wilson, G. L. Woolcott.

AGAINST

Ministers: A. B. L. Bailey, J. Ballie, P. E. Boase, B. D. Bowtell, J. F. Boyall, F. B. Bray, J. Bruce, K. W. Burton, R. A. Caldwell, W. Camden, D. M. Campbell, J. J. T. Campbell, T. J. B. Diggins, H. L. Dunn, K. J. Gardner, G. R. George, C. R. Gray, J. M. Hagans, K. G. Hamill, D. A. Handebo, L. W. Hatton, D. E. Hawkins, C. Haxton, R. G. Hazeldine, G. S. Lang, W. A. Loftus, K. C. McAlpine, S. McCafferty, Neil Macleod, N. Monsen, E. R. Pearsons, J. Perkins, C. S. Petrie, H. A. Prenter, J. H. Price, M. J. K. Ramage, R. N. Riek, R. C. Russell, E. Thompson, R. W. Traill, C. Vollmer, K. B. Walker, R. T. C. Williamson.

Elders: R. S. Belcher, F. M. Bradshaw, C. R. Brierley, J. Brunskill, W. H. Chawner, J. B. Clezy, W. R. Dunning, R. A. Dunstan, H. C. Evans, N. Ferguson, C. H. Fraser, H. R. Hamilton, R. Hanna, W. R. Hobbs, R. W. Hooke, R. P. W. Jell, A. J. Kilner, H. Kruit, R. Lucas, P. E. Lush, R. G. McCarron, C. McKenzie, J. C. MacKillop, J. W. McPhee, A. Macinnis, R. S. Mackenzie, C. R. Martin, D. Massie, L. J. Moore, D. D. Murchie, H. Murray, R. J. Nathan, F. Newall, J. B. Rae, H. Ross, A. G. Spalding, J. H. Stickland, J. E. Stjepewich, C. W. N. Tindell.

43. The Deliverance as a whole as amended was approved as follows: That the Assembly

1. (a) Resolve that on the second day of June, 1976 or such earlier or later date as is determined by a commission to be appointed, the Presbyterian Church of Australia enter into union with the annual conferences of New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia of the Methodist Church of Australasia and the Congregational Union of Australia on its own behalf and on behalf of the Congregational Union in each of the states of the Commonwealth and on behalf of those churches on whose behalf the Congregational Union of Australia is authorized so to do, on the Basis of Union approved by this Assembly on the first day of May 1974 provided that the Methodist Church of Australasia and the Congregational Union of Australia each appropriately resolve to enter the said union on the second day of June 1976 or such earlier or later date as may be determined and until the Presbyterian Church of Australia enters into such Union it shall continue to function pursuant to its existing Constitution, its existing Basis of Union and existing Acts of Parliament.
- (b) Appoint the commission as follows: The Moderator, the Clerks, the Business Convener, the Procurator, the Law Agent, and the Convener of the Christian Unity Committee with the Moderator as Chairman, four members to form a quorum.
2. Resolve pursuant to Section 18 of the Schedule to the Presbyterian Church of Australia Act, 1971, as amended by the Presbyterian Church of Australia (Amendment) Act 1972 of the State of New South Wales, the Presbyterian Church of Australia Act 1971 of the State of Queensland, the Presbyterian Church of Australia Act 1971 of the State of Tasmania, the Presbyterian Church of

Australia Act 1971 of the State of Victoria, the Presbyterian Church of Australia Act 1970, as amended by the Presbyterian Church of Australia Amendment Act, 1972 of the State of Western Australia, and pursuant to Section 4 of the Third Schedule of the Presbyterian Trusts Act, 1971 of the State of South Australia, and pursuant to Section 5 of the Presbyterian Church (Proposals for Union with Other Churches) Ordinance 1972 of the Australian Capital Territory, to provide just and equitable safeguards of the rights of minorities who do not concur in the said decision to unite, as hereinafter provided, namely:

- (a) by the provision therein required to be provided for minorities who do not concur in the decision to unite: and,
 - (b) by instructing officials of this assembly, state assemblies and presbyteries to provide needed information to assist any continuing Presbyterian Church and its congregations.
3. Appoint the commission provided for in the aforesaid Acts as follows:
- (a) Mr. K. R. Handley Q.C., I. M. Hunter, G. Stevens independent members.
 - (b) Rev. J. Mathers, Messrs. R. Gough and R. M. Northrop Q.C. with Messrs. J. T. Johnston and J. G. R. McArthur as alternates representing those approving union.
 - (c) Rev. S. McCafferty, Messrs. F. M. Bradshaw and D. R. Brierley; with Messrs. C. Homer Fraser, R. P. W. Jell and H. I. M. MacFarlane as alternates representing those disapproving union provided that if in the opinion of the Code Committee any of the above named persons refuses to acknowledge that until the Presbyterian Church of Australia enters into union on the second day of June 1976 or such earlier or later date as is determined by the commission appointed by clause 1(b) it continues to function pursuant to its existing Constitution, its existing Basis of Union and existing Acts of Parliament then that person or those persons shall cease to be members of this commission and the commission appointed to convene the next Assembly shall have power to appoint upon the nomination of the independent members of this commission another person or persons from among those disapproving the union to fill the vacancy or vacancies so arising.
 - (d) Appoint Mr. K. R. Handley Q.C. as Chairman; seven members to form a quorum.
4. Appoint the Rev. L. F. Gunn executive officer of the above commission.
5. Request from the state assemblies in the proportion at present used for contributing to Assembly Expenses the necessary financial contribution to provide for
- (a) the honoraria of the independent members of the commission;
 - (b) the expenses of the commission including the salary of the executive officer and secretarial assistance.
6. Require by the 31st day of July 1974:
- (a) All ministers, licentiates, home missionaries, candidates for the ministry, deaconesses and deaconess students, all Assembly or Presbytery Lay Appointees to declare to the presbytery of which they are a member or under whose jurisdiction they may be, whether they propose to enter the Uniting Church at its inauguration or whether they propose to remain in any Presbyterian Church of Australia continuing to function when the Uniting Church is inaugurated and require presbyteries to forward to the Clerk of their State Assembly and to the Clerk of this Assembly a return of such declarations with names and addresses by the 15th day of August 1974.
 - (b) Missionaries and staff of the Board of Ecumenical Mission and Relations to make a similar declaration of intention to the Board of Ecumenical Mission and Relations and require the Board to forward to the Clerk of this Assembly a return of such declarations with names and addresses by the 15th day of August 1974.
 - (c) Ministers, Deaconesses and staff of the Australian Inland Mission to make a similar declaration of intention to the

Australian Inland Mission Committee and require the Committee to forward to the Clerk of this Assembly a return of such declarations with names and addresses by the 15th day of August 1974.

7. (a) Request all parties to whom the custody of any records be awarded under any order of the commission appointed under the Act to make such records available on all proper occasions to persons authorized by the Church that has not been awarded such records;
- (b) Request all concerned to co-operate with the State Negotiators and the commission appointed under the Act.
- (c) Instruct each Presbytery at the first opportunity to report to the Clerk of Assembly in its State for immediate transmission to the negotiators appointed by that State Assembly on changes or threatened changes in circumstances in a parish or congregation within its jurisdiction, such changes to be reported upon to include any one or more of the following matters as they may arise:
 - (i) a vacancy occurring in a charge and the appointment of Interim Moderator by the Presbytery.
 - (ii) a complaint, appeal or petition to the Presbytery by any minister, communicant member or adherent and the circumstances relating to such complaint, appeal or petition.
 - (iii) disciplinary action proposed or taken by the Presbytery or by a Session against a minister, elder, communicant member or adherent.
 - (iv) a proposed disposal of congregational property or a substantial transfer of congregational funds by a congregation within the Presbytery.
 - (v) a sudden alteration in the number of communicant members and/or adherents on the rolls of a congregation within the Presbytery not attributable to normal circumstances.
 - (vi) a request by a congregation for the creation of a joint parish within the Presbytery of the bounds.
 - (vii) an inability of a congregation within the presbytery to fulfil the terms of settlement of the minister to that congregation.
 - (viii) any question raised as to the continuation of a congregation within the Presbytery whether by the congregation itself or on the initiative of the Presbytery of the bounds.
 - (ix) a proposed division of a sanctioned charge within the Presbytery.
 - (x) a proposed change in the boundaries of a Presbytery.
 - (xi) circumstances arising whereby the Presbytery is called upon to consider
 - (a) the appointment of a special visitation to enquire into matters relating to a particular charge within its jurisdiction.
 - (b) the appointment of assessors whether at the request of a session or on its own initiative.
 - (xii) any matter within the Presbytery whereby the worship instruction fellowship and work of a congregation and its viability as a Parish or home mission station is endangered.
- (d) Instruct each Presbytery:
 - (i) to report to the Chairman of the Commission appointed pursuant to Section 18(a) of the Schedule to the enabling Acts of Parliament those minorities of congregations not concurring in the decision to unite which in the opinion of the Presbytery of the bounds are not able to be related in membership with some continuing congregation or congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Australia after union is consummated.
 - (ii) to report to the Clerk of the Assembly in its State for transmission to the State negotiators those minorities of congregations which in the opinion of the "Presbytery are able to be related with some continuing Congregation or congregations as a charge or charges on the consummation of union and the name or names of the congre-

gation or congregations to which such minorities are able to be related."

8. Appoint a commission consisting of the Clerk of each State Assembly, the Rev. J. C. Allan, A. Crawford, J. B. Edwards, D. Cousins, C. M. Dyster, the Law Agent and Messrs A. R. Gillespie and R. P. Gresham, with the Rev. A. Crawford as Chairman; seven members to form a quorum; which commission is to have full authority and power to prepare for the establishment of the Uniting Church including, but without limiting the generality of such authority and power, the authority and power to co-operate with the equivalent bodies of the other uniting churches in seeking all legislation necessary or advisable in relation to such a Uniting Church and request from state assemblies in the proportion at present used for contributing to Assembly Expenses the necessary financial contribution to provide for necessary expenses.
9. (a) Approve the recommendation of the Joint Constitution Commission for the appointment of a minister with appropriate staff to plan and direct a programme of preparation for the Uniting Church and to act as executive officer of the Joint Constitution Commission and the Joint Constitutional Council.
- (b) Concur in the appointment by the Joint Constitution Commission of the Rev. W. O'Reilly as Executive Officer of the Joint Constitution Commission and the Joint Constitutional Council.
- (c) Approve of the estimated Budget of \$100,000 for the preliminary costs of establishing the Uniting Church and the Inaugurating Assembly, such cost of the inaugurating Assembly to exclude the travel expenses and allowances of the representatives of the uniting which shall be carried by each of the churches concerned.
- (d) Approve the Joint Constitution Commission borrowing up to \$100,000 at prevailing rates of interest to meet the preliminary costs of the establishment of the Uniting Church and the Inaugurating Assembly, repayment of moneys borrowed to be regarded by the uniting Churches as a charge against the assets of the Uniting Church.
- (e) Approve, if so required by the lending authority, the repayment of the moneys so borrowed and the interest be secured either by a general charge over assets of any one or more of the Uniting Churches which will pass to the Uniting Church or a specific charge over any one or more of such assets.
- (f) Authorize the Commission appointed under clause 8 to negotiate and make appropriate arrangements for the grant of any security if so requested by the Joint Constitution Commission and to deal with any matters which may arise from time to time in relation to the expenses of the establishment of the Uniting Church and the Inaugurating Assembly.
- (g) Approve the Chairman, Secretary and Executive Officer of the Joint Constitution Commission being authorized to sign all loan agreements and security documents required by the lending authority
- (h) Allocate to those who do not concur in the decision to unite and who will continue as the Presbyterian Church of Australia from the date of the inauguration of the Uniting Church, the sum of \$20,000 to enable them make preparation for the coming into being of that church.
- (i) (i) Appoint a committee to be known as the General Purposes Committee, to have full power and authority to attend to all planning necessary for the Presbytery Church of Australia which will continue after the inauguration of the Uniting Church, but without limiting the generality of such power and authority.
- (ii) Appoint Rev. J. Gardner (Convener), Samuel McCafferty, Norman Monsen, W. A. Loftus, E. R. Pearsons, A. C. Stubs and Messrs. R. W. Ralph, R. P. W. Jell, D. R. Brierley, H. I. M. MacFarlane, L. J. Moore, F. M. Bradshaw, and C. Homer Fraser as members of the General Purposes Committee, provided that if in the opinion of the Code Committee any of the above named persons

- refuses to acknowledge that until the Presbyterian Church of Australia enters into union on the second day of June 1976 or such earlier or later date as is determined by the Commission appointed under Clause 1(b) it continues to function pursuant to its existing Constitution, its existing Basis of Union and existing Acts of Parliament then that person or other persons shall thereupon cease to be members of the committee and the remaining members shall have power to appoint others in their places from among those disapproving of union who remain within the Presbytery Church of Australia until the second day of June 1976 or such earlier or later date as may be determined by the Commission appointed in clause 1 (b).
- (iii) Authorize the General Purposes Committee appointed above to borrow up to \$20,000 from the Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust at prevailing rates of interest to enable them to make preparation for the Presbyterian Church of Australia (continuing) to be secured by a general charge over assets of that church.
 - (iv) Request the Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust to make up to \$20,000 available in terms of (iii) above.
 - (j) Declare that such sums actually expended against the allocation of moneys provided for in sub clause 9 (h) be debited against the funds of the Presbyterian Church of Australia allocated by the Commission appointed under clause 13(a) of Part III of the Schedule to the Act to those who do not concur in the decision to unite who will continue as the Presbyterian Church of Australia upon the inauguration of the Uniting Church and that such sums actually expended as provided for in clauses 11 and 14 be debited against the funds allocated by the aforesaid Commission to the Uniting Church.
10. (a) Request each state assembly to appoint representatives to the first Assembly of the Uniting Church as follows: from New South Wales 20, from Queensland 14, from South Australia 6, from Tasmania 4, from Victoria 20, from Western Australia 6; in each case the number appointed to consist of an equal number of ministers and elders.
 - (b) Authorise state assemblies to appoint alternates.
 - (c) Request state assemblies to forward to the Clerk names and addresses of their appointees not later than the 31st December, 1975.
 11. (a) Agree that each of the uniting churches pay the travelling costs and living allowances of the representatives appointed by it to the first Assembly of the Uniting Church.
 - (b) Authorise the Commission appointed under Clause 8 to borrow up to \$12,500 from the Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust at prevailing rates of interest to provide for travelling costs and living allowances of the representatives appointed in terms of Clause 10 to the first Assembly of the Uniting Church and for expenses of the Joint Constitution Council to be secured by a charge, as jointly agreed upon, over specific assets that will pass to the Uniting Church.
 - (c) Request the Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust to make up to \$12,500 available in terms of (a) above.
 12. Appoint as members of the Joint Commission on Church Union: the Rev. Prof. I. Gillman, D. M. Hodges, Dr. J. D. McCaughey, Dr. J. M. Owen, A. F. Smart, Messrs H. E. H. Atkinson and A. J. Kilgour; with the Rev. J. F. Peter as alternate.
 13. Appoint as members of the Joint Constitution Commission: Rev. D. Conomos, J. B. Edwards, L. F. Gunn, J. Mathers, Messrs. I. S. Hunt, R. M. Northrop and the Law Agent, with alternates: Mr. H. E. H. Atkinson and the Rev. J. C. Allan.
 14. Appoint as members of the Joint Constitution Council: the members of the Joint Constitution Commission—Rev. D. Conomos (Q), J. B. Edwards (S.A.) L. F. Gunn (Vic), J. Mathers (N.S.W.), Messrs. I. S. Hunt (N.S.W.), J. G. R. McArthur (Vic), R. M. Northrop

(Vic.), the members of the Joint Commission on Church Union—the Rev. Prof. I. Gillman (Q), Dr. J. M. Owen (W.A.), A. F. Smart (N.S.W.), D. M. Hodges, Dr. J. D. McCaughey (Vic.), Messrs. H. E. H. Atkinson (N.S.W.), A. J. Kilgour (Vic.), and Rev. A. W. Grant, Deaconess C. Ritchie, Mrs. M. Ralph and Mr. R. Brown (N.S.W.), Mrs. M. McPheat and Mr. R. P. Gresham (Q), Mrs. J. Yule (S.A.), Rev. I. N. Kerr (Tas.), Deaconess P. Lewis and Mrs. E. Mitchell (Vic.), Mr. D. Birch (W.A.).

15. Appoint the Christian Unity Committee as follows:

- (a) Convener: Very Rev. J. F. McKay.
 - (b) Conveners of state Christian Unity Committees ex officio, with the proviso that should any such member cease to hold the convener'ship of a state committee his place upon the federal committee shall be taken automatically by his successor.
 - (c) Two members each from New South Wales and Victoria and one from Queensland appointed by and from the membership of the Christian Unity Committees of the states concerned.
 - (d) Mrs. M. Ralph, Messrs. D. R. Brierley, R. H. Gough and R. M. Northrop.
16. Request State Christian Unity Committees in the period leading to the inauguration of the Uniting Church to take all steps possible to foster co-operation between congregations and presbyteries with congregations and equivalent courts in the uniting churches.
17. Authorize the Code Committee to take whatever steps may be necessary to protect the interests of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, should such become necessary through any developments subsequent to the resolution of the General Assembly of Australia to enter into union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches, and authorize the Finance Committee to make arrangements to meet any expenses involved.
18. (a) Appoint the next General Assembly to convene in the Scots Church Sydney on the second day of June 1976 at the hour of 10 a.m. and appoint a Commission consisting of the Moderator, Clerks and Business Convener with the Moderator as Chairman three to form a quorum, to appoint another date, time and place should it become impracticable for the Assembly to discharge its functions on the date or at the time and place appointed, or upon a request by the Code Committee.
- (b) Request standing and other committees to bring to this Assembly final reports with requests for any necessary approval of action taken.
 - (c) Continue until the next Assembly the membership of all standing and other committees appointed last Assembly.

44. The following recorded their dissent to clause 1(a) the Rev. J. T. Campbell, D. M. Campbell and J. Boyall. Messrs. D. R. Brierley, R. P. W. Jell, J. D. Massie, J. A. Rogers. Dissent

The following recorded their dissent to clause 3(c) Rev. J. Boyall, W. Cambden, Donald Campbell, J. J. T. Campbell, Messrs. F. M. Bradshaw, D. R. Brierley and J. D. Massie.

The following recorded their dissent to the Deliverance as a whole: S. McCafferty, L. W. Hatton, J. Bruce, F. B. Bray, B. Bowtell, C. Haxton, J. Ballie, K. J. Gardner, D. E. Hawkins, J. C. MacKillop, D. Campbell, E. Thompson, A. B. Bailey, T. J. B. Diggins, R. N. Riek, C. S. Petrie, K. W. Button, R. C. Russell, K. C. McAlpine, W. Camden, R. T. C. Williamson, M. J. K. Ramage, R. A. Caldwell, C. R. Brierley, L. Moore, R. S. McKenzie, A. G. Spalding, R. W. Hooke, J. W. McPhee, C. A. McKenzie, G. R. Martin, A. Macinnis, P. E. Lush, J. Brunskill, R. S. Carron, W. H. Chawner, H. Murray, H. R. Hamilton, C. W. N. Tindell.

45. The Right Rev. Neil Macleod read the following Dissent and Protest:

"I crave leave to DISSENT and I PROTEST that clause 1 and now clause 3 of this resolution just passed is unacceptable to those of us who in conscience cannot enter this union: and I lay on the table this PROTEST on behalf of those who elect to remain in the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

"In humble dependence on God's grace and the aid of the Holy Spirit, and maintaining the Confession of Faith and Standards of the Church as hitherto understood; it shall be lawful for us to adopt such measures as may be competent to us, for the continuance of the Presbyterian Church in Australia, to the advancement of God's glory, the extension of the Gospel

of our Lord and Saviour throughout the world, and the orderly administration of Christ's House according to His Holy Word.

"And we finally PROTEST before the Great God, Searcher of all hearts that we, and all that adhere to us, are not responsible for this schism in the Church or for any consequence which may flow from this enforced separation.

"In humble submission to His Will we give this our testimony. To Him we commit our cause, and we pray that in the days to come, His richest blessing may rest upon the Church of our fathers, which Church we are resolved by His help to maintain.

"And I invite all those who adhere to this PROTEST, since there is not room in this place for two assemblies, to follow me to another place, namely, 46 Russell Street, "The Amethyst Hall", where we the continuing General Assembly of Australia shall resume the sittings of this House.

Of olden times that Bush flamed—nec tamen consumebatur.

Let no one say that We here stamped on the Ashes of that fire.

(Dissenters may sign at the "other place" and these will appear in minutes.)"

After the reading of this Dissent and Protest some 20 members followed the Rt. Rev. Neil Macleod out of the Assembly to 46 Russell Street.

Presbytery of
Canberra

46. The Report of the Presbytery of Canberra was laid on the table and received.

The Rev. J. Thompson moved the Deliverance:

That the Assembly—

Declare that the relationship of Charges in the A.C.T. and the Presbytery of Canberra, including that of the Parish of St. Andrew, to be the same as any other charge or Presbytery in N.S.W.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Overture 6

47. Overture 6 from the Presbytery of Canberra re repeal of Article xvi (163) of the Articles of Agreement was laid on the table and received.

The Rev. J. Thompson stated the overture.

Questions were called for.

The Rev. J. Thompson moved:

That the Assembly—

1. Sustain the Overture.

2. Remit to State Assemblies and presbyteries under the Barrier Act the following amendment to Article (XVI) 163 of the Articles of Agreement, returns to be in the hands of the Clerk by 31st December 1974 "Repeal Article (XVI) 163 of the Articles of Agreement."

The motion was seconded and approved.

Procurator

48. The Clerk moved:

That the Assembly—

1. Declare the office of the Procurator vacant.

2. Appoint Mr R. M. Northrop Q.C., Procurator of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. R. M. Northrop was presented to the Moderator who congratulated him upon his appointment.

Mr. Northrop briefly responded.

Mr. F. M.
Bradshaw

49. The Rev. N. Monsen moved:

That the Assembly—

Request the Clerk to prepare and insert in the minutes a suitable minute of appreciation of the services of Mr. F. M. Bradshaw as Procurator of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The motion was seconded and approved.

The minute prepared by the Clerk is inserted as follows:

"That the Assembly—

Express their thanks and appreciation of the services of Mr. F. M. Bradshaw as Procurator of the Presbyterian Church of Australia since 1959, especially his devotion to his office and readiness at all times to give his services and advice to the courts of the Church, recognize that in his acceptance of his office he made clear his opposition to union with other churches, and express regret that his convictions have led him to leave the Assembly."

Overture 3

50. Overture 3 from the Session at Ermington re Commissioning of Elders/Leaders in the Uniting Church was laid on the table and received.

The Rev. J. H. Gowdie stated the Overture.

Questions were called for.

The Rev. J. H. Gowdie moved:

That the Assembly—

1. Sustain the Overture.
2. Request the Joint Commission on Church Union to consider the desirability of providing for the Solemn Setting Apart of those called to the office of Elder or Leader and, if the Commission considers it wise so to do, to submit to the first Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia suitable Questions and an appropriate prayer for use in Setting Apart Services.

The motion was seconded and approved.

51. The Report of the Code Committee was laid on the table and Code received.

The Rev. L. F. Gunn moved the Deliverance.

That the Assembly:

1. Express to Mr. Hugh Robinson their thanks and appreciation of his invaluable help to the Clerk of Assembly with the arrangements for taking and collating the vote of communicants.
2. Add the following words to Article of Agreement 145 (viii):
"Women shall be eligible for admission to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments in the Presbyterian Church of Australia on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to men and all rules and regulations of the Assembly and Services of Ordination and Induction shall be construed that reference therein to ministers of the Word and Sacraments shall include women".

The motion was seconded and approved.

52. The Rev. R. A. MacArthur moved:

That the Assembly—

Request the Code Committee to forward to the courts of the Church guidelines as to the position of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, State Assemblies and other courts of the Church in the care of their people.

The motion was seconded and approved.

53. The Moderator expressed thanks and appreciation to the Christian Unity Committee and especially to the Rev. Professor Ian Gillman for their services to the Assembly and the Church. Thanks
Christian
Unity

54 Overture 5 from the General Assembly of Queensland re Confession of Faith for the Uniting Church was laid on the table and received. Overture 5

The Rev. Principal R. A. Busch and the Rev. J. C. Allan stated the Overture.

Questions were called for.

The Rev. Principal R. A. Busch moved:

That the Assembly—

1. Sustain the Overture.

The motion was seconded and approved.

The Rev. Principal R. A. Busch moved:

That the Assembly—

1. Reaffirm their earlier recommendations (G.A.A. B.B. 1967 Min. 48 8(c)) that at the First General Assembly of the Uniting Church a Commission be set up to prepare a Confession of Faith to be presented to the General Assembly no later than six years from that date.
2. Request this Commission, if appointed, to ensure that any such Confession makes clear that the supreme standard of the Uniting Church shall be the Word of God contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

The motion was seconded and approved.

55. The Report of the Finance Committee was laid on the table and Finance received. Finance

Mr. H. I. M. MacFarlane moved the Deliverance.

That the Assembly—

1. Approve the expenditure of a further \$300 (up to \$600 in all) by the Public Worship and Aids to Devotion Committee and Presbyterian members of the Australian Hymn Book Committee for conferences, travel, purchase of resources and other matters in connection with the preparation of the Australian Hymn Book.
2. Ratify the re-imbusement of fares amounting to \$552 to those attending the Moderator-General's Conference on Church Union on 14/12/73.
3. Ratify the expenditure of up to \$1,500 by the ad-hoc Committee in connection with the Sesqui-Centenary of the First Communion Service in Australia.
4. Authorize payment of travelling expenses to Commissioners resident within the Presbyteries of Rockhampton and Mackay from

and including the May, 1974 General Assembly on the following basis:

Cost of return economy air fares to Brisbane and concession rail fares to Sydney if the Assembly meets in Sydney or, when the Assembly meets in Melbourne, total cost of economy class return air fares.

5. Direct that if the General Assembly convenes for one day only, members attending shall be entitled to re-imbusement of expenses to the extent of fares only, on the usual basis as determined by the Assembly.

6. Appoint Mr. H. I. M. McFarlane Convener.

The Very Rev. N. Faichney moved an additional clause as follows:

7. Instruct the Finance Committee to make available the sum of \$1,000 from the W. B. Tonkin Estate Income Account for the purpose of part payment of fares of delegates from Australia to the Asian Church Women's Conference in Bangkok to be held in October 1974.

The amendment was seconded and approved and the clause added.

56. The Deliverance as a whole as amended was approved as follows:

That the Assembly:

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6. Instruct the Finance Committee to make available the sum of \$1,000 from the W. B. Tonkin Estate Income Account for the purpose of part payment of fares of delegates from Australia to the Asian Church Women's Conference in Bangkok to be held in October 1974.

7. Appoint Mr. H. I. M. MacFarlane, Convener.

57. The Report of the College Committee was laid on the table and received.

The Rev. Principal R. A. Busch moved the Deliverance.

That the Assembly:

1. Enact a new Article 146A as follows:

"The united theological institution, Sydney, under a constitution approved by the New South Wales General Assembly shall be a recognized theological hall."

2. Amend Article 154 by inserting after "and" where first appearing "or", so that the sentence shall read in part "... a Theological Hall Committee, with authority over the general management of the Hall, and/or to deal with all such matters which concern the interests of the Hall that are entrusted to it by its own Assembly."

The motion was seconded and approved.

58. The Report of the Committee to Confer with Mr. R. M. Williams was laid on the table and received.

The Clerk moved the Deliverance.

That the Assembly—

Dismiss the Petition of Mr. Robert Milton Williams re Status presented to the Assembly in May 1973 (Min. 81(a)).

Finance
Deliverance

College

Committee
Mr. R. M.
Williams

The motion was seconded approved.

59. The Report of the Committee of "Australian Presbyterian Life" A.P.L. was laid on the table and received.

The Rev. R. A. MacArthur moved the Deliverance:

That the Assembly—

1. Express sympathy with Mr. R. A. S. McDonald, Editor, in his illness and assure him of our prayers for his recovery.
2. Grant the Committee discretionary power for the continuing production of *Australian Presbyterian Life*.
3. Authorize the Committee to commence negotiation with the Congregational and Methodist Churches for the production of a national paper.

The motion was seconded and approved.

60. The Rev. J. H. Gowdie moved:

S.A.
Assembly

That the Assembly—

1. Request the State Assembly of South Australia to take all necessary steps to have enacted by the Parliament of South Australia at the earliest possible date any legislation still required to enable the General Assembly to implement and give effect to the whole new constitution contained in the Basis of Union for a Presbyterian Church of Australia approved by the Assembly in 1970.

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

61. The Rev. W. B. Hastie moved:

Thanks

That the Assembly—

1. Express their thanks and appreciation to Mr. John McPhee and Mr. Bruce McPhee and his assistants, to Mr. D. K. P. Miller and his assistants, to the Rev. A. Fergusson and his assistants, to Mr. Ian Fry and his assistants, to Miss Judy Crouch of the Clerk's Office, to the Assembly Hall Caretaker for their valuable assistance in preparing for the Assembly.
2. Thank the Victorian Assembly Hospitality Committee for the Assembly Luncheon.
3. Thank the Ministers and Session of the Scots Church for the use of the Church and the Hall.

The motion was seconded and approved.

62. The Clerk moved:

Commission
Correct
Minutes

That the Assembly:

Appoint the Moderator and Clerks a Commission to correct and confirm the Minutes.

The motion was seconded and approved.

63. The Clerk moved:

Assembly
Commission

That the Assembly—

1. Appoint a Commission of the General Assembly which it hereby does appoint, consisting of the Moderator (Chairman), Past Moderators-General, Clerks, Business Convener, Procurator and Law Agent of the General Assembly, together with members from the States in the following proportions, viz.: six from New South Wales, six from Victoria, four from Queensland, and two each from South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania (any vacancy occurring to be filled by the General Assembly of the State affected), sixteen of whom representing at least four of the States, shall form a quorum, whereof eight shall be ministers, and such Commission of Assembly—
 - (a) shall be empowered to enter into and determine as they shall cause every matter referred to them by or in virtue of any decision or order of the General Assembly, and to do everything contained in the instructions given to the Commission of General Assembly;
 - (b) is charged to advert to the interest of the Church on every occasion, that the Church does not suffer or sustain any prejudice which it can prevent, as it will be answerable, and to this end the General Assembly empowers the Commission to consider and determine such emergent matters as are deemed urgent and in need of executive or judicial action;
 - (c) is strictly enjoined in all its actings to proceed according to the rules and constitution of the Church and to do nothing contrary thereto or to the prejudice of the same, declaring that in and for all its actings it shall be accountable to and censurable by the Assembly as they shall see cause;
 - (d) is further restrained from enacting, amending or repealing

any rules or regulations of the General Assembly or from entering into the consideration of any overture or motion proposing legislation or from meddling with any matter which has not been referred to the Commission by the General Assembly or which is not of the nature set out in Clause (b) of this appointment;

(e) is directed to submit its minutes duly confirmed, and relevant papers to the next General Assembly through the Clerk.

2. Authorize the Moderator when he considers it necessary to convene the Commission to meet in the first instance at the Assembly Hall, Melbourne, and if necessary to adjourn from time to time.
3. Request State Assemblies to elect members as set out in Clause 1. The motion was seconded and approved.

64. The Clerk moved:

That the Assembly—

Resolve to convene in the Scots Church, Sydney on the second day of June 1976 at the hour 10 a.m. in terms of Minutes 43(18).

The motion was seconded and approved.

65. The business of the Assembly having been completed the Moderator after briefly addressing the House, intimated that the Assembly would next convene in terms of Minute 43(18) and dissolved the Assembly with praise, prayer and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

L. F. F. GUNN
A. M. McMASTER
Clerks

CERTIFICATE

The Minutes having been carefully corrected are confirmed as authorized in Minutes 62 thereof.

G. A. McC. WOOD
Moderator

BUSINESS

The Business Committee met within the Assembly Hall, Melbourne on Tuesday, 12th March 1974 and approved the Deliverance it is proposed to submit to the Assembly.

COLIN M. DYSTER, Convener.

Assembly
to Convene

Closure

CLERK'S REPORT - REMIT RE PROPOSED BASIS OF UNION 1971 AND COMMUNICANTS' VOTING

Remit Proposed Basis of Union 1971

Returns showed that the Assemblies of Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia approved the remit. The Assembly of New South Wales disapproved. Forty-two presbyteries approved and eleven presbyteries disapproved. The detailed result is as follows:-

ASSEMBLIES:

Approved: Queensland
South Australia
Tasmania
Victoria
Western Australia

Disapproved: New South Wales

PREBYTERIES:

Approved: N.S.W. (13) Canberra, Dubbo, The Hastings, The Hawkesbury,
The Hunter, Illawarra, Ki-ring-gai, Murrumbidgee, New England,
North Sydney, Orange, Sydney, Wagga Wagga.

Queensland (6) Brisbane, Brisbane North, Mackay, Maryborough,
Mowbray, Warwick.

South Australia (3) Onkaparinga, Penola, Torrens.

Tasmania (1).

Victoria (16) Ballarat, Bendigo, Flinders, Geelong, Gippsland,
Goulbourn Valley, Hamilton, Latrobe Valley, Mallee Downs, Marcondah,
Melbourne, Melbourne East, Melbourne North, Melbourne West,
North East, Wimmera.

Western Australia (3) Canning, Perth, The South.

Total Approving 42.

Disapproved: N.S.W. (6) Bathurst, Mores, Northern Rivers, Sydney South,
Sydney West, Young.

Queensland (1) Carpentaria, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville.

Victoria (1) Mortlake.

Total Disapproving 11.

PREBYTERIES: Approve 42
Disapprove 11
53

COMMUNICANTS' VOTING

Communicants were asked to vote on two questions:-

- (a) Do you desire this congregation to become a congregation of the church which may result from the proposed union?
- (b) Should the required majority vote for union be obtained in presbyteries, state general assemblies and the general assembly of Australia do you desire to remain in membership of any Presbyterian Church of Australia continuing to function on the present basis?

The results were as follows:-

NATIONAL VOTE:

Assemblies	Number of Congregations	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
New South Wales	339	50646	21104	12696	13969	20434	155	184
Queensland	305	22074	10603	4927	5439	70076	161	139
South Australia	57	4347	2480	665	791	2364	42	15
Tasmania	46	2497	1219	538	605	1750	29	7
Victoria	649	59615	34849	8963	10450	33313	490	159
Western Australia	39	3567	2045	313	386	1969	34	5
Edenhope/Apsley	6	193	93	6	11	88	5	1
Nelson	1	5	2	2	2	2	-	1
TOTALS	1442	143138	72395	28130	31653	69396	916	521
PERCENTAGES			72.02%	27.98%	31.32%	68.68%	63.74%	36.26%

STATE TOTALS

NEW SOUTH WALES

Presbyteries	Number of Congregations	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Bathurst	8	210	401	355	385	369	1	7
Canberra	19	3055	1477	594	667	2007	15	4
Dubbo	14	1489	542	195	232	505	8	6
The Hastings	14	1648	710	494	528	675	7	7
The Hawkesbury	28	3384	1471	804	877	1390	13	15
The Hunter	25	3379	1365	936	1074	1233	8	17
Illawarra	14	2192	908	674	776	802	5	9
Ku-ring-gai	26	5811	3091	1008	1093	3030	16	10
Koree	10	1639	357	622	673	301	1	9
Kurrumbidgee	18	2095	980	319	360	939	14	4
New England	14	2075	801	449	471	777	7	7
North Sydney	24	2900	2473	1059	1174	2344	12	12
Northern Rivers	23	3213	670	1105	1212	562	3	20
Orange	8	1337	674	246	263	594	5	3
Sydney	20	2475	1084	521	569	1036	10	10
Sydney South	24	3684	1318	1528	1636	1207	9	15
Sydney West	23	2256	902	695	713	850	6	17
Wagga Wagga	15	3157	1241	706	802	1133	8	7
Young	12	1617	759	386	435	710	7	5
TOTALS	339	50646	21104	12696	13969	20434	155	184
PERCENTAGE			62.44%	37.56%	40.60%	59.40%		

STATE TOTALS

QUEENSLAND

Presbyteries	Number of Congregations	Total or Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Building	Congregations Continuing
Brisbane	39	1179	7217	938	1014	2139	22	17
Brisbane North	42	3113	1724	629	726	1615	26	16
Carpentaria	14	959	223	313	343	195	5	9
Mackay	15	1075	672	78	95	654	13	2
*Maryborough	30	1788	1042	250	292	999	20	8
Mowbray	43	3378	1618	814	916	1508	24	19
*Rockhampton	31	1565	534	530	570	1,94	10	19
Toowoomba	35	3556	1539	802	887	1451	22	33
*Townsville	13	1124	367	385	405	348	6	4
Warwick	25	1337	667	168	191	643	11	12
TOTALS	305	22074	10603	4927	5439	10076	161	139
PERCENTAGE			68.27%	31.73%	35.06%	64.94%		

*No Votes received. Maryborough - Bauple, Theebine.
 Rockhampton - Yaamba, Marlborough.
 Townsville - Julia Creek.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Onkaparinga	14	1239	758	160	199	750	12	2
Penola	16	1029	347	336	350	333	6	10
Torrens	27	2073	1345	189	242	1231	24	3
TOTALS	57	4341	2450	685	791	2364	42	15
PERCENTAGE			78.36%	21.64%	25.07%	74.93%		

TASMANIA

TOTALS	16	2497	1219	538	605	1150	29	17
PERCENTAGE			69.38%	30.62%	34.47%	65.53%		

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Gairdine	17	1262	675	134	159	653	14	3
Perth	15	1813	1127	160	200	1081	13	2
The South	7	462	243	19	27	235	7	-
TOTALS	39	3537	2045	313	386	1969	34	5
PERCENTAGE			66.73%	13.27%	16.39%	63.61%		

STATE TOTALS

VICTORIA

Presbytery	Number of Congregations	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Ballarat	44	2494	1386	181	590	1276	28	16
Bendigo	41	2462	1511	355	413	1152	31	10
Flinders	46	4906	2568	917	1060	2413	29	17
Geelong	51	4952	2808	782	950	2637	36	15
Gippsland	32	1620	1033	141	162	1010	28	4
Goulburn Valley	46	2922	1550	531	602	1580	33	13
Hamilton	38	2232	1372	293	332	1331	33	5
Lalrobe Valley	35	2215	1083	484	532	1037	27	8
Mallee Downs	46	1844	1271	241	292	1218	38	8
Maroondah	42	7247	4598	674	810	4554	33	9
Melbourne	28	1842	1049	444	502	989	19	9
Melbourne East	26	6987	4199	785	944	2029	22	4
Melbourne North	27	5448	3200	782	879	3104	18	9
Melbourne West	45	4772	2835	739	886	2678	36	9
Mortlake	41	3332	1672	675	782	1564	28	13
North East	34	2174	1196	331	358	1167	28	6
Wirmera	27	2366	1318	308	352	1274	23	4
TOTALS	649	59815	34849	8963	10450	33313	490	159
PERCENTAGE			79.54%	20.46%	23.87%	76.13%		

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Presbytery of Bathurst

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Bathurst	Bathurst	276	96	75	77	94		Yes	
Blayney/Carcoar	Blayney/Carcoar	190	50	43	40	59		Yes	
Bowenfels	Bowenfels	223	96	47	55	81		Yes	
Leura/Wentworth Falls/Katoomba	Leura/Wentworth Falls/Katoomba	98	13	56	54	15		Yes	
Lithgow/Black Heath/Mount Victoria	Lithgow/Black Heath/Mount Victoria	175	90	22	33	80	Yes		
Mudgee	Mudgee	133	22	71	75	18		Yes	
Gulgong	Gulgong	64	3	38	39	2		Yes	
Rylstone/Kandos	Rylstone/Kandos	51	23	9	12	20		Yes	
TOTALS	8	8	1210	401	355	385	369	1	7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Presbytery of Canberra

Bega/Eden	Bega/Eden	176	92	35	36	91	Yes		
Bombala	Bombala	182	54	112	118	47		Yes	
Braidwood	Braidwood	49	20	5	6	19	Yes		
Cooma/West Monaro	Cooma/West Monaro	132	80	8	15	73	Yes		
Goulburn	Goulburn	265	152	16	18	150	Yes		
Moruya	Moruya	132	61	22	34	49		Yes	
Queanbeyan	Queanbeyan	128	44	18	20	42	Yes		
Taralga/Crookwell	Taralga/Crookwell	115	54	37	38	53		Yes	
Yass	Yass	115	93	4	8	89	Yes		
A.C.T. St. Andrew's	St. Andrew's	633	146	259	278	127		Yes	
	St. Aidan's	75	53	6	8	51	Yes		
St. Columba's	St. Columba's	316	175	44	51	168	Yes		
St. James	St. James	314	179	4	6	177	Yes		
St. Margaret's	St. Margaret's	103	33	2	4	30	Yes		
St. Ninian's	St. Ninian's	104	75	3	7	71	Yes		
Belconnen 'A'	Belconnen 'A'	38	24	3	4	23	Yes		
Belconnen 'B'/ South Woden	Belconnen 'B'/ South Woden	51	22	7	6	23	Yes		
Uniting Churches	Uniting Churches	58	34	4	7	31	Yes		
Weston Creek	Weston Creek	39	26	4	3	27	Yes		
TOTALS	18	19	3055	1417	594	667	1341	15	4

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Presbytery of Dubbo

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Cobar	Cobar	22	12	-	10	2		Yes	
Coolah	Coolah	72	32	7	11	28		Yes	
Coonabarabran	Coonabarabran	224	117	116	14	149		Yes	
Dubbo	Dubbo	288	140	17	26	131	Yes		
Warren	Warren	61	38	17	19	36		Yes	
Bourke/ Brewarrina	Bourke/ Brewarrina	39	21	1	3	19	Yes		
Gilgandra	Gilgandra	167	31	43	12	32		Yes	
	Galargambone	14	12	9	9	12		Yes	
	Tooraweenah	18	19	7	5	21	Yes		
Wellington	Wellington	180	57	25	27	55	Yes		
Coonamble	Coonamble	118	46	10	15	41	Yes		
Nyngan	Nyngan	56	20	8	9	19	Yes		
Narromine/ Trangie	Narromine	92	37	3	6	34	Yes		
	Trangie	78	30	2	6	26	Yes		
TOTALS	11	14	1489	512	195	232	505	8	6

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Presbytery of the Hastings

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Bellinger River	Bellinger River	90	60	12	9	63	Yes		
Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour	295	176	67	82	160		Yes	
Camden Haven/ Comboyne	Camden Haven/ Comboyne	126	64	16	19	61	Yes		
Dorrigo	Dorrigo	43	29	-	-	29	Yes		
Forster/ Wallamba	Forster/ Wallamba	61	39	1	6	34	Yes		
Hastings Upper	Hastings Upper	89	58	23	21	60	Yes		
Kempsey	Kempsey	137	39	63	62	103		Yes	
Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie	238	63	100	108	55		Yes	
Manning Lower	Manning Lower	227	116	105	108	43		Yes	
Manning Upper	Manning Upper	141	45	53	36	42		Yes	
Nambucca River	Nambucca Heads	43	17	12	12	17		Yes	
	Bowraville	29	15	-	2	13	Yes		
	Macksville	71	28	34	31	28		Yes	
Sawtell/ Woolgoolga	Sawtell/ Woolgoolga	55	31	8	9	30	Yes		
TOTALS	12	14	1648	710	494	528	675	7	7

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Ur-ting	Congregations Continuing
Blacktown/ Quakers Hill	Blacktown/ Quakers Hill	195	95	27	29	91	Yes	
Cabra Vale/ Mt. Pritchard	Cabra Vale/ Mt. Pritchard	80	38	16	17	37	Yes	
Camden/Picton	Camden	58	33	7	7	33	Yes	
	Picton	59	56	2	2	56	Yes	
Campbelltown	Campbelltown	111	30	10	40	30		Yes
Castle Hill	Castle Hill	274	151	53	68	135		Yes
Ebenezer/Pitt Town	Ebenezer/Pitt Town	72	47	8	9	46	Yes	
Fairfield	Fairfield	202	105	24	34	95	Yes	
Girraween/ Toongabbie	Girraween/ Toongabbie	72	22	14	13	21		Yes
Glenbrook/ Blaxland	Glenbrook	139	88	3	4	87	Yes	
	Blaxland	80	38	23	24	37		Yes
Glenfield/ Ingleburn	Glenfield/ Ingleburn	67	44	8	10	42	Yes	
Granville	Granville	129	45	47	47	45		Yes
Guildford/ Merrylands	Guildford	91	58	11	11	58	Yes	
	Merrylands	164	60	52	56	56		Yes
Lalor Park	Lalor Park	52	9	12	12	9		Yes
Liverpool/ Sadleir	Liverpool	125	6	104	105	5		Yes
	Sadleir	24	5	19	21	3		Yes
Mt. Druitt/ Rooty Hill	Mt. Druitt/ Rooty Hill	81	31	26	33	23		Yes
Parramatta	Parramatta	370	176	18	19	175	Yes	
Penrith	Penrith	251	53	108	117	12		Yes
Richmond/Wind- sor/Kurrajong Heights	Richmond/Kurra- jong Heights	54	33	8	10	31	Yes	
	Windsor	25	14	10	2	22	Yes	
Riverstone	Riverstone	73	46	13	15	44	Yes	
St. Mary's	St. Mary's	102	41	19	25	35		Yes
Springwood	Springwood	214	72	30	40	62		Yes
Tregear	Tregear	42	7	26	27	6		Yes
Wentworthville	Wentworthville	175	68	76	80	61		Yes
TOTALS 23	28	3384	1471	604	877	1390	13	15

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Belmont/Swansea/Redhead	Belmont/Swansea/Redhead	187	73	47	53	67		Yes	
Boolarra/Cardiff/Glendale	Boolarra/Cardiff/Glendale	62	18	19	20	17		Yes	
Cessnock/Aberdare	Cessnock/Aberdare	119	53	18	20	50	Yes		
Charlestown	Charlestown	140	57	35	32	60		Yes	
Dungog	Dungog	119	60	56	64	61		Yes	
Gloucester	Gloucester	112	19	15	19	15		Yes	
Hamilton	Hamilton	287	57	158	167	48		Yes	
Heddon	Kurri	32	9	21	21	9		Yes	
	Abermair/Weston	40	18	19	19	18		Yes	
Lake Macquarie	Lake Macquarie	184	164	6	22	48	Yes		
Lambton/New Lambton/Kotara	Lambton	42	24	9	8	25	Yes		
	New Lambton	120	70	10	17	63	Yes		
	Kotara	23	15	3	5	13	Yes		
Maitland	Scots	130	19	92	96	17		Yes	
East Maitland	East Maitland	244	88	39	60	56		Yes	
Muswellbrook	Muswellbrook	202	80	28	37	70		Yes	
Newcastle	Newcastle	388	161	113	137	143		Yes	
Rutherford	Rutherford	170	61	61	64	59		Yes	
Score	Score	222	116	16	29	102	Yes		
Singleton	Singleton	168	109	23	25	107	Yes		
Stockton/Raymond Terrace Nelson Bay	Stockton	47	16	18	27	7		Yes	
	Nelson Bay	29	15	7	7	15	Yes		
	Raymond Terrace	35	5	16	17	4		Yes	
Wallsend/West Wallsend/Minmi	Wallsend/West Wallsend	103	25	64	59	15		Yes	
	Minmi								
Waratah/Mayfield	Waratah/Mayfield	142	38	51	55	34		Yes	
TOTALS	20	25	3379	1365	936	1074	1233	8	17

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Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Unit Charge	Congregations Continuing	
Berry	Berry	108	20	70	73	17		Yes	
Bowral/Mittagong	Bowral/Mittagong	183	47	65	66	14		Yes	
Corrimal/Balgownie	Corrimal/Balgownie	140	57	20	24	53	Yes		
Figtree/Unanderra/Mt. St. Thomas	Figtree/Unanderra/Mt. St. Thomas	191	81	29	39	71		Yes	
Helensburgh	Helensburgh	30	21	9	10	20		Yes	
Kembla	Kembla	75	35	4	4	35	Yes		
Kiara	Kiara	141	41	74	75	10		Yes	
Moss Vale	Moss Vale	119	59	27	29	57		Yes	
Shoalhaven	Shoalhaven	315	98	81	100	79		Yes	
South Illawarra	South Illawarra	108	81	15	19	77	Yes		
Thirroul	Thirroul	163	113	9	17	102	Yes		
Wellongong	St. Andrew's	465	177	231	271	135		Yes	
	Warilla Ext. Area	15	8	1	1	8	Yes		
Woonona/Bulli	Woonona/Bulli	139	73	39	48	64		Yes	
TOTALS	13	14	2192	908	674	776	802	5	9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES				Presbytery of Ku-ring-gai					
Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Unit Charge	Congregations Continuing	
Asquith/Berowra/Cowan	Asquith/Berowra/Cowan	103	75	6	8	73	Yes		
Beacon Hill/Narrabeena	Beacon Hill/Narrabeena	62	33	17	17	33		Yes	
Broken Bay Joint Charge	Woy Woy/Ettalong/Urina	115	75	25	35	45		Yes	
Dee Why	Dee Why	325	175	53	61	166	Yes		
French's Forest/Forestville	French's Forest/Forestville	343	179	75	78	176	Yes		
Gosford	Gosford	270	104	58	71	90		Yes	
	Wyong	51	27	7	8	26	Yes		
Harbord/North Manly	Harbord/North Manly	117	78	13	28	68	Yes		
Hornsby	Hornsby	142	108	22	26	104	Yes		
Lindfield/Killara	Lindfield/Killara	653	363	60	62	359	Yes		
Manly	Manly	437	100	209	231	78		Yes	
Mona Vale/Narrabeen	Mona Vale/Narrabeen	88	78	2	2	78	Yes		
	Narrabeen	47	35	3	3	35	Yes		
North Balgowlah	North Balgowlah	85	71	2	3	70	Yes		
Pittwater	Newport	97	45	36	40	41		Yes	
	Avalon	82	41	18	21	36		Yes	
Pymble	Pymble	574	256	55	26	285	Yes		
Roseville	Roseville	358	206	55	58	202	Yes		
St. Ives	St. Ives	346	160	42	48	154	Yes		

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Presbytery of Ku-ring-gai (Cont.)

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Terrigal	Terrigal	93	17	43	45	15		Yes	
Cuggerah Lakes	The Entrance	105	35	59	67	27		Yes	
	Toukley	59	2	50	49	3		Yes	
Turrumurra	Turrumurra	489	400	39	47	393	Yes		
Turrumurra Sth.	Turrumurra Sth.	221	162	10	12	160	Yes		
Wahroonga	Wahroonga	494	256	37	40	255	Yes		
TOTALS	21	26	5211	3097	1036	1093	3000	16	10

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Presbytery of Moree

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Ashford	Ashford	60	21	31	32	20		Yes	
Bingara	Bingara	104	54	21	23	52	Yes		
Collerenebri	Collerenebri	64	14	46	52	8		Yes	
Gunnedah	Gunnedah	313	92	97	106	82		Yes	
Inverell	Inverell	363	74	85	104	53		Yes	
Moree	Moree	225	21	166	17	14		Yes	
Narrabri	Narrabri	135	17	64	66	15		Yes	
Wee Wee	Wee Wee	110	4	47	47	4		Yes	
Walgett	Walgett	59	30	14	16	28		Yes	
Warialda	Warialda	206	30	51	56	25		Yes	
TOTALS	10	10	1639	357	622	673	301	1	9

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Presbytery of Murrumbidgee

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Balranald/ Moulamcir	Balranald	34	5	14	14	5		Yes	
	Moulamcir	29	16		1	16	Yes		
Berrigan	Berrigan	155	73	30	34	69	Yes		
Deniliquin	Deniliquin	236	130	14	21	123	Yes		
Griffith	Griffith	374	147	57	59	145	Yes		
Hay	Hay	136	70	32	10	62		Yes	
Hillston/Gunbar	Hillston	131	66	2	4	66	Yes		
Jerilderie	Jerilderie	81	40	10	9	41	Yes		
Leeton/Yanco	Leeton	201	91	27	29	89	Yes		
Narrandera	Narrandera	192	91	28	34	85	Yes		
	Tocumwal/Finley	Tocumwal	47	14	12	13	13		Yes
	Finley	131	32	39	41	30		Yes	
Urana	Urana	64	37	15	15	37	Yes		
Wentworth/ Dareton	Wentworth	138	83	29	37	75	Yes		
Darling Point/ Whitton/Cole- ambally	Darlington Point	33	20	2	2	20	Yes		
	Whitton	20	11			14	Yes		
	Coleambally	49	15	6	5	16	Yes		
Wakool	Wakool	44	34	1	2	33	Yes		
TOTALS	14	18	2095	980	319	360	939	14	4

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Presbytery of New England

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Contributing	
Armidale	Armidale	280	82	101	109	71		Yes	
Glen Innes	Glen Innes	301	68	33	40	161	Yes		
Guyra	Guyra	139	41	22	27	39		Yes	
Manilla	Manilla	179	42	17	20	39		Yes	
Quirindi	Quirindi	128	55	8	11	82	Yes		
Tamworth	Werris Creek	29	11	2	1	15	Yes		
	Tamworth	298	142	46	30	157	Yes		
	Bendemeer	13	4	-	-	4	Yes		
Tenterfield	Kootingal	23	13	2	2	13	Yes		
	Tenterfield	93	27	38	42	23		Yes	
	Uralla	59	21	20	23	21		Yes	
Walcha	Walcha	159	19	74	75	18		Yes	
West Tamworth	West Tamworth	339	108	80	81	106		Yes	
Wollomombi	Wollomombi	35	29	6	7	28	Yes		
TOTALS	11	14	2075	801	449	471	777	7	7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Presbytery of North Sydney

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Contributing	
Artarmon	Artarmon	148	108	16	19	104	Yes		
Bescroft	Bescroft	311	113	62	71	103		Yes	
Carlingford	Carlingford	272	202	42	46	195	Yes		
Chatswood	Chatswood	218	81	67	67	83		Yes	
Crows Nest	Crows Nest	102	71	11	15	67	Yes		
Eastwood	Eastwood	535	251	103	105	279	Yes		
Epping	Epping	788	329	181	178	330		Yes	
Gladesville	Gladesville	124	59	40	49	50		Yes	
Greenwich	Greenwich	57	18	26	29	14		Yes	
Lane Cove	St. Columba	138	76	13	17	72	Yes		
Lane Cove	St. James	76	44	19	21	42		Yes	
Longueville	Longueville	148	105	5	12	98	Yes		
Macquarie	Macquarie	161	36	74	78	32		Yes	
Mosman	Mosman	489	218	111	135	189		Yes	
Neutral Bay	Neutral Bay	111	61	25	27	59	Yes		
Northbridge	Northbridge	136	92	17	22	87	Yes		
North Sydney	North Sydney	116	26	61	67	20		Yes	
Ryde	Ryde	206	67	71	75	63		Yes	
Thornleigh/ Normanhurst	Thornleigh	218	144	23	30	137	Yes		
	Normanhurst	119	57	28	33	52		Yes	
Willoughby	Willoughby	73	32	23	26	29		Yes	
Woolwich/ Hunters Hill	Woolwich/ Hunters Hill	137	89	11	9	91	Yes		
West Pennant Hills	West Pennant Hills	106	80	12	21	71	Yes		
North Ryde	North Ryde	108	81	18	22	77	Yes		
Ermington	Ermington	108	81	18	22	77	Yes		
TOTALS	24	24	4900	2473	1059	1174	2344	12	12

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Ballina/ Alstonville	Alstonville	60	14	27	26	15		Yes	
	Ballina	174	37	64	68	33		Yes	
Byron/Brunswick	Brunswick Heads	37	30	1	3	28	Yes		
	Byron Bay	77	21	24	27	18		Yes	
	Mullumbimby	69	25	26	23	23		Yes	
Casino	Casino	303	75	62	74	62		Yes	
Clunes/Dunoon/ Bangalow	Clunes/Dunoon/ Bangalow	206	63	66	102	48		Yes	
Coraki/Woodburn	Broadwater	11	2	7	6	3		Yes	
	Coraki	43	23	-	-	23	Yes		
	Evans Head	23	6	1	4	3		Yes	
	Woodburn	28	12	2	3	11	Yes		
Grafton	Wyrallah	18	5	7	6	5		Yes	
	Grafton	348	69	93	103	59		Yes	
Kyogle	Kyogle	192	27	79	83	21		Yes	
Lismore	Lismore	755	99	221	246	76		Yes	
Middle Clarence	Middle Clarence	171	35	40	44	34		Yes	
Murwillumbah	Murwillumbah	289	22	196	196	22		Yes	
Tweed Heads	Tweed Heads	139	28	65	76	17		Yes	
Bonalbo	Bonalbo	65	16	27	24	13		Yes	
Maclean	Maclean	80	7	51	52	6		Yes	
Nimbin/Gool- mangar	Goolmangar	31	10	4	10	4		Yes	
	Nimbin	36	10	9	11	8		Yes	
Woodenbong/ Urbenville	Woodenbong/ Urbenville	88	34	19	23	30		Yes	
TOTALS	15	23	3243	670	1105	1212	562	3	20

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Broken Hill	Broken Hill	96	46	3	3	46	Yes		
Condoolin	Condoolin	85	44	44	45	13		Yes	
Forbes	Forbes	192	123	19	20	122	Yes		
Molong	Molong	77	43	3	2	44	Yes		
Parkes	Parkes	185	104	26	27	102	Yes		
Peak Hill	Peak Hill	94	22	49	49	22		Yes	
Orange	Orange	434	201	72	78	192	Yes		
Trundle	Trundle	174	61	30	39	53		Yes	
TOTALS	8	8	1337	614	246	263	594	5	3

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Presbytery of Sydney

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total of Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Bondi	Bondi	14	19	17	20	16		Yes
Botany/Mascot	Botany	33	4	21	23	2		Yes
	Mascot	43	21	16	26	11		Yes
Glebe	Glebe	62	33	2	2	33	Yes	
Inner City	Newtown	1	8	-	-	8	Yes	
	Palmer Street	10	9	-	-	9	Yes	
	Redfern	16	14	-	-	14	Yes	
Maroubra	Maroubra	121	68	24	38	51		Yes
	Kingsford	21	6	8	10	4		Yes
Paddington	Paddington	36	14	3	3	14	Yes	
Randwick	Randwick	241	38	98	105	30		Yes
Rose Bay	Rose Bay	132	33	26	25	34		Yes
Chinese, Sydney	Chinese, Sydney	287	95	94	102	87		Yes
Dutch, Sydney	Dutch, Sydney	139	103	1	1	103	Yes	
Scots, Sydney	Scots, Sydney	168	48	66	55	59		Yes
St. Stephen's	St. Stephen's	798	353	113	115	350	Yes	
Waverley	McNeill Memorial	15	11	-	-	11	Yes	
	Grahame Memorial	109	67	19	24	63	Yes	
Woolahra/Double Bay	Woolahra/Double Bay	140	124	9	9	124	Yes	
Welsh, Sydney	Welsh, Sydney	46	16	4	10	10		Yes
TOTALS	15	20	2175	1081	521	568	10	10

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Presbytery of Sydney South

Bankstown	Bankstown	256	148	23	28	115	Yes	
Bexley/Rockdale	Bexley/Rockdale	177	52	93	102	43		Yes
Brighton-Le-Sands	Brighton-Le-Sands	150	86	20	22	81	Yes	
Campsie	Campsie	109	61	17	23	55	Yes	
Caringbah	Caringbah	336	77	210	228	58		Yes
Como	Como	84	30	34	36	28		Yes
Cronulla	Cronulla	252	116	92	104	101		Yes
Earlwood	Earlwood	144	39	59	61	37		Yes
Engadine/Heathcote	Engadine/Heathcote	78	30	21	26	24		Yes
	Heathcote	23	5	13	13	5		Yes
Hurstville	Hurstville	111	42	226	231	37		Yes
Hurstville Grove	Hurstville Grove	93	78	5	8	75	Yes	
Kingsgrove	Kingsgrove	80	52	4	8	48	Yes	
Kogarah	Kogarah	272	32	174	180	23		Yes
Lakemba	Lakemba	252	112	86	86	112		Yes

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Presbytery of Sydney South (cont.)

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Marrickville	Marrickville	68	44	8	16	36	Yes		
Miranda	Miranda	102	71	21	17	75	Yes		
Mortdale/Oatley	Mortdale/Oatley	159	96	12	18	90	Yes		
Padstow/East Hills/Revesby	Padstow/East Hills/Revesby	110	40	19	56	33		Yes	
Penshurst	Penshurst	267	48	196	203	41		Yes	
Pinchbowl	Pinchbowl	68	10	31	34	7		Yes	
Riverwood	Riverwood	76	1	70	72	2		Yes	
Sutherland	Sutherland	86	26	55	57	24		Yes	
Yagoona	Yagoona	31	19	9	7	21	Yes		
TOTALS	23	24	3684	1318	1528	1636	1207	9	15

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Presbytery of Sydney West

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Abbotsford/ Five Dock	Abbotsford Five Dock	57	13	29	27	13		Yes	
Annandale/ Leichhardt	Annandale Leichhardt	56	14	20	21	13		Yes	
Ashfield	Ashfield	144	26	92	96	22		Yes	
Auburn	Auburn	92	39	26	30	35		Yes	
Balmain/Rozelle	Balmain Rozelle	58	36	11	17	29		Yes	
Burwood	Burwood	343	116	105	95	26		Yes	
Concord	Concord	57	17	26	27	16		Yes	
	North Strath- field	103	36	39	36	39		Yes	
Croydon Park	Croydon Park	89	15	22	20	47	Yes		
Drummoyne	Drummoyne	149	53	54	59	18		Yes	
Dulwich Hill/ Petersham	Dulwich Hill Petersham	78	56	12	19	18	Yes		
Haberfield	Haberfield	208	114	14	22	106	Yes		
Lidcombe	Lidcombe/Berala	134	76	15	15	76	Yes		
	North Lidcombe	20	13	6	7	12		Yes	
Sefton/Chester Hill	Sefton Chester Hill	36	8	18	21	5		Yes	
Strathfield/ Homebush	Strathfield Homebush	173	82	6	12	76	Yes		
West Strathfield	West Strathfield	198	65	75	63	58		Yes	
TOTALS	15	23	2256	902	695	743	850	6	17

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Initiating	Congregations Continuing
Albury	Albury	342	151	29	41	139	Yes	
Brooklesby	Brooklesby	140	57	18	17	57	Yes	
Coolamon	Coolamon	177	117	11	23	101	Yes	
Corowa	Corowa	244	132	54	77	116		Yes
Culcairn	Culcairn	159	67	17	23	60	Yes	
Henty	Henty	221	94	83	92	85		Yes
Holbrook	Holbrook	151	64	14	22	59	Yes	
Junee	Junee	176	64	30	32	61		Yes
Lockhart	Lockhart	111	49	9	9	44	Yes	
North Albury	North Albury	189	16	77	78	15		Yes
South Wagga	South Wagga	245	91	42	45	88		Yes
The Rock	The Rock	199	94	22	21	86	Yes	
Tambarumba	Tambarumba	133	39	31	41	29		Yes
Tamut	Tamut	191	133	28	38	123	Yes	
Wagga	Wagga	525	73	241	246	67		Yes
TOTALS	15	3157	1241	706	802	1133	8	7

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Presbytery of Young

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Initiating	Congregations Continuing
Cootamundra	Cootamundra	254	111	46	51	107	Yes	
Cowra	Cowra	186	82	67	71	78		Yes
Grenfell	Grenfell	147	41	67	72	39		Yes
Temora	Temora	153	63	56	57	62		Yes
West Wyalong	West Wyalong	163	48	50	53	45		Yes
Young	Young	164	78	69	72	75		Yes
Gundagai	Gundagai	41	19	3	4	17	Yes	
Ardlethan	Ardlethan	95	62	12	23	51	Yes	
Canowin Dra	Canowin Dra	73	47	1	2	47	Yes	
Lake Cargelligo	Lake Cargelligo	96	70	2	8	63	Yes	
Murrumburrah/ Harden	Murrumburrah/ Harden	162	73	7	11	69	Yes	
Ungarie	Ungarie	89	62	6	11	57	Yes	
TOTALS	12	1617	759	386	435	710	7	5

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Ashgrove	Ashgrove	181	103	13	48	98	Yes	
The Gap	The Gap	103	63	11	9	65	Yes	
Ann Street Brisbane	Ann Street Brisbane	193	10	123	111	9		Yes
Dutch Congregation	Dutch Congregation	21	14			11	Yes	
Fortitude Valley	Fortitude Valley	113	66	19	21	62	Yes	
St. Andrew's Brisbane	St. Andrew's Brisbane	733	497	52	60	489	Yes	
St. Paul's Brisbane	St. Paul's Brisbane	157	14	88	88	14		Yes
Clayfield	Clayfield	142	54	59	60	53		Yes
	Pinkenba	18	3	9	9	3		Yes
Esk	Esk	11	20	18	18	20		Yes
	Doogoolawah	13	6	3	3	6		Yes
	Coorinya	16	5	6	4	7		Yes
	Moore	6	-	-	-	-	Yes	
Hamilton/Hendra	Hamilton/Hendra	75	20	51	61	10		Yes
Indooroopilly	Indooroopilly	214	180	18	21	176	Yes	
Ipswich	Ipswich	237	82	76	87	73		Yes
North Ipswich	North Ipswich	62	43	14	17	40	Yes	
	Brassall	36	30	1	1	30	Yes	
	Harrisville	37	23	6	9	20	Yes	
	Wivenhoe	7	7	-	-	7	Yes	
Booval	Booval	125	72	12	14	69	Yes	
Boonah	Boonah	33	16	3	3	16	Yes	
North Booval	North Booval	8	8	-	-	8	Yes	
Ithaca/Bardon	Ithaca	117	50	42	48	44		Yes
	Carmel/Bardon	78	42	28	30	40		Yes
Jindalee	Jindalee	5	2	-	-	2	Yes	
Kenmore	Kenmore	339	215	8	9	214	Yes	
Redbank/Goodna	Redbank	5	2	-	2	-		Yes
	Goodna	28	10	12	13	9		Yes
St. Lucia	St. Lucia	304	216	12	17	210	Yes	
Sherwood	Sherwood	162	90	13	15	88	Yes	
	Graceville	90	46	7	8	44	Yes	
	Oxley	54	30	5	5	30	Yes	
	"Hopetoun" Corinda	21	11	4	8	7		Yes
Toowong/ Auchenflower	Toowong	148	115	6	9	112	Yes	
	Auchenflower	41	37	6	10	33	Yes	
Willston/ Newmarket	Willston	61	5	52	52	5		Yes
	Newmarket	33	-	33	33	-		Yes
Windsor	Windsor	90	10	78	78	10		Yes
TOTALS	25	39	1779	227	938	1014	22	17

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Alderley/ Enoggera	Alderley	112	91	4	4	91	Yes	
	Enoggera	81	67	7	7	67	Yes	
Aspley	Aspley	148	89	11	10	89	Yes	
Caboolture	Glasshouse	24	8	2	2	8	Yes	
	Caboolture	56	19	13	16	16		Yes
St. Paul's Collegiate	Everton Park	40	26	4	4	26	Yes	
	Stafford	128	98	6	9	95	Yes	
	West Chermside	63	41	6	8	39	Yes	
Kedron	Kedron	288	187	32	40	181	Yes	
Maleny	Maleny	62	35	19	20	34		Yes
	Kenilworth	17	10	1	1	10	Yes	
	Flaxton	13	5	-	3	2		Yes
Mitchelton	Mitchelton	115	12	95	93	14		Yes
	Arana Hills	22	14	7	7	14		Yes
Nambour	Nambour	271	177	18	24	170	Yes	
	Eli Eli	22	15	2	3	14	Yes	
	Palmwoods	18	8	-	-	8	Yes	
	Yandina	16	5	2	2	5	Yes	
	Woombye	20	13	1	1	13	Yes	
Mundah/Kalinga	Mundah	98	46	38	38	46		Yes
	Kalinga	32	1	26	26	1		Yes
Pine Rivers Special Area	Brighton	114	68	14	17	65	Yes	
	Bald Hills	33	17	7	8	16		Yes
	Strathpine	35	19	8	8	19	Yes	
	North Pine	17	8	6	6	8		Yes
	Dayboro	38	19	6	6	19	Yes	
	Sandgate	86	33	32	36	29		Yes
Redcliffe	Queens Beach	146	95	12	18	90	Yes	
	Margate	49	39	4	9	34	Yes	
	Scarborough	26	23	1	1	20	Yes	
Sunshine Coast	Caloundra	110	76	26	28	74	Yes	
	Alexandra Headland	16	15	-	1	14	Yes	
	Buderim	42	36	-	-	36	Yes	
	Maroochydore	36	30	2	7	25	Yes	
Virginia/North- gate/Baryo	Virginia	69	32	33	35	30		Yes
	Northgate	14	7	3	4	6		Yes
	Baryo	58	24	26	29	21		Yes
St. Luke's Collegiate	Wavell Heights	300	111	98	111	98		Yes
	Geebung	105	60	12	15	57	Yes	

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Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Woody Point/ Clontarf	Woody Point	129	39	59	63	35		Yes
	Clontarf	12	1	4	3	1		Yes
Zillmere	Zillmere	1	5	-	-	5	Yes	
TOTALS	16	42	313	172	649	726	16	26

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Presbytery of Carpentaria

Aurukun	Aurukun	147	6	6	6	6		Yes
Babinda	Babinda	30	3	21	22	7		Yes
Cairns	Cairns	317	20	162	167	17		Yes
Gordonvale	Gordonvale	88	16	37	38	15		Yes
Innisfail	Innisfail	104	55	13	15	53	Yes	
Mareeba	Mareeba	64	18	32	36	14		Yes
New Mapoon	New Mapoon	37	16	5	12	11		Yes
Tablelands	Atherton	58	11	30	31	10		Yes
	Herberton	8	7	-	-	7	Yes	
	Malanda	16	6	3	4	5		Yes
	Killaa Millaa	5	4	1	1	4	Yes	
	Ravenshoe	14	4	-	-	4	Yes	
Thursday Is.	Thursday Is.	14	12	-	7	5		Yes
Weipa	Weipa	57	43	3	4	42	Yes	
TOTALS	10	14	959	223	313	343	195	5

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Presbytery of Mackay

St. Paul's/ Armitage	St. Paul's/ Armitage	342	188	13	15	186	Yes	
Iona	Iona	154	102	25	27	99	Yes	
Sarina	Sarina	80	52	12	18	46	Yes	
	Korambah	3	2	1	1	2		Yes
	Kowkela	23	12	-	-	12	Yes	
Pioneer	Walkerston	112	90	6	8	88	Yes	
	Marian	43	33	3	3	33	Yes	
	Mirani	42	26	2	3	25	Yes	
Proserpine	Proserpine	83	61	3	3	61	Yes	
Scots, North Mackay	Scots	87	46	7	9	44	Yes	
	Glenella	12	1	4	4	1		Yes
	Celen	16	6	-	-	6	Yes	
	Scaforth	16	5	-	-	5	Yes	
Dalrymple	Finch Hatton	37	27	2	3	26	Yes	
	Eungella	25	21	-	-	20	Yes	
TOTALS	7	15	1075	672	78	95	654	13

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Bundaberg Collegiate	Bundaberg	478	251	88	97	238	Yes		
	Gin Gin	26	13	5	3	15	Yes		
Central Burnett	Gayndah	39	5	26	26	5		Yes	
	Mundubbera	16	13	1	5	9		Yes	
	Ridsvold	10	5	-	1	4	Yes		
Gympie	St. Andrew's	160	139	14	14	139	Yes		
	Woolooga	6	4	2	2	4		Yes	
	Imbil	2	2	-	-	2	Yes		
Hervey Bay	Scarcess	90	35	38	41	32		Yes	
Isis	Childers	50	32	8	12	29	Yes		
Kingaroy/Wondai	Kingaroy	134	79	14	17	76	Yes		
	Wondai	34	22	9	11	20		Yes	
	Wooroolin	11	8	2	4	6		Yes	
	Mannum	13	8	-	-	8	Yes		
Maryborough Collegiate	St. Stephen's	403	224	11	20	215	Yes		
	St. Columba's	17	11	1	1	11	Yes		
	Scots	5	3	1	1	3	Yes		
	*Mauple	5	-	-	-	-			
	*Cheebine	4	-	-	-	-			
Murgon/Goomeri	Murgon	57	43	11	12	42	Yes		
	Goomeri	25	14	6	5	17		Yes	
	Kilkivan	6	5	-	-	5	Yes		
Nanango	Nanango	59	37	6	7	36	Yes		
	Yarraman	11	5	-	-	5	Yes		
	Blackbutt	12	2	-	-	2	Yes		
	Brooklands	6	5	-	-	5	Yes		
Noosa/Cooroy	Tewantin	23	41	1	1	41	Yes		
	Cooroy	26	15	2	4	15	Yes		
	Burundi	12	8	4	4	8		Yes	
	Pomona	19	13	-	1	12	Yes		
TOTALS	10	30	1788	1042	250	297	999	20	8

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Acacia Ridge	St. Columba's	81	3	76	79	-		Yes
Annerley	St. John's	150	29	71	73	26		Yes
Bulimba/Cannon Hill	Bulimba	60	16	7	10	13		Yes
	Cannon Hill	71	17	19	24	12		Yes
Camp Hill	Camp Hill	192	73	72	88	58		Yes
	Mayfield	31	19	4	7	16	Yes	
Coorparoo	Coorparoo	245	76	101	112	62		Yes
	Cavondish Park	27	6	15	17	4		Yes
Gold Coast South	Surfers Paradise	109	61	4	3	62	Yes	
	Mermaid Beach	51	40	1	-	41	Yes	
	Burleigh Heads	64	47	-	2	45	Yes	
	Currumbin	16	35	2	4	33	Yes	
	Currumbin Valley	20	11	2	3	10	Yes	
	Tallebudgera	7	4	-	-	4	Yes	
	Springbrook/ Mudgeeraba	12	11	-	1	10	Yes	
	Southport School	7	1	2	3	-		Yes
Hawthorne	Hawthorne	85	60	5	15	50	Yes	
Holland Park	St. David's	179	89	29	39	80	Yes	
Inala	Inala	23	21	-	-	21	Yes	
Manly/Lota	Manly/Lota	59	1	54	52	3		Yes
	Capalaba	15	1	8	9	-		Yes
Moorooka	Knox	167	83	14	16	79	Yes	
Mt. Gravatt	St. Peter's	190	105	46	45	106	Yes	
	St. Mark's	68	30	14	18	26		Yes
Mowbraytown	Mowbraytown	99	35	22	44	34		Yes
Norman Park	Norman Park	74	29	29	32	26		Yes
Salisbury	St. David's	62	41	3	4	40	Yes	
South Brisbane Park	Park	115	66	4	4	66	Yes	
	Hill End	23	11	1	1	11	Yes	
	Eight Mile Plains	48	38	-	1	37	Yes	
Southport	Southport	146	102	13	10	105	Yes	
	Misgrave Hill	42	23	2	3	22	Yes	
	Numinbah Valley	18	13	1	1	13	Yes	
	Nerang	17	13	-	-	13	Yes	
	Beechmont	3	-	-	-	-		
Tamborine Mt.	Tamborine Mt.	44	5	32	37	5		Yes
The Redlands	Cleveland	45	7	27	28	6		Yes
	Victoria Point	23	8	9	10	2		Yes
	Wellington Point	27	11	13	15	9		Yes
Wellers Hill	Wellers Hill	148	117	5	9	113	Yes	

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Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Wynnum	St. Andrew's	176	53	65	72	42		Yes	
	St. David's	46	11	12	13	10		Yes	
Yeerongpilly	St. Giles	243	183	8	13	178	Yes		
	St. Philip's	16	13	2	2	13	Yes		
TOTALS	22	441	3378	1618	814	916	1508	24	19

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Presbytery of Warwick

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Allora/Clifton	Allora	135	86	2	4	84	Yes		
	Clifton	106	61	21	21	61	Yes		
	Pilton	43	36	4	6	34	Yes		
Goondiwindi	Goondiwindi	91	46	23	25	44		Yes	
	Talwood	7	5	-	-	5	Yes		
	Kurrumbul	10	5	2	2	4		Yes	
Killarney/Yangan	Killarney	98	78	1	5	74	Yes		
	The Head	2	2	-	-	2	Yes		
	Emu Vale	26	14	9	11	12		Yes	
	Yangan	28	6	12	12	8		Yes	
Stanthorpe	Stanthorpe	130	65	21	26	60	Yes		
	Amiens/Bapaume	7	1	3	3	1		Yes	
	Ballandean	8	4	1	2	3		Yes	
	Dalveer	21	8	-	-	8	Yes		
	Glen Aplin	6	-	3	3	-		Yes	
	Thulimbah	29	16	-	-	16	Yes		
St. George/Dirrranbandi	St. George	49	16	15	17	14		Yes	
	Thallon	9	-	2	2	-		Yes	
	Dirrranbandi	27	1	3	4	-		Yes	
Texas/Inglewood/Yelarbon	Texas	23	7	8	8	7		Yes	
	Inglewood	24	5	17	17	5		Yes	
	Yelarbon	32	11	3	3	11	Yes		
Warwick	Warwick	423	192	18	20	190	Yes		
TOTALS	7	23	1337	667	168	191	613	11	12

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Rockhampton,	St. Andrew's	397	55	189	198	116		Yes	
	St. Andrew's	39	12	13	13	12		Yes	
	John Knox	133	42	50	52	40		Yes	
	St. Stephen's	106	35	37	41	31		Yes	
	*Yaarba	3	-	-	-	-			
Gladstone	*Marlborough	4	-	-	-	-			
	Frenchville	42	14	3	4	13	Yes		
	St. Andrew's	111	22	52	50	21		Yes	
	Benaraby	10	1	9	9	1		Yes	
	Bororen	10	-	7	7	-		Yes	
Springsure	Calliope	27	1	17	17	1		Yes	
	Mt. Larcom	2	-	1	1	-		Yes	
	Springsure	57	10	30	35	5		Yes	
	Callide Valley	Bilcoola	115	15	27	32	42		Yes
		Goovigen	3	2	-	1	1		Yes
Yambin		14	6	2	6	2		Yes	
Barcardine	St. Andrew's	8	4	1	1	4	Yes		
Longreach	St. Andrew's	109	91	5	5	91	Yes		
Emerald/Blackwater	Emerald	27	22	2	3	21	Yes		
	Blackwater	10	8	1	2	7	Yes		
Glenmore	Glenmore	33	27	4	6	25	Yes		
Yeppoon	St. Andrew's	59	45	2	6	41	Yes		
Dawson Valley	Moura	41	23	6	6	23	Yes		
	Baralaba	16	8	1	1	8	Yes		
	Theodore	18	3	5	5	3		Yes	
Blackall	Blackall	27	15	5	7	13		Yes	
	Tambo	8	2	-	-	2	Yes		
Upper Burnett	Mento	67	21	30	31	20		Yes	
	Abercorn	6	1	5	5	1		Yes	
Mount Morgan	Mount Morgan	50	14	19	18	13		Yes	
	Daree	13	5	7	6	4		Yes	
TOTALS	15	31	1565	534	530	570	494	10	19

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Bell	Bell	77	29	23	24	28		Yes
	Cooranga North	22	5	9	11	3		Yes
	Kainkillenbun	22	10	11	11	10		Yes
	Moola	13	1	6	3	4		Yes
	Naclagan	16	7	8	9	6		Yes
	Ironpot Creek	7	2	-	-	4	Yes	
Charleville	Charleville	79	23	11	19	15		Yes
	Morven	15	2	2	4	-		Yes
Chinchilla	Chinchilla	115	55	60	61	14		Yes
Dalby	Dalby	241	66	59	61	64		Yes
	Bowenville	47	4	28	29	3		Yes
	Cecil Plains	35	9	9	9	9		Yes
Lockyer Valley	Laidley	40	30	-	1	29	Yes	
	Gatton	42	15	3	4	14	Yes	
	Forest Hill	35	23	-	-	23	Yes	
	Helidon	3	1	-	1	-		Yes
	Murphys Creek	7	5	2	3	4		Yes
Jandowae/Warra	Jandowae	85	44	18	15	48	Yes	
	Warra	61	40	9	10	39	Yes	
Maramoa	Roma	127	60	45	46	57		Yes
	Eumarrubin	4	-	2	2	-		Yes
Miles	Miles	65	10	39	39	10		Yes
	Dulacca	23	2	16	16	1		Yes
	Drilham	12	4	8	8	4		Yes
	Condamin	10	4	5	5	4		Yes
Millmerran	Millmerran	61	16	18	18	16		Yes
	Lavelle	24	13	4	4	13	Yes	
	Kooroongarra	18	9	2	-	11	Yes	
Oakey	Oakey	84	32	17	18	31		Yes
	AcLland	45	37	-	-	37	Yes	
	Jondaryan	19	12	-	3	9	Yes	
	Kingsthorpe	10	10	-	-	10	Yes	
Pittsworth/ Greenscourt	Pittsworth	53	45	3	2	44	Yes	
	Nobby	39	32	1	2	31	Yes	
	Cambooya	24	22	-	-	22	Yes	
	Southbrook	14	14	-	-	14	Yes	
Sarat/Glen- morgan	Sarat	16	5	8	9	4		Yes
	Glenmorgan	10	3	1	1	3	Yes	
	Toelba	4	3	-	-	3	Yes	

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Presbytery of Toowoomba (cont.)

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Tara	Tara	36	12	16	16	12		Yes	
	Meandarra	14	2	5	6	2		Yes	
	Kogan	3	3	-	-	3	Yes		
Toowoomba/East Toowoomba	St. David's	96	34	21	27	28		Yes	
	St. John's	96	63	20	30	53		Yes	
Toowoomba, St. Andrew's	St. Andrew's	401	89	161	168	81		Yes	
	Glenvale Road	27	3	12	12	3		Yes	
Toowoomba, St. Stephen's	St. Stephen's	791	407	63	87	382	Yes		
	Harlaxton	20	8	5	5	8		Yes	
	Merritt's Creek	22	1	13	14	-		Yes	
	Geeham	18	6	8	7	6		Yes	
Toowoomba, Scots	Scots	299	187	28	34	181	Yes		
	Weslbrook	20	19	-	-	19	Yes		
Wandoan/Taroom	Wandoan	56	24	20	23	22		Yes	
	Taroom	30	7	-	-	7	Yes		
Quilpie	Quilpie	13	5	4	3	3		Yes	
TOTALS	19	55	3556	1539	802	887	1451	22	33

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Ayr	Ayr	116	5	79	81	3		Yes	
Bowen	Bowen	86	40	13	13	40	Yes		
Charters Towers	Charters Towers	52	20	8	9	19	Yes		
Cloncurry	Cloncurry	11	1	-	-	1	Yes		
Home Hill	Home Hill	53	7	45	45	7		Yes	
Hughenden	Hughenden	19	6	1	2	5	Yes		
Julia Creek	*Julia Creek	8	-	-	-	-			
Mornington Island	Mornington Island	109	63	3	3	62	Yes		
Mount Isa	Mount Isa	126	62	16	19	59	Yes		
Richmond	Richmond	20	7	-	-	7	Yes		
Townsville	St. Andrew's	198	32	117	125	26		Yes	
Townsville	St. Paul's	137	22	85	90	17		Yes	
Townsville	St. Stephen's	199	102	18	18	102	Yes		
TOTALS	13	13	1124	367	385	405	348	8	4

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Black Forest	Black Forest	56	50	1	4	47	Yes		
Goodwood	Goodwood	73	53	3	8	46	Yes		
Hawthorn/ Panorama	Hawthorn	204	135	12	19	128	Yes		
	Panorama	52	37	2	2	37	Yes		
Morphett Vale	Morphett Vale	19	13	-	1	12	Yes		
Murray Bridge	Murray Bridge	92	56	8	9	55	Yes		
Norwood	Norwood	51	6	42	44	4		Yes	
Plympton Park	Plympton Park	101	79	-	2	77	Yes		
Seacliff/Sea- corbe Gardens	Seacliff	98	63	28	28	63	Yes		
	Seacombe Gardens	32	23	5	6	22	Yes		
Strathalbyn/ Mt. Barker	Strathalbyn	73	34	11	12	34	Yes		
	Mt. Barker	34	10	20	20	10		Yes	
Tasmore	Tasmore	319	203	23	34	192	Yes		
Unley	Unley	35	26	5	10	21	Yes		
TOTALS	11	14	1239	788	160	199	750	12	2

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Presbytery of Penola

Millicent	Millicent	152	54	69	73	50		Yes	
	Rendelsham	19	11	8	8	11		Yes	
	Beachport	3	3	-	2	1		Yes	
	Tantanoola	6	6	-	-	6	Yes		
Naracoorte	Naracoorte	175	50	92	91	51		Yes	
	Lucindale	18	6	9	11	4		Yes	
Penola	Penola	140	38	90	91	37		Yes	
Mt. Gambier	St. Andrew's	378	110	29	30	109	Yes		
East Gambier	Scots	60	36	11	14	33	Yes		
	Glenburnie	19	5	8	9	4		Yes	
	Allendale East	22	7	15	15	7		Yes	
	C.B. Flat	9	3	3	3	3		Yes	
Glencoe/ Kalangadoo	Glencoe	15	12	1	2	11	Yes		
	Kalangadoo	11	4	1	1	4	Yes		
	Nangwarry	2	2	-	-	2	Yes		
TOTALS	6	16	1029	347	336	350	333	6	10

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Withdrawing	Congregations Continuing	
Adelaide	Scots	576	345	74	87	329	Yes		
	Golden Grove	48	33	5	7	31	Yes		
Clare/Hart	Clare	51	33	1	2	32	Yes		
	Hart	29	23	1	1	23	Yes		
Clearview	Clearview	47	35	-	2	33	Yes		
Cowandilla	Cowandilla	59	54	-	-	54	Yes		
Elizabeth	St. Andrew's	85	30	3	6	27	Yes		
	St. Stephen's	75	45	15	19	40	Yes		
	Jean Flynn	66	22	11	11	20		Yes	
Gawler	Gawler	77	73	-	-	73	Yes		
Jamestown	Jamestown	41	31	3	5	29	Yes		
Mt. Laura/ Iron Knob	Mt. Laura	58	30	7	8	29	Yes		
	Iron Knob	9	8	-	-	8	Yes		
Mt. Pleasant/ South Rhine	Mt. Pleasant	41	28	-	2	26	Yes		
	South Rhine	34	34	-	1	33	Yes		
Para Hills	Para Hills	38	27	2	4	25	Yes		
Port Adelaide	Port Adelaide	200	136	14	15	135	Yes		
Port Augusta	Port Augusta	29	10	14	16	8		Yes	
Port Pirie	Port Pirie	36	30	2	3	29	Yes		
Prospect/St. Peters/Finch- ley Park	Prospect	56	25	11	14	22		Yes	
	St. Peter's	54	36	7	11	32	Yes		
	Finchley Park	54	40	4	6	38	Yes		
Walleroo	Walleroo	19	18	-	-	18	Yes		
Whyalla	St. Andrew's	86	49	5	9	45	Yes		
Woodside/ Lobethal	Woodside	18	18	-	1	14	Yes		
	Lobethal	71	56	6	7	55	Yes		
Woodville	Woodville	182	136	4	5	133	Yes		
TOTALS	18	27	2073	1345	189	242	1281	24	3

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Burnie	Burnie	80	56	2	4	53	Yes	
Devonport	Devonport	111	48	29	28	49		Yes
	Don	7	5	-	-	5	Yes	
Evandale	Evandale	48	27	5	7	25	Yes	
Glamorgan	Glamorgan	51	51	-	1	50	Yes	
Glenorchy	Glenorchy	84	57	5	3	59	Yes	
Claremont	Claremont	9	9	-	-	9	Yes	
	Hestercombe	2	2	-	-	2	Yes	
St. John's, Hobart	St. John's	191	25	121	122	24		Yes
	Taroona	25	9	3	4	8		Yes
	Tarraleah	7	-	2	2	-		Yes
Scots, Hobart	Scots, Hobart	358	177	31	26	170	Yes	
Sorell/Mornington	Sorell	18	16	1	1	16	Yes	
	Mornington	5	2	2	1	3	Yes	
Bellerive/Howrah	Bellerive	9	8	-	-	8	Yes	
	Howrah	8	8	-	1	7	Yes	
Lindisfarne	Lindisfarne	20	16	1	2	15	Yes	
	Cambridge	1	1	-	-	1	Yes	
	Richmond	2	2	-	-	2	Yes	
New Town	New Town	32	20	1	3	18	Yes	
Chalmers, Launceston	Chalmers, Launceston	224	153	22	33	142	Yes	
St. Andrew's, Launceston	St. Andrew's	177	22	128	129	21		Yes
	Riverside	35	4	15	17	2		Yes
North Launceston/Lilydale	Mowbray	54	35	1	2	34	Yes	
	Invermay	16	5	10	11	4		Yes
	Lilydale	29	22	2	3	21	Yes	
St. Stephen's/ Newstead	St. Stephen's	154	90	24	29	85	Yes	
	Newstead	43	19	10	10	19		Yes
	Scotch College	8	5	2	2	5	Yes	
North Midlands Regional	Campbell Town	102	61	9	7	65	Yes	
	Fingal	91	44	8	12	40	Yes	
	Deloraine	18	11	1	2	10	Yes	
	Hagley	12	7	4	5	5		Yes
	Mole Creek	7	2	3	5	-		Yes
Oatlands/Bothwell	Oatlands	131	39	26	30	33		Yes
	Bothwell	37	13	2	2	13	Yes	
Scottsdale	Scottsdale	50	17	14	14	17		Yes
	Nabowla	12	9	2	4	7		Yes
	Bridport	11	4	-	1	3	Yes	
Ulverstone	Ulverstone	76	24	25	32	17		Yes

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF TASMANIA

Presbytery of Tasmania (cont.)

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
George Town	George Town	48	41	1	1	40	Yes		
Stanley/Rocky Cape	Stanley/Rocky Cape	42	30	4	13	22		Yes	
West Tamar	Sidmouth	16	3	9	9	3		Yes	
	Glengarry	15	1	12	11	2		Yes	
	Winkleigh	2	1	-	-	1	Yes		
Queenstown	Queenstown	19	18	1	4	15	Yes		
TOTALS	24	46	247	1219	538	605	1150	29	17

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Presbytery of The South

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Albany	Albany	117	62	8	11	59	Yes		
Bunbury	Bunbury	47	40	-	1	39	Yes		
Katanning	Katanning	56	25	-	-	25	Yes		
Kondinin/Kulin	Kondinin/Kulin	117	40	4	5	39	Yes		
Mt. Barker	M t. Barker	40	24	3	4	23	Yes		
Narrongin	Narrongin	47	32	4	5	31	Yes		
Stirling	Stirling	38	20	-	1	19	Yes		
TOTALS	7	7	462	243	19	27	235	7	

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Bicton	Bicton	55	16	24	25	15		Yes	
Canning Bridge	Canning Bridge	138	98	4	8	94	Yes		
Claremont	Claremont	229	66	6	8	64	Yes		
Coolbellup	Coolbellup	42	21	2	2	21	Yes		
Eastern Gold-fields	Eastern Gold-fields	47	23	-	1	22	Yes		
Eastern Wheat-belt	Eastern Wheat-belt	32	24	5	6	24	Yes		
Fremantle District	Fremantle District	100	48	16	20	46	Yes		
Kellerberrin	Kellerberrin	19	13	-	-	13	Yes		
Kwinana	Kwinana	36	26	2	2	26	Yes		
Lynwood	Lynwood	14	9	-	1	8	Yes		
Manning	Manning	97	68	8	9	67	Yes		
Melville	Melville	161	82	38	42	78		Yes	
Northam	Northam	21	11	4	4	11	Yes		
North Murray	North Murray	22	15	3	3	15	Yes		
Peppermint Grove	Peppermint Grove	80	42	15	19	38		Yes	
South Perth	South Perth	80	49	4	6	47	Yes		
Victoria Park	Victoria Park	79	64	3	3	64	Yes		
TOTALS	17	17	1262	675	134	159	653	14	3

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA		Presbytery of Perth							
City of Perth	City of Perth	421	247	23	32	236	Yes		
Duncraig	Duncraig	16	6	3	2	7	Yes		
Floreat Park	Floreat Park	168	99	5	11	94	Yes		
Geraldton	Geraldton	87	74	3	3	74	Yes		
Greenwood	Greenwood	3	3	-	-	3	Yes		
Innaloo	Innaloo	143	87	2	8	81	Yes		
Midland	Midland	77	45	5	6	43	Yes		
Nedlands	Nedlands	331	201	26	26	198	Yes		
Netherlands	Netherlands	46	40	-	-	40	Yes		
North Eastern Districts	North Eastern Districts	164	81	49	58	72		Yes	
North Midlands	North Midlands	41	28	-	-	28	Yes		
North Perth/Mt.Hawthorn	North Perth/Mt.Hawthorn	130	103	3	8	97	Yes		
Subiaco/West Leederville	Subiaco/West Leederville	38	23	9	10	22	Yes		
Yokine Districts	Yokine Districts	42	14	21	22	13		Yes	
TOTALS	14	15	1843	1127	160	200	1081	13	2

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total or Voting Register	Question(a),Yes	Question(a),No	Question(b),Yes	Question(b),No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Ballarat North	Scots	104	21	78	79	20		Yes
	Knox	75	16	53	55	13		Yes
Ballarat South	Ebonezer	48	13	29	36	6		Yes
	St. John's	67	16	43	49	?		Yes
	St. David's	19	-	19	19	-		Yes
St. Andrew's Kirk	St. Andrew's Kirk	395	182	39	52	171	Yes	
St. Cuthbert's	St. Cuthbert's	178	116	25	36	105	Yes	
	Windermere	20	12	5	6	11		Yes
Wendouree	Wendouree	145	107	8	7	106	Yes	
Beaufort	Beaufort	186	119	12	28	103	Yes	
	Lexton	13	3	6	6	3		Yes
Clunes	Clunes	85	52	5	13	44	Yes	
	Coghills Creek	17	11	1	1	1	Yes	
	Evansford	12	5	1	1	9	Yes	
Creswick	Talbot	16	8	-	1	7	Yes	
	Creswick	31	20	2	3	19	Yes	
	Miners Rest	12	9	2	2	9	Yes	
Learmonth	Scrub Hill	66	38	10	12	35	Yes	
	Learmonth	32	29	?	4	27	Yes	
	Burrumbeet	33	28	4	7	25	Yes	
	Wauora	26	20	1	1	20	Yes	
Maryborough	Maryborough	184	129	12	17	124	Yes	
	Garisbrook	38	27	4	12	19		Yes
Skipton and District	Skipton	79	36	23	26	33		Yes
	Stockyard Hill	33	17	11	12	16		Yes
	Streoatham	61	30	10	11	30	Yes	
	Westmere	18	7	-	-	7	Yes	
	Yalla-y-Poora	20	12	-	-	14	Yes	
	Carrighat	27	22	1	1	22	Yes	
	Linton	33	16	10	11	15		Yes
Smeaton	Scarsdale	21	12	5	7	10		Yes
	Smeaton	67	28	26	28	26		Yes
Avoca	Mount Prospect	25	12	6	6	12		Yes
	Avoca	32	20	1	3	16	Yes	
	Elmhurst	28	21	5	5	21	Yes	
Ballan	Bealiba	27	20	-	3	17	Yes	
	Ballan	56	35	-	2	31	Yes	
	Mount Egerton	21	12	-	-	12	Yes	
	Pertland Hills	19	17	1	2	16	Yes	

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

Presbytery of Ballarat (cont.)

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Daylesford	Daylesford	21	8	9	9	8		Yes
	Bullarto	7	6	-	1	5	Yes	
	Trentham	14	11	1	-	11	Yes	
	Franklinford	8	2	6	5	2		Yes
Dunolly	Dunolly	75	53	5	9	49	Yes	
TOTALS	16	2494	1386	481	590	1276	28	16

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

PRESBYTERY of Bendigo

Bamawm/ Lockington	Bamawm	58	40	18	18	40	Yes	
	Lockington	81	70	7	8	69	Yes	
Bendigo	St. Andrew's	398	232	50	51	231	Yes	
Bendigo	St. John's	243	127	16	25	118	Yes	
Castlemaine	Castlemaine	156	114	26	28	112	Yes	
	Maldon	18	16	-	-	16	Yes	
	Newstead	28	22	1	1	22	Yes	
Cohuna	Cohuna	126	99	14	16	96	Yes	
Eaglehawk	Eaglehawk	45	33	3	8	28	Yes	
	Kangaroo Flat	56	33	8	8	33	Yes	
	Karong	32	17	8	9	16		Yes
Echuca	Echuca	287	155	23	29	118	Yes	
Kyneton	Kyneton	146	87	15	17	85	Yes	
	Malmsbury	17	15	2	2	15	Yes	
	Mia Mia	38	26	6	5	27	Yes	
North Rosedale	Metcalfe	15	7	-	3	4		Yes
	Metcalfe	13	7	2	2	7	Yes	
	Barfold	14	14	-	-	14	Yes	
	Baynton	18	10	4	5	9		Yes
Rochester	Rochester	168	36	82	84	34		Yes
	Timmering	33	7	20	19	8		Yes
Woodend	Woodend	44	30	7	7	30	Yes	
	Tylden	20	16	2	2	16	Yes	
	Newham	7	6	1	2	5	Yes	
Charlton	Charlton	111	71	9	13	67	Yes	
	Buckrabyule	19	19	-	-	19	Yes	
Elmore	Elmore	46	39	2	2	39	Yes	
	Corop	12	2	-	-	2	Yes	
	Barnadown	13	11	-	2	9	Yes	
Heathcote	Heathcote	19	12	5	9	9		Yes
	Emu Flat	18	12	1	2	11	Yes	
	Toobocrac	19	5	6	6	5		Yes
	Toolleen	17	15	-	-	15	Yes	

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Wedderburn	Wedderburn	24	14	7	9	12		Yes	
	Borong	16	16	-	-	16	Yes		
	Korong Vale	9	8	1	2	7	Yes		
	Richmond Plains	12	10	2	7	5		Yes	
Inglewood	Inglewood	18	17	1	1	17	Yes		
	Bridgewater	13	7	6	11	2		Yes	
	Serpentine	19	18	-	-	18	Yes		
	Powlott Plains	16	16	-	-	16	Yes		
TOTALS	16	41	2162	1311	355	413	1152	31	10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA			Presbytery of Flinders					
Aspendale	Aspendale	167	53	76	85	44		Yes
Berwick	Berwick	143	96	25	23	96	Yes	
Cheitenham	Cheitenham	239	52	138	112	48		Yes
Clarinda	Clarinda	103	26	59	66	19		Yes
Clayton	Clayton	152	81	42	46	79		Yes
Cranbourne	Cranbourne	103	32	38	35	32		Yes
	Cardinia	32	13	10	10	13		Yes
	Lynnhurst	17	4	9	1	2		Yes
Dandenong	Dandenong	268	131	10	17	127	Yes	
North Dandenong	North Dandenong	155	106	20	26	98	Yes	
Doveton/Hallam	Doveton	33	14	1	1	14	Yes	
	Hallam	33	20	-	-	20	Yes	
Dromana	Dromana	61	37	17	19	35		Yes
	Flinders	26	17	5	5	17	Yes	
	Red Hill	40	34	3	3	34	Yes	
	Rosebud	107	61	15	16	60	Yes	
Frankston	Frankston	656	359	50	62	344	Yes	
Huntingdale	Huntingdale	233	116	23	32	107	Yes	
Lang Lang	Catani	12	7	1	1	7	Yes	
	Kooweerup	41	23	15	18	20		Yes
	Lang Lang	57	29	21	23	27		Yes
	Yannathar	31	28	3	6	25	Yes	
Mentone	Mentone	261	171	31	46	154	Yes	
Mordialloc/ N.Mordialloc	Mordialloc	89	40	31	34	36		Yes
	Nth.Mordialloc	69	47	12	14	47	Yes	
Morrington	Morrington	235	149	8	12	145	Yes	
Noble Park/ Yarraman Park	Noble Park	197	146	12	19	139	Yes	
	Yarraman Park	43	39	1	1	36	Yes	
Oakleigh	Oakleigh	167	113	24	27	109	Yes	

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Voting	Congregations Continuing	
Pakenham	Nar Nar Goon	20	12	-	-	12	Yes		
	Pakenham	182	120	18	21	117	Yes		
Seaford/ Somerville	Pakenham Upper	27	20	2	2	20	Yes		
	Baxter	29	3	9	1	1		Yes	
	Frankston Forest	77	13	41	44	13		Yes	
	Seaford	69	13	24	25	12		Yes	
Sorrento/Rye	Somerville	44	5	25	27	3		Yes	
	Sorrento	98	7	45	50	13		Yes	
Springvale/ Mulgrave	Rye	101	28	35	47	16		Yes	
	Springvale	141	45	4	6	43	Yes		
Wonthaggi	Mulgrave	77	51	3	4	50	Yes		
	Glen Alvie	12	4	-	-	4	Yes		
	Inverloch	19	15	1	2	14	Yes		
	Kongwak	35	31	1	5	27	Yes		
Chelsea	Wonthaggi	45	27	1	4	24	Yes		
	Chelsea	103	78	3	3	78	Yes		
Cowes	Cowes	57	37	-	6	32	Yes		
TOTALS	25	46	4906	2568	917	1060	2413	29	17

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

Presbytery of Geelong

GEE LONG:								
St. George's/ Wilson Memo- rial	St. George's	185	89	59	59	89		Yes
	Wilson Memorial	44	37	-	2	35	Yes	
St. Andrew's	St. Andrew's	216	127	22	39	110	Yes	
Newcomb	Newcomb	100	54	8	14	48	Yes	
St. David's	St. David's	536	278	61	67	274	Yes	
Scots	Scots	179	62	100	102	59		Yes
St. James'	St. James	387	204	71	73	202	Yes	
Belmont	Belmont	575	354	87	113	328	Yes	
North Geelong	North Geelong	58	-	48	48	-		Yes
	North Shore	39	1	35	35	1		Yes
	Little River	11	4	7	7	4		Yes
St. Giles'	St. Giles'	67	49	5	10	44	Yes	
Highton/ Barrabool	Highton	373	197	21	25	193	Yes	
	Barrabool	42	29	4	3	30	Yes	
Corio/Lara	Corio	54	38	4	5	36	Yes	
	Lara	86	53	7	10	50	Yes	
Bell Post Hill	Bell Post Hill	30	15	-	4	11	Yes	
Norlane	Norlane	53	33	-	11	22		Yes

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Withdrawing	Congregations Continuing
Colac/Cororooke	Colac	483	306	37	65	276	Yes	
	Cororooke	61	34	8	5	37	Yes	
	Nalungil	71	36	1	5	52	Yes	
	South Dromite	20	18	-	3	16	Yes	
Connewarre/Torquay	Connewarre	33	29	1	4	29	Yes	
	Torquay	79	67	9	10	66	Yes	
	Anglesea	28	28	-	-	28	Yes	
Lorne	Lorne	53	32	5	10	27	Yes	
Cressy/Rokewood	Cressy	51	43	1	6	38	Yes	
	Rokewood	70	49	3	5	47	Yes	
	Berrybank	29	21	-	-	21	Yes	
The Leigh	Inverleigh	76	21	36	40	19		Yes
	Shelford	47	14	20	20	13		Yes
	Teesdale	27	-	25	25	-		Yes
Meredith/Lethbridge	Meredith	22	14	-	-	14	Yes	
	Lethbridge	17	15	-	-	15	Yes	
	She-Oaks	3	2	-	-	2	Yes	
Moorabool/Batesford	Batesford	34	10	12	12	10		Yes
	Anakie	30	7	12	12	7		Yes
	Sutherlands Creek	25	8	6	10	4		Yes
	Russell's Bridge	26	3	18	19	2		Yes
Winchelsea/Moriac	Winchelsea	111	57	8	11	54	Yes	
	Moriac	51	12	3	5	40	Yes	
Queenscliff/Portarlington	Queenscliff	135	91	15	18	88	Yes	
	Portarlington	71	61	1	1	61	Yes	
Apollo Bay	Apollo Bay	29	11	3	7	7		Yes
	Lavers Hill	26	12	6	6	12		Yes
Birregurra	Birregurra	66	37	2	4	35	Yes	
	Dean's Marsh	17	15	-	1	14	Yes	
	Barwon Heads	43	26	2	5	23	Yes	
Beecac	Beecac	33	19	-	-	19	Yes	
	Warrion	38	20	3	4	19	Yes	
	Burack	6	6	-	-	6	Yes	
TOTALS	25	51	4952	2808	782	950	36	15

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Withdrawing	Congregations Continuing	
Bairnsdale Regional Parish	Bairnsdale	237	115	24	21	148	Yes		
	Ferrisbank	6	6	-	1	5	Yes		
	Glenaledale	17	13	1	1	13	Yes		
	Goon Mure	8	7	-	-	7	Yes		
	Lindenow	16	16	-	-	16	Yes		
Corner Inlet	Fish Creek	23	18	4	1	18	Yes		
	Foster	39	12	2	7	8		Yes	
	Hoddle	5	5	-	-	5	Yes		
	Toora	26	20	-	3	17	Yes		
	Welshpool	5	5	-	-	5	Yes		
	Yanakie	16	16	-	-	16	Yes		
	Maffra	Maffra	172	130	14	22	122	Yes	
	Kewry	19	15	2	4	13	Yes		
Orco/Swifts Creek	Benambra	13	11	2	7	11	Yes		
	Ensay	28	26	2	2	26	Yes		
	Orco	20	19	1	1	19	Yes		
	Swifts Creek	30	27	1	1	27	Yes		
	Turbo Crossing	4	4	-	-	4	Yes		
Orbost	Buchan	16	-	1	1	-		Yes	
	Orbost	92	35	26	30	31		Yes	
Rosedale	Gormardale	14	6	3	1	5		Yes	
	Kilmory	4	2	-	-	2	Yes		
	Nambrok	17	11	2	2	11	Yes		
	Rosedale	29	18	1	2	17	Yes		
	Willong	11	10	1	1	10	Yes		
Sale	Sale	330	211	15	13	213	Yes		
Stratford	Briagolong	16	13	-	-	13	Yes		
	Stratford	98	61	7	9	59	Yes		
	Valencia Creek	31	26	-	-	26	Yes		
Yarram	Binginwarri	16	9	3	3	8	Yes		
	Carrajuong South	22	20	2	2	20	Yes		
	Yarram	210	114	24	25	113	Yes		
TOTALS	9	32	1620	1033	141	164	1010	26	4

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Alexandra	Alexandra	162	96	7	12	91	Yes	
Broadford	Broadford	46	17	20	21	16		Yes
	Kilmore	34	17	9	10	16		Yes
Cobram	Cobram	83	47	11	16	43	Yes	
	Katamatite	21	13	5	5	13	Yes	
	Yarroweah	56	27	3	5	25	Yes	
Euroa	Euroa	138	108	25	26	107	Yes	
	Balmattum	20	8	11	11	8		Yes
	Ruffy-Terip	28	20	2	2	20	Yes	
Kyabram	Kyabram	166	71	13	23	61	Yes	
	Girgarre	14	14	-	-	14	Yes	
	Kyabram South	15	11	4	4	11	Yes	
	Merrigum	16	13	1	2	12	Yes	
Mansfield	Mansfield	100	97	3	3	97	Yes	
	Bonnie Doon	7	7	-	1	6	Yes	
	Merton	13	13	-	-	13	Yes	
	Tolmie	7	6	-	-	6	Yes	
Mooroopna	Mooroopna	80	40	2	3	39	Yes	
	Aradona	10	25	2	5	24	Yes	
	Undera	27	18	3	6	15	Yes	
Murchison	Murchison	66	34	2	2	34	Yes	
	Nagambie	45	18	19	19	18		Yes
	Goulburn Weir	15	10	2	3	9	Yes	
Nathalia	Nathalia	69	36	6	8	34	Yes	
	Picola	22	11	5	7	9		Yes
	Baukaraugh North	25	16	4	4	16	Yes	
Numurkah	Numurkah	144	76	11	40	77		Yes
	Drumane	31	29	1	2	28	Yes	
Rushworth	Rushworth	70	18	32	31	19		Yes
	Stanhope	60	33	14	17	30		Yes
Seymour	Seymour	90	24	41	42	23		Yes
Shepparton	Scots	220	107	21	22	106	Yes	
	Dookie	73	47	-	-	47	Yes	
Shepparton South	St. Andrew's	126	107	12	13	106	Yes	
	Orrvale	17	16	-	-	16	Yes	
	Kialla West	29	25	1	-	26	Yes	
Shepparton North	St. David's	131	100	8	15	93	Yes	
	Tallygaropna	27	15	10	10	15		Yes
	Katandra West	51	40	6	7	39	Yes	

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Presbytery of Goulburn Valley (cont.)

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total of Voting Registrar	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Tatura	Tatura	186	60	81	94	17		Yes	
	Girgarre East	67	17	42	43	16		Yes	
	Toolamba	76	58	15	18	55	Yes		
Tongala	Tongala	65	36	8	11	33	Yes		
	Wyuna	33	19	3	3	19	Yes		
	Kyvalley	23	11	4	4	11	Yes		
Yea	Yea	88	79	30	32	17		Yes	
TOTALS	18	46	2922	1650	521	602	1580	33	13

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Presbytery of Hamilton

Balmoral/Harrow/Cavendish	Balmoral	61	52	3	1	51	Yes	
	Harrow	28	24	2	2	24	Yes	
	Cavendish	71	54	10	13	51	Yes	
	Pigeon Ponds	23	23	-	-	23	Yes	
	Telangatak East	37	31	2	4	29	Yes	
Branxholme	Branxholme	60	53	1	5	49	Yes	
	Eyaduk	21	18	3	2	19	Yes	
	Condan	15	8	3	5	6		Yes
	Louth	34	31	1	2	30	Yes	
	Wallacedale	35	33	-	-	33	Yes	
Gasterton	Gasterton	162	76	8	9	75	Yes	
Coleraine	Coleraine	154	76	22	23	75	Yes	
	Kareer	25	14	1	1	14	Yes	
Dartmoor	Dartmoor	34	21	3	3	21	Yes	
	Digby	12	8	2	3	7	Yes	
	Drik Drik	51	21	2	2	21	Yes	
	Merino	40	14	1	1	14	Yes	
	Mumbannar	16	13	1	2	12	Yes	
Dunkeld	Glenthompson	48	29	7	5	31	Yes	
	Dunkeld	19	11	2	2	11	Yes	
	Mirranatwa	23	22	-	-	22	Yes	
	Panyabyr	32	32	-	-	32	Yes	
	Hamilton	Hamilton	481	217	128	140	205	
Heywood	Bessie Belle	23	16	5	6	15	Yes	
	Etrick	8	2	1	1	2		Yes
	Heywood	64	39	10	17	32		Yes
	Narrawong	24	17	4	2	19	Yes	
Macarthur	Macarthur	77	49	-	-	49	Yes	
	Gerringersip	14	9	3	4	8		Yes

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Presbytery of Hamilton (cont.)

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Penshurst	Penshurst	72	52	1	2	51	Yes		
	Caramut	47	37	-	-	37	Yes		
	Chatsworth	11	9	-	1	8	Yes		
Portland	Portland	267	145	53	55	143	Yes		
Wickliffe/ Willaura/Lake Belac	Lake Bolac	53	43	6	9	38	Yes		
	Tatyvon	21	16	1	1	16	Yes		
	Rossbridge	21	16	3	3	16	Yes		
	Wickliffe	26	17	2	2	17	Yes		
	Willaura	42	26	2	3	25	Yes		
TOTALS	12	38	2232	1372	293	334	133	33	5

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Presbytery of the Latrobe Valley

Drouin	Drouin	135	48	54	57	45		Yes
Iona/Buryip	Buryip	50	26	5	7	24	Yes	
	Iona	21	11	4	6	9		Yes
	Longwarry	16	12	-	3	9	Yes	
Korumburra	Arawata	24	23	1	1	23	Yes	
	Bera	18	18	-	1	17	Yes	
	Korumburra	87	45	15	12	48	Yes	
Leongatha/ Meeniyah/ Mirboo North	Leongatha	203	129	25	34	120	Yes	
	Boolarra	18	15	-	-	15	Yes	
	Grassy Spur	13	8	-	-	8	Yes	
	Mardan	39	23	10	10	23	Yes	
	Meeniyah	28	27	-	-	27	Yes	
	Mirboo North	33	26	4	5	25	Yes	
	Tarwin Lower	11	8	-	-	8	Yes	
Loch/Poowong	Athlone	26	20	4	4	20	Yes	
	Kernot	30	22	4	4	22	Yes	
	Loch	67	39	6	8	37	Yes	
	Poowong	55	32	4	4	32	Yes	
	Poowong East	24	13	6	6	13	Yes	
	Ranceby	7	6	-	1	5	Yes	
	Strzelocki	21	11	7	9	9		Yes
Moe	Moe	145	27	64	72	19		Yes
Morwell	Morwell	209	21	132	138	15		Yes
Morwell East	Morwell East	41	13	10	9	14		Yes
Newborough	Newborough	93	48	12	12	48	Yes	
	Trafalgar	18	11	3	4	10	Yes	
	Trafalgar	42	21	10	10	21	Yes	
	Yarragon	27	12	3	6	9		Yes
Traralgon	Traralgon	295	116	18	15	119	Yes	

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Presbytery of the Latrobe Valley (cont.)

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Joining	Congregations Continuing	
Warragul	Barnard	22	7	1	1	7	Yes		
	Lardner	34	25	5	8	22	Yes		
	Wilma North	31	25	5	2	28	Yes		
	Warragul	237	167	22	31	158	Yes		
Yallourn	Yallourn	77	20	48	49	19		Yes	
Neerim South	Neerim South	18	8	2	2	10	Yes		
TOTALS	14	35	2215	1093	434	532	1037	27	8

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Presbytery of Mallee Downs

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Joining	Congregations Continuing
Berriwillock/ Wycheproof	Berriwillock	23	17	-	1	13	Yes	
	Calgoa	35	32	-	-	32	Yes	
	Mullawil	26	24	1	6	19	Yes	
	Wycheproof	53	17	32	33	16		Yes
Birchip	Birchip	82	63	3	2	64	Yes	
	Karyrie	49	45	3	7	41	Yes	
	Watchem	48	44	-	2	42	Yes	
	Kinabulla	30	26	2	2	26	Yes	
Boort	Boort	56	24	26	26	24		Yes
	Pyramid Hill	52	15	34	34	15		Yes
	Nysia	11	7	1	5	3		Yes
	Durham Ox	20	4	14	13	4		Yes
Kerang/Murrabit	Kerang	162	112	25	29	108	Yes	
	Murrabit	37	26	2	2	26	Yes	
Mildura	Mildura	186	126	14	18	122	Yes	
Quambatook	Quambatook	77	55	12	11	53	Yes	
	Lalbert	8	6	-	-	6	Yes	
	Sand Hill Lake	10	10	-	-	10	Yes	
	Ultima	15	8	6	6	8		Yes
Red Cliffs	Red Cliffs	102	80	6	12	74	Yes	
Sea Lake	Sea Lake	108	84	2	2	84	Yes	
	Waitchie	11	11	-	-	11	Yes	
Woomelang	Woomelang	32	27	2	2	27	Yes	
	Lascelles	17	17	-	-	17	Yes	
Swan Hill	Swan Hill	226	109	41	46	103	Yes	
	Lake Boga	25	15	2	3	14	Yes	
Hopetoun/ Rosebery	Hopetoun	31	27	-	-	27	Yes	
	Rosebery	13	12	1	2	11	Yes	

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Presbytery of Mallee Downs (cont.)

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Mallee Regional	Cowangie	14	14	•	•	11	Yes		
	Mittyack	9	7	•	•	7	Yes		
	Murrayville	18	15	•	•	15	Yes		
	Ouyen	23	19	1	3	17	Yes		
	Patchewollock	8	7	-	-	7	Yes		
	Speed	7	2	-	-	2	Yes		
	Underbool	3	3	-	-	3	Yes		
	Walpeup	4	4	-	-	4	Yes		
Manangatang	Manangatang	45	42	-	3	39	Yes		
Merbein	Merbein	53	40	4	4	40	Yes		
	Werrimul	11	11	-	1	10	Yes		
Nyah	Nyah West	14	9	-	3	6		Yes	
	Nyah	8	5	-	-	5	Yes		
	Piangil	12	7	3	3	7	Yes		
	Koraleigh	6	2	-	-	2	Yes		
Robinvale	Robinvale	44	26	3	3	26	Yes		
	Koolong	17	14	-	-	14	Yes		
	Weren	5	1	1	2	-		Yes	
TOTALS	46	46	1844	1271	241	292	1218	38	8

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Presbytery of Maroonah

Ashburton	Ashburton	111	48	38	41	45	Yes	
Bennettswood	Bennettswood	174	147	10	15	142	Yes	
Blackburn	Blackburn	562	259	15	16	258	Yes	
Blackburn South	Blackburn South	196	133	5	8	130	Yes	
Boronia	Boronia	161	94	14	15	93	Yes	
Box Hill	Box Hill	706	559	26	31	553	Yes	
	Kerrimuir	93	74	7	7	74	Yes	
Bulleen	Bulleen	223	147	3	9	140	Yes	
Burwood	Burwood	570	441	52	53	440	Yes	
Glen Waverley	Glenwaverley	490	240	39	50	229	Yes	
	Whealers Hill	53	31	3	6	28	Yes	
Chadstone	Chadstone	198	111	29	37	103	Yes	
Croydon	Croydon	324	181	29	32	178	Yes	
	Kirkbrae	54	38	4	11	31	Yes	
Heathmont	Heathmont	187	103	12	15	100	Yes	
Lilydale	Lilydale	122	89	29	29	69	Yes	
	Yarra Glen	21	18	1	2	17	Yes	
Mitcham	Mitcham	207	142	3	3	142	Yes	
Mooroolbark	Mooroolbark	151	108	23	30	101	Yes	

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Mount Waverley	Mount Waverley	197	142	5	6	147	Yes		
Ringwood	Ringwood	441	247	117	113	244	Yes		
Syndal	Syndal	228	185	14	17	183	Yes		
Templestowe	Templestowe	201	123	13	18	118	Yes		
Tecoma	Tecoma	90	80	3	5	78	Yes		
	Sassafras	50	36	6	6	36	Yes		
	Belgrave Heights	7	1	3	4	-		Yes	
Vermont	Vermont	308	236	19	31	224	Yes		
Wattle Park	Wattle Park	349	253	14	31	236	Yes		
Warburton	Warburton	36	14	16	20	12		Yes	
	Woori Yallock	17	7	10	12	5		Yes	
	Yarra Junction	18	7	6	6	7		Yes	
Donvale	Donvale	123	40	31	31	40		Yes	
Ferntree Gully	Ferntree Gully	46	31	2	4	29	Yes		
Mt. Evelyn	Mt. Evelyn	55	23	30	43	10		Yes	
Warrandyte	Warrandyte	60	36	2	5	33	Yes		
Koonung Heights	Koonung Heights	118	85	2	2	85	Yes		
Monbulk/ Emerald	Cockatoo	6	4	-	2	2		Yes	
	Emerald	23	13	1	2	12	Yes		
	Gembrook	7	5	1	2	4		Yes	
Nunawading	Nunawading	125	64	27	30	61	Yes		
Ringwood East	Ringwood East	104	76	2	1	76	Yes		
Healesville	Healesville	35	26	1	6	25	Yes		
TOTALS	32	42	7247	4698	671	810	4554	33	9

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total or Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing
Armadale	Armadale	156	118	24	26	116	Yes	
Beamaris	Beamaris	260	136	6	9	137	Yes	
Bentleigh	Bentleigh	305	165	76	78	163	Yes	
Bentleigh East	Bentleigh East	179	147	5	8	144	Yes	
Black Rock	Black Rock	77	77	-	-	72	Yes	
Brighton	St. Cuthbert's	200	99	70	83	72		Yes
Brighton Beach	Brighton Beach	515	288	43	59	272	Yes	
Brighton East	Brighton East	154	71	9	16	114	Yes	
Caulfield	St. Giles	100	38	3	37	37		Yes
Caulfield	St. Stephens	175	119	10	19	110	Yes	
Elsternwick	Elsternwick	209	168	11	11	166	Yes	
Gardenvale	Gardenvale	194	71	6	13	164	Yes	
Gardenvale East	Gardenvale East	58	23	45	49	19		Yes
Gardiner	Gardiner	498	276	35	39	271	Yes	
Glenhuntly	Glenhuntly	161	99	27	30	96	Yes	
Glen Iris	Glen Iris	433	326	39	43	322	Yes	
Hampton	Hampton	148	93	4	6	99	Yes	
Highbett	Highbett	220	141	38	46	131	Yes	
Malvern	Malvern	255	113	83	97	99		Yes
Malvern East	Sorrel Street	293	188	46	46	158	Yes	
Malvern East	Kwing Memorial	463	255	39	59	235	Yes	
Moorabbin	Moorabbin	98	74	6	6	74	Yes	
Murrumbeena	Murrumbeena	362	187	34	39	152	Yes	
Ormond	Ormond	287	142	49	54	135	Yes	
Sandringham	Sandringham	320	216	23	30	209	Yes	
Toorak	Toorak	647	432	24	42	410	Yes	
TOTALS	26	6987	4199	785	944	4029	22	4

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations Initiating	Congregations Continuing	
Balaclava	Balaclava	66	18	42	40	19		Yes	
Brunswick	Brunswick	135	117	6	10	113	Yes		
Carlton	Carlton	30	21	3	3	21	Yes		
Clifton Hill	Clifton Hill	75	46	20	22	43		Yes	
Collingwood/ East Melbourne/ Richmond	Abbotsford	8	7	-	-	4	Yes		
	Surnley	10	8	-	-	8	Yes		
	Collingwood	11	8	-	-	8	Yes		
	East Melbourne	33	16	1	1	18	Yes		
	Richmond	18	14	-	-	14	Yes		
Fitzroy	Fitzroy	16	15	-	-	15	Yes		
Melbourne	Scots Church	605	253	236	242	247		Yes	
North Mel- bourne/Fleming- ton	North Melbourne	25	17	6	7	16	Yes		
	Flemington	12	6	6	9	3		Yes	
Northcote/Thorn- bury/West Thornbury	Northcote	51	35	2	4	33	Yes		
	Thornbury	74	50	7	10	47	Yes		
	West Thornbury	15	10	3	5	6		Yes	
Parkville	Parkville	37	22	2	3	23	Yes		
Prahran	Prahran	121	100	1	2	99	Yes		
St. Kilda/ Elwood	St. Kilda	71	26	39	47	18		Yes	
	Elwood	21	7	13	19	1		Yes	
St. Kilda East	St. George's	84	62	18	23	59	Yes		
South Melbourne United	Albert/Middle Park	28	23	2	2	24	Yes		
	Port Melbourne	16	12	-	-	12	Yes		
	South Melbourne	65	54	3	4	53	Yes		
South Yarra	South Yarra	62	18	21	22	14		Yes	
Westgate	Newport	59	35	4	9	30	Yes		
Yarraville	Yarraville	57	41	1	4	38	Yes		
Melbourne Chinese Church	Chinese Church	37	5	5	12	1		Yes	
TOTALS	19	28	1812	1019	444	502	989	19	9

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Presbytery of Melbourne North

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(c) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Auburn	Auburn	53	27	17	18	26		Yes	
Balwyn	Balwyn	362	270	37	50	257	Yes		
Balwyn North	Balwyn North	611	375	41	48	368	Yes		
Bundoora	Bundoora	153	114	5	7	112	Yes		
Camberwell	Camberwell	402	173	163	172	104		Yes	
Canterbury	Canterbury	253	179	88	106	101		Yes	
Deepdene	Deepdene	627	397	47	42	402	Yes		
Eltham/Kangaroo Ground	Eltham	65	33	22	21	34		Yes	
	Kangaroo Ground	25	14	10	9	15		Yes	
Fairfield	Fairfield	96	79	4	8	75	Yes		
Greensborough	Greensborough	65	42	6	7	41	Yes		
Hartwell	Hartwell	209	123	10	19	114	Yes		
Hawthorn	Hawthorn	94	5	51	52	4		Yes	
Hawthorn South	Hawthorn South	100	76	10	13	73	Yes		
Hawthorn West	Hawthorn West	183	124	12	14	122	Yes		
Heidelberg	Heidelberg	231	128	27	32	122	Yes		
Heidelberg West	Heidelberg West	77	54	16	15	55	Yes		
Ivanhoe	Ivanhoe	286	163	29	39	153	Yes		
Kew	Kew	230	139	9	16	130	Yes		
Kew East	Kew East	440	294	24	23	295	Yes		
Macleod	Macleod	86	81	-	3	78	Yes		
Montmorency	Montmorency	141	91	18	20	89	Yes		
Rosanna	Rosanna	269	167	16	18	165	Yes		
Surrey Hills	Surrey Hills	322	142	100	103	140		Yes	
Whittlesea/ Kinglake West	Whittlesea	30	12	9	11	11		Yes	
	Kinglake West	23	17	4	4	17	Yes		
	Mernda	12	1	7	7	1		Yes	
TOTALS	24	27	5448	3200	782	879	3104	18	9

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Presbytery of Melbourne West

Altona	Altona	129	84	11	13	82	Yes	
Ascot Vale	Knox	197	125	38	40	123	Yes	
Avondale Heights	Avondale Heights	68	53	13	13	53	Yes	
	East Keilor	105	72	15	14	71	Yes	
	Queens Park	17	12	2	4	10	Yes	
Bacchus Marsh/ Parwan South	Bacchus Marsh/ Parwan South	144	88	5	15	78	Yes	
Broadmeadows	Broadmeadows	33	31	-	-	31	Yes	
Brunswick West	Brunswick West	143	100	13	17	93	Yes	
Coburg	Coburg	278	205	28	43	190	Yes	

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a) Yes	Question(a) No	Question(b) Yes	Question(b) No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Coburg East/ Merrilands	Coburg East	52	45	-	5	39	Yes		
	Merrilands	38	26	2	2	28	Yes		
Epping/Lalor	Epping	58	13	37	39	11		Yes	
	Lalor	51	24	7	12	19		Yes	
Essendon	Essendon	463	310	24	35	299	Yes		
Essendon North	Essendon North	219	164	2	7	159	Yes		
Fawkner	Fawkner	25	24	-	1	23	Yes		
Footscray	Footscray	278	185	30	38	177	Yes		
Footscray West	Footscray West	92	31	54	59	26		Yes	
Gisborne	Gisborne	48	25	11	13	23		Yes	
	Mt. Macedon	32	12	3	4	11	Yes		
	Riddell	16	7	1	2	6	Yes		
Glenroy	Glenroy	268	165	20	29	156	Yes		
Melton	Melton	91	66	8	11	63	Yes		
Pascoe Vale	Pascoe Vale	237	166	18	30	154	Yes		
	Pascoe Vale North	31	22	4	4	22	Yes		
Regent	Regent	205	109	21	34	96	Yes		
Reservoir	Reservoir	164	16	118	118	14		Yes	
Romsey	Romsey	54	33	11	12	32	Yes		
	Lancefield	41	21	5	5	21	Yes		
	Bolinda	17	10	7	7	10		Yes	
St. Albans	St. Albans	34	24	1	1	24	Yes		
	North Sunshine	42	31	4	4	31	Yes		
Strathmore	Strathmore	199	135	12	18	128	Yes		
Sunbury	Sunbury	63	30	-	-	30	Yes		
	Bulla	26	10	-	-	10	Yes		
Sunshine	Sunshine	179	66	54	57	63		Yes	
Werribee	Werribee	219	127	29	30	126	Yes		
West Meadows	West Meadows	35	34	-	-	34	Yes		
Williamstown	Williamstown	213	29	110	118	21		Yes	
Williamstown North	Williamstown North	84	48	8	15	41	Yes		
Brooklyn	Brooklyn	37	22	2	7	17	Yes		
Wallan	Wallan	16	9	5	4	10	Yes		
	Beveridge	13	6	5	5	6		Yes	
	Darraweit Glum	6	6	-	-	6	Yes		
Braybrook	Braybrook	12	12	-	1	11	Yes		
TOTALS	32	445	4772	2835	738	886	2678	36	9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

Presbytery of Mortlake

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total of Voting Register	Question (a) Yes	Question (a) No	Question (b) Yes	Question (b) No	Congregations uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Allansford	Allansford	62	52	5	8	49	Yes		
	Naringal	20	11	5	5	11	Yes		
	Nirranda	45	27	12	7	24		Yes	
	Mepunga	40	34	2	8	30	Yes		
	Wangoom	60	55	2	3	54	Yes		
Camperdown	Camperdown	356	196	65	76	165	Yes		
	Booker	40	26	3	3	26	Yes		
	Pemborneit	28	27	-	1	26	Yes		
Cobden	Cobden	113	78	8	13	73	Yes		
	Cobrico	18	16	-	-	16	Yes		
	Jancourt	28	21	5	5	21	Yes		
	Stoneyford	8	8	-	-	8	Yes		
Franklingham	Ellerslie	47	29	7	7	29	Yes		
	Franklingham	13	9	1	1	9	Yes		
	Grasmere	54	46	-	6	40	Yes		
	Mailors Flat	19	7	8	8	7		Yes	
	Parrure	26	17	2	2	17	Yes		
	Woolsthorpe	53	21	15	16	20		Yes	
Koroit/Port Fairy	Hawkesdale	79	35	13	13	35	Yes		
	Koroit	98	39	24	29	34		Yes	
	Orford	11	11	-	2	9	Yes		
	Port Fairy	82	32	27	32	27		Yes	
Lismore	Derrinallium	60	34	1	1	34	Yes		
	Lismore	93	62	17	27	52		Yes	
	Mingay	40	38	-	-	38	Yes		
	Pura Pura	19	15	4	4	15	Yes		
Mortlake	Hoxham	20	8	2	2	8	Yes		
	Mortlake	128	81	11	14	78	Yes		
	Wourndoo	28	20	-	-	20	Yes		
Noorat	Darlington	17	7	8	10	3		Yes	
	Dunderell	32	1	28	28	1		Yes	
	Noorat	186	55	97	99	53		Yes	
Simpson	Simpson	66	49	7	9	47	Yes		
Terang	Garvoc	11	9	-	3	6		Yes	
	Terang	111	74	37	44	67		Yes	
	The Sisters	13	4	8	8	4		Yes	
Warrnabool	Warrnabool	1049	281	246	276	251		Yes	
Timboon	Ecklic South	20	18	1	1	18	Yes		
	Laang	32	27	-	-	27	Yes		
	Port Campbell	9	8	-	-	8	Yes		
	Timboon	104	84	1	1	84	Yes		
TOTALS	42	41	3332	1672	675	782	564	26	13

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Uniting	Congregations Continuing	
Benalla	Benalla	274	105	113	114	103		Yes	
	Coomalibee	21	10	10	12	8		Yes	
Corryong/Upper Murray	Corryong	88	50	3	2	51	Yes		
	Upper Towong	8	8	-	-	8	Yes		
	Khanocban	10	10	-	-	10	Yes		
	Tintaldra	7	4	-	1	3	Yes		
	Walwa	32	25	1	1	25	Yes		
King Valley	Edi	23	15	-	-	15	Yes		
	Greta	23	17	-	1	16	Yes		
	Milawa	51	29	4	8	25	Yes		
	Myrrohee	9	7	1	1	7	Yes		
	Whitfield	14	6	1	1	6	Yes		
Myrtleford/Bright	Myrtleford	108	56	11	9	58	Yes		
	Bright	52	45	1	1	45	Yes		
Tallangatta	Tallangatta	142	48	23	18	53	Yes		
	Red Bluff	23	21	-	-	21	Yes		
Wangaratta	Wangaratta	419	238	46	53	232	Yes		
	Chiltern	7	5	-	-	5	Yes		
	Glenrowan	15	8	1	-	9	Yes		
	Rutherglen	34	18	3	3	18	Yes		
	Wodonga	156	79	9	10	78	Yes		
Wodonga/Kergunyah	Barnawartha	50	28	14	13	29	Yes		
	Kergunyah	30	25	3	3	25	Yes		
	Cockirburra	15	3	10	10	3		Yes	
	Yarrowonga	205	142	25	29	138	Yes		
Yarrowonga	Burdalong	31	23	5	6	22	Yes		
	Lake Rowan	41	16	8	11	13		Yes	
	Thoonia	36	16	14	13	17		Yes	
	Tungamah	21	20	-	-	20	Yes		
	Violet Town	80	49	15	17	47	Yes		
Violet Town	Strathbogie	15	11	-	-	11	Yes		
	Beechworth	36	17	8	11	12		Yes	
Beechworth/Yackandandah	Yackandandah	31	18	-	2	16	Yes		
	Upper Kiewa United	61	27	2	8	21	Yes		
TOTALS	11	34	2174	1196	331	358	167	28	6

Charge	Congregations within Charge	Total on Voting Register	Question(a)Yes	Question(a)No	Question(b)Yes	Question(b)No	Congregations Withdrawing	Congregations Continuing	
Ararat	St. Andrew's	276	174	11	18	107	Yes		
	Mcyston	21	18	2	2	18	Yes		
Donald	St. Andrew's	123	79	23	24	78	Yes		
	North Laer	22	22	-	-	22	Yes		
Horsham	St. Andrew's	555	273	21	37	264	Yes		
	Laharum	31	18	5	4	19	Yes		
	Natimuk	56	29	3	3	29	Yes		
	Worwondah North	43	19	5	9	15		Yes	
Kaniva/Whill	Kaniva	75	24	40	47	23		Yes	
	Whill	70	17	13	45	15		Yes	
Rainbow/Jeparit	Rainbow	70	45	3	3	45	Yes		
	Jeparit	44	30	7	7	30	Yes		
St. Arnaud	Scots	143	101	28	32	97	Yes		
	Gre Gre North	12	7	-	1	6	Yes		
	Paradise/Navarre	20	18	1	1	18	Yes		
Stawell	St. Matthews	239	131	40	44	127	Yes		
	Dadswell Bridge	13	13	-	1	12	Yes		
	Glenorchy	24	15	4	4	15	Yes		
	Landsborough	21	16	2	2	16	Yes		
Warracrnabeal	St. Andrews	127	93	13	16	90	Yes		
	Carman	22	20	-	-	20	Yes		
Murtca	Murtoa	64	34	1	3	32	Yes		
	Lubeck	36	31	1	3	29	Yes		
	Mioyip	53	30	4	6	28	Yes		
Supanyup	Rapanyup	75	40	15	16	39	Yes		
	Marnoo	63	25	32	32	24		Yes	
Dimbosla	Dimbosla	65	56	4	4	56	Yes		
TOTALS	11	27	2366	1318	308	352	1274	23	L

L. FARQUHAR GUNN,
Clerk of Assembly.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Voting on the Basis of Union

As detailed in the report of the Clerk of Assembly, as Returning Officer, the results of the voting on the remit on the Basis of Union show that 5 out of 6 state assemblies and 42 out of 53 Presbyteries approved the remit. At both presbytery and state assembly levels the requirements of our constitution re approvals have been more than met. The issue of approval or disapproval of the Basis of Union comes before this General Assembly with all required preconditions met.

Voting By Communicants

In their answers to the two questions required by our constitution some 71.67% replied that they desired their congregations to become part of the church which may result from the proposed union, and some 31.56% replied that they desired to remain in any Presbyterian Church of Australia continuing to function on the present basis.

As a result the number of uniting congregations in the event of union stands at 901 and of those continuing at 525.

Voting in the Congregational Union of Australia and in Methodist Annual Conferences

In May 1973 the Assembly of the Congregational Union of Australia took its vote on union and by 123 votes to 3 (i.e. 97% to 2.4%) voted in favour of union on the proposed Basis. This completed Congregational procedure in connection with voting on union.

Methodist annual conferences voted on the proposals for union in October 1973 and requiring a 75% approval in a majority of conferences approved the proposals as follows:

N.S.W.	:	76.2%
Queensland	:	86.8%
South Australia	:	85.1%
Victoria	:	88.5%
Western Australia	:	85.9%

The issue goes to the Methodist General Conference for a simple majority decision in May 1974.

Proposals for the General Assembly of Australia

Your Committee became aware of a number of interpretations of the provisions of our constitution re the date at which the division of the Presbyterian Church of Australia becomes effective following any decision by the General Assembly in favour of union. The advice of the Code Committee was sought and received, as well as considerable assistance to ensure that the wording of clauses would be in accordance with the provisions of the parliamentary acts and ordinance. It is on the advice given that your Committee has acted.

In the light of the approvals to the remit on the Basis of Union your Committee brings to the General Assembly clauses by which it may take steps to enter union. It recommends also the appointment of necessary commissions and a council, the proportions and ways in which the representatives to the inaugurating Assembly of the Uniting Church may be selected. Similarly recommendations are included concerning the financing of such bodies as too of the steps necessary prior to the inaugurating Assembly. At the same time a recommendation is included to assist those who desire to continue as members of the Presbyterian Church of Australia subsequent to the inauguration of the Uniting Church to prepare for this step.

The necessity to continue this Committee and to provide it with continuity of leadership until the inauguration as also the need for fostering co-operation at the local level is brought before the Assembly, as too are recommendations concerning the date, time and place of the next General Assembly of Australia.

Joint Constitution Commission

The Commission continues its work on preparation of the interim constitution for the Uniting Church and on the steps necessary to bring that Church into being. Its legal sub-committee reported that enabling legislation will be required in all states and in the Australian Capital Territory which step may require two years to complete.

Your Committee endorses the Commission's recommendations as follows:

1. The Joint Constitution Commission is of the opinion that in order to inaugurate the Uniting Church effectively at the first Assembly, the period between now and then should be a time of intense spiritual and detailed organisational and administrative preparation.
2. In order to achieve the depth of preparation necessary, the Joint Constitution Commission recommends that the uniting Churches jointly set aside a minister with appropriate staff to plan and direct a programme of preparation and to act as a liaison officer between the uniting Churches, the J.C.C. and the Constitutional Council and to act as the administrative officer of both the J.C.C. and the Constitutional Council.
3. That the Executive of J.C.C. consult with the federal heads of the uniting Churches as to the possibility of releasing a suitable minister for appointment and the financial provisions and organisational requirements and submit appropriate recommendations to the forthcoming meetings of the federal bodies.
4. That the Joint Constitution Commission be empowered to make the appointment.

In addition your Committee reports that the procedure envisaged for the inaugural Assembly of the Uniting Church is as follows:

The inaugural Assembly will meet under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the J.C.C. and,

- (i) appoints a recorder to take minutes
- (ii) receives and considers the Interim Constitution
- (iii) immediately upon adoption of the Interim Constitution proceeds to the appointment of the President who shall thereupon preside over the Assembly. (The first President may be publicly installed into his office, or confirmed in his office, at a suitable service in which federal heads of the uniting churches take part.)
- (iv) the Assembly proceeds with its business according to its Agenda.

Overture from Victorian Assembly

The Victorian State Assembly forwarded to this Committee the text of an overture from the Presbytery of Mortlake, which overture that Assembly had sustained. The overture had requested "close co-operation . . . at all possible levels between the Uniting Church and the continuing Presbyterian Church . . . in the event of church union". This Committee is happy to endorse such a request, but believes that, having noted the desire of the Victorian Assembly in this report, any resolution thereon and request to the Uniting and to the continuing Presbyterian Churches would come best from the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Appreciation

Throughout this period the Committee has been much indebted to the Code Committee for its assistance and in particular to the convener of that Committee. Such appreciation is recorded here.

Executive Officer, Joint Constitution Commission and Joint Constitution Council

Since the printing of the report the Committee has received advice that the Joint Constitution Commission desires to appoint the Rev. Winston O'Reilly, Secretary-General of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia as Executive Officer of the Joint Constitution Commission and the Joint Constitution Council and the Committee warmly supports his appointment. Mr. O'Reilly's responsibility would be to assist, in the event of union, the formation of the Uniting Church. He would bring to this office an acute mind, great administrative ability and a warm personality able to relate well in personal relationships.

The Establishment of the Uniting Church

A budget has been proposed for the cost of establishing the Uniting Church covering legal expenses, the cost of the Executive Officer, and other costs associated with such establishment.

This is estimated as follows:

Legal Cost \$15,000.

Costs for two years of Executive Officer and Secretarial Assistance \$52,000.

Preparation of documents for the Joint Constitution Commission, Joint Constitutional Council and first Assembly of the Uniting Church \$24,000.

Contingencies \$9,000—a total of \$100,000.

Consideration has been given to financing the cost of establishing the Uniting Church and it is proposed that this be done by way of securing a loan at current interest rates. Such a loan has been promised to be secured against the assets of the Uniting Church or if so required, by the lending authority either by a general charge over assets of any one or more of the Uniting Churches which will pass to the Uniting Church or a specific charge over any one or more of such assets. This proposal involves the deletion of clause 11(a).

The Committee had previously recommended that the grant be made to those who do not concur in the decision to unite and who will continue as the Presbyterian Church of Australia from the date of the inauguration of the Uniting Church of an amount equal to one half of the contribution of the Presbyterian Church towards the cost of the office of Executive Officer of the Joint Constitution Commission and Joint Constitutional Council to enable them make preparation for that Church. The share of the Presbyterian Church of Australia of the expenses of such an office on the basis previously suggested of 12 Methodist, 12 Presbyterian, 1 Congregational would be 12/25 of \$52,000 (approximately \$25,000). One half of this share would be approximately \$12,500. The Committee, however, on review of the matter and after consultation with some representatives of those disapproving union would recommend that this figure should be increased to \$20,000.

Charging of Expenses

The Committee recommends as the most equitable way of dealing with the expenses for going into the Uniting Church and to assist those who do not concur in the decision to unite who will continue as the Presbyterian Church of Australia upon the inauguration of the Uniting Church would be to charge these expenses against the respective funds allocated to each by the Commission appointed under Clause 18(a) of Part III of the Schedule to the Act. Thus the expenses associated with sub-clause 9(h) of the revised Deliverance would be debited against the funds of those who do not concur in the decision to unite who will continue as the Presbyterian Church of Australia upon the inauguration of the Uniting Church and would be administered by the Committee to be appointed under sub-clause 9(ia) of the Deliverance. Similarly the expenses associated with sub-clauses 11 and 14 would be charged against the funds allocated by the Commission to those who will go into the Uniting Church upon its inauguration.

Continuation of Committees

The committee finds that it omitted to include a clause providing for the continuation of all standing and other committees until next Assembly. It now seeks to do so.

IAN GILLMAN, Convener.

JOINT CONSTITUTION COMMISSION

Since reporting to the negotiating Churches in July, 1970, the Commission has continued its work although meetings were held in abeyance for a period pending clarification as to the position in relation to voting.

A draft Interim Constitution has been brought to the stage where it can be submitted to the Joint Constitutional Council.

It will be recalled that arising out of the recommendations contained in the last report of the Joint Constitution Commission each of the three Churches agreed to the recommendations to set up a Constitutional Council which, in broad terms, was empowered to:

- (a) consider and comment on the draft Interim Constitution;
- (b) ratify the necessary enabling legislation and to provide such procedures as may be necessary to have the proposed legislation passed into Law;
- (c) make such other arrangements as may be appropriate to convene and constitute the First Assembly of the Uniting Church.

It is the opinion of the Joint Constitution Commission that once the decision is made to proceed into union, each of the negotiating Churches should appoint its 25 representatives to the Joint Constitutional Council and make provision for the resulting financial commitments.

In addition to preparing a draft Interim Constitution, the Joint Constitution Commission has given consideration to a preliminary report as to

the enabling Legislation which it considers will be necessary before the First Assembly of the Uniting Church meets and has done a substantial amount of work towards the preparation of the various rules and regulations which must be presented to the First Assembly both to enable the Assembly to regulate its business and the Uniting Church to function when it comes into being.

Detailed consideration has also been given to the procedures considered necessary to inaugurate the Uniting Church and apart from such matters as the Federal bodies agreeing to make provision for the fixing of the date of the First Assembly and the appointment of their representatives to the First Assembly, the Commission is of the opinion that in amplification of the general powers conferred upon the Joint Constitutional Council but without in any way limiting the generality of them, the Joint Constitutional Council should be specifically charged with the following responsibilities:

1. Necessary arrangements as to accommodation.
2. Preparation, printing and distribution of the Agenda and any necessary documents.
3. Deciding upon and arranging for an appropriate Act of Inauguration and suitable ceremonies, functions and services.
4. The issue of invitations to appropriate guests and official visitors.

The Joint Constitution Commission is of the opinion that appropriate procedure to be followed upon the members of the First Assembly assembling is as follows:

1. The members meet under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Joint Constitution Commission.
2. A recorder is appointed to take minutes.
3. The Assembly receives and considers draft Interim Constitution.
4. Immediately upon the adoption of the Interim Constitution, the Assembly appoints a President in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and who shall thereupon preside over the Assembly.
5. The Assembly proceeds with its business according to its Agenda.
6. The President may be publicly installed in his office or confirmed in his office at a suitable service in which the Federal heads of the Uniting Churches take part.

There will be considerable cost involved in the procedures leading up to the inauguration of the Uniting Church and the Joint Constitution Commission is of the opinion that the volume and importance of the work involved is such that it requires professional assistance at various levels. The Joint Constitution Commission has appointed a sub-committee to make preliminary estimates of the anticipated cost and particulars of these will be made available in a supplementary report. Having in mind the provisions of Paragraph 15 of the Basis of Union which provides for membership of the First Assembly to consist of equal numbers appointed by the Uniting Church and having regard to the size of the representative memberships, the Joint Constitution Commission is of the opinion that provision for finance should be on the following basis:

- (a) Each of the Uniting Churches to contribute to the preliminary costs and the cost of the First Assembly in the proportion of twelve parts by the Methodist Church, twelve parts by the Presbyterian Church and one part by the Congregational Church.
- (b) Each of the Uniting Churches pay the travelling costs and living allowances of the members appointed by it according to its own procedures.

The Joint Constitution Commission believes that the inauguration of the Uniting Church is a matter of such importance in both its spiritual aspects and organisational aspects that if the decision is made to proceed into union, the period between June, 1974 and the meeting of the First Assembly should be a time of intense spiritual and detailed organisational and administrative preparation. To achieve the depth of preparation necessary, the Joint Constitution Commission recommends that the Uniting Churches jointly set aside a Minister with appropriate staff to plan and direct a programme of preparation and to act as a liaison officer between the Uniting Churches, the Joint Constitution Commission and the Constitutional Council and to act as the Administrative Officer of both the Joint Constitution Commission and the Constitutional Council.

L. FARQUHAR GUNN

Chairman

H. N. JULIAN

Secretary

CODE

Proposed Basis of Union 1971

As instructed by the Assembly in May 1973 the Proposed Basis of Union 1971 was sent down to state Assemblies and presbyteries and the committee took the necessary steps to secure the vote of communicants in congregations under Part III of the Schedule to the Act. The Clerk of Assembly, as the Returning Officer, is making a separate report on the returns to the remit and the voting of communicants.

Mr. H. Robinson

Again the committee would ask the Assembly to express to Mr. Hugh Robinson their thanks and appreciation of his invaluable help to the Clerk in the distribution of voting papers and collating congregational voting returns.

Advice to the Christian Unity Committee

The committee again, at the request of the Christian Unity Committee, gave advice concerning the preparation of that committee's Proposed Deliverance. The Committee also advised the Christian Unity Committee that in its opinion the Presbyterian Church of Australia and its courts would continue as at present with all their powers until the date when the three negotiating Churches entered into actual union, subject to the provisions for minorities contained in the various Acts. There was a division of opinion on this matter, eleven members voting for this opinion and four members voting against—two recording their dissent.

Remit Women in the Ministry

Returns on the above remit under Barrier Act procedures are as follows:

All State Assemblies approved the Remit.

Presbyteries approved as follows:

New South Wales (17), Bathurst, Canberra, Dubbo, The Hastings, The Hawkesbury, the Hunter, Illawarra, Ku-ring-gai, Murrumbidgee, New England, North Sydney, Northern Rivers, Orange, Sydney, Sydney West, Wagga Wagga, Young.

Queensland (9), Brisbane, Brisbane North, Mackay, Maryborough, Mowbray, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville, Warwick.

South Australia (3) Onkaparinga, Penola, Torrens.

Tasmania (1).

Victoria (17), Ballarat, Bendigo, Flinders, Geelong, Gippsland, Goulburn Valley, Hamilton, Latrobe Valley, Mallee Downs, Maroondah, Melbourne, Melbourne East, Melbourne North, Melbourne West, Mortlake, North East, Wimmera.

Western Australia (3), Canning, Perth, The South.

Presbyteries disapproved as follows:

New South Wales—Moree and Sydney South.

Queensland—Carpentaria.

The position therefore is that all state Assemblies and 50 presbyteries have approved the remit. Three presbyteries have disapproved.

L. FARQUHAR GUNN, Convener.

COLLEGE

Remit Min. 94 (Overture 5) 1973 re Formation of United Theological College:

Returns received on the above remit as follows:

Assemblies: Approved—New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia.

Disapproved—Tasmania.

Presbyteries: New South Wales—Approved (13); Canberra, the Hawkesbury, the Hunter, Illawarra, Ku-ring-gai, Murrumbidgee, New England, North Sydney, Northern Rivers, Orange, Sydney, Sydney South, Wagga Wagga. Disapproved (5) Bathurst, the Hastings, Moree, Sydney West, Young. No return—Dubbo (1).

Queensland—Approved (8) Brisbane, Brisbane North, Carpentaria, Mackay, Maryborough, Mowbray, Toowoomba, Warwick. Disapproved (1) Rockhampton. No Return (1) Townsville.

South Australia (3) Approved Onkaparinga, Penola, Torrens.
 Tasmania Approved (1)
 Victoria Approved (16) Ballarat, Bendigo, Flinders, Geelong, Gippsland,
 Hamilton, Latrobe Valley, Mallee Downs, Maroondah, Melbourne,
 Melbourne East, Melbourne North, Melbourne West, Mortlake, North
 East, Wimmera. Disapproved (1) Goulburn Valley.
 Western Australia (3) Approved Canning, Perth, the South.

Total	Assemblies	Approved	Disapproved	No Returns
	Presbyteries	5	1	-
		44	6	3

J. R. SWEET, Convener.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONFER WITH MR. ROBERT MILTON WILLIAMS RE STATUS ACCORDING TO MINUTE 81 1973

A Committee was appointed consisting of the Moderator as Convener, the Very Rev. J. F. McKay, Rev. A. A. Dougan, C. M. Dyster and A. F. Smart and Messrs. H. E. Scotford and J. E. Sticpewich to confer with the Petitioner and make a recommendation to the Assembly in 1974.

This Committee met on two occasions in Sydney at the Assembly Hall. At the second meeting on 20th August, Mr. Williams was present and met members of the Committee and answered questions.

He submitted a psychological appraisal dated 1970.

The members of the Committee were unanimous in their recommendation that no further action be taken and that he not be received as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia or be granted a Certificate of Status.

G. A. WOOD, Convener.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee brings before the 1974 Assembly only those matters that concern the particular business to be discussed or those of an urgent nature.

CONVENER

Following his retirement from the post of General Secretary in New South Wales, Mr. K. C. Auld has resigned both as a member and convener of the Finance Committee. Sincere appreciation of and thanks for his untiring work as member of the Committee over many years and as Convener since 1970 have been recorded by the Committee and conveyed to Mr. Auld. On 11th March, 1974 the Executive appointed Mr. Hector MacFarlane as Acting Convener and it is recommended that he be appointed Convener by the General Assembly.

AUSTRALIAN HYMN BOOK.

A further allocation of \$300 has been requested by the Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion to enable the work of the Australian Hymn Book Committee to proceed. Approval by the General Assembly is recommended.

MODERATOR-GENERAL'S CONFERENCE ON CHURCH UNION

The Moderator-General called a conference in Sydney on 14/12/73 to discuss matters in connection with Church Union. After consultation with the Clerk of Assembly, the General Secretary in New South Wales authorized the re-imbusement of fares to those attending from inter-state amounting to \$552. Subsequently the Executive confirmed the payment as a cost of preparation for the 1974 Assembly. The amount will be added to Assembly costs and included in the Special Assessment to be levied in terms of Minute B.B. 1973 65 (4) (a).

SESQUI-CENTENARY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNION IN AUSTRALIA

A request for approval for finance to enable plans for the Communion Service to be finalized was received from the Committee and after discussion with the Convener, the Executive authorized expenditure of up to

\$1,500 (to be offset by any donations and offerings) to ensure that planning could be concluded and other preparations made. The General Assembly will be asked to ratify such authorization.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO ASSEMBLY

The Presbytery of Rockhampton requested that travelling to the General Assembly of Australia from that Presbytery be placed on the same basis as that applying to the Presbyteries of Carpentaria and Townsville and quoted instances of travelling times in support of the request. The Committee supports the request, which will be submitted to the General Assembly for decision.

HECTOR MacFARLANE
Acting Convener

PRESBYTERY OF CANBERRA

The Presbytery of Canberra submits this report to the G.A.A. because certain matters have arisen in the past twelve months which have caused Presbytery to seek the guidance of the Assembly. Canberra has continued to grow at a rapid rate, and the rate of growth will accelerate during the next ten years, even if the Federal Government should reverse the process of transferring its Departments to Canberra. There are now 4 traditional Presbyterian parishes in the city and seven joint Parishes, co-operating with the Methodist and Congregational Churches and others with the Church of England and Churches of Christ. It is anticipated that a further nine parishes could be formed by 1980.

As well as growth of the city the Presbytery has been faced with the need to complete the Church of St. Andrew. A special commission was formed to investigate the completion of the building and the commission has been greatly exercised by the relationship of the parishes in the A.C.T. to the Courts of the Church.

Article (XVI) 163 of the Constitution, Procedure and Practice of the Presbyterian Church of Australia gives authority to the General Assembly of Australia in the following terms:

"The General Assembly shall have authority to promote and guide the development of the Church in the Australian Capital Territory in accordance with the doctrine, worship and discipline of the Church, and for that purpose to confer and co-operate with the state Assembly of the Church in N.S.W., the Presbytery or Presbyteries thereof having jurisdiction in such Territory and the local authorities of the parishes and congregations therein and to provide for the establishment and maintenance of all churches and church properties, the maintenance and extensions of Religious Ordinances to fresh or growing centres of population within such Territory, the creation of new charges the settlement and determination of such boundaries, the authorization of new building projects and the furtherance of co-operative with other Christian denominations working in such Territory.

The Assembly shall also regulate the tenure and appointment of the minister or ministers of the Church of St. Andrew, Canberra, and other Churches in the Australian Capital Territory."

It appears that initially the Assembly established the Church of St. Andrew under its Constitutional powers and did for some time actively try to bring about the completion of the building. However, due to the Depression and then the war, the matter was not taken up again. In the latter years, Canberra began to develop rapidly and in such a way that new parishes were formed rather than St. Andrew being enlarged. St. Andrews remains incomplete.

The matter has become urgent as the Government Departments have begun to enquire when the Church is going to fulfil its obligations under the Covenant in which the lease was granted and complete the building as planned. The Church of St. Andrew has been promoting a private appeal, but the cost is so great that the task is beyond the resources of the local congregation.

For many years the Assembly has not exercised its powers under Article (XVI) 163. While the Presbytery has reported regularly to the Assembly, approval has not been given for the formation of new parishes, for the appointment of ministers or for the level of co-operation which has

grown. Indeed, opinion exists that the Article is not consistent with Presbyterian procedure and practice. The Presbytery of Canberra feels that Article (XVI) 163 should be repealed and is Overturing the Assembly to have it repealed. The Presbytery also feels that the Assembly should be explicit about the relationship of the charges in the A.C.T. to the Courts of the Church. If the overture is sustained, and if, under normal procedure, the Article is repealed, and if the Assembly explicitly defines the position of the Parish of St. Andrew, the Presbytery of Canberra and the N.S.W. Trustees can work together to find a way of completing the building.

LESLIE A. MARTIN, Clerk, Presbytery of Canberra

AUSTRALIAN PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

The Committee of *Australian Presbyterian Life* reports with regret that the Editor, Mr. Roland McDonald, is seriously ill, and unlikely to be able to resume his work for some time. Mr. McDonald entered hospital in Melbourne on 24th March, and underwent a serious operation early in April.

As we have had no assistant editor for the paper for some time, Mr. McDonald's illness has created a great difficulty. The Committee is extremely grateful to the former Editor, Mr. W. S. Noble, and to several other journalists who have come as part-time assistants, for the continued production of *Australian Presbyterian Life*. But it is realized that these arrangements can be on a temporary basis only.

Through a meeting of the Victorian Executive on 9 April, the Committee alerts the Assembly to this difficult situation. The question also arises as to the future of the paper in the event of the Assembly resolving to enter union.

The Committee therefore asks the Assembly to grant it discretionary power to make whatever arrangements it can for the continuing production of the Church's official paper; and, if a decision to unite with the Methodist and Congregational churches is reached at this Assembly, to commence negotiations for a national paper for The Uniting Church within which *Australian Presbyterian Life* could be incorporated.

R. A. MacARTHUR, Convener

OVERTURE 1—From the Presbytery of Sydney re Effects of Church Union Vote

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia:

WHEREAS:

1. (a) the New South Wales General Assembly has disapproved of the proposed basis of union and a majority of Congregations in New South Wales will remain in the continuing Presbyterian Church;
- (b) the New South Wales Church and this Presbytery will, as a result of any proposed union on a current basis, be divided into approximately two equal sections and such a result may be neither for the well being of the Uniting Church in New South Wales nor the continuing Presbyterian Church and divisions once created are hard to heal;
- (c) litigation may follow in New South Wales consequent on any decision to unite;
- (d) the Presbytery is greatly concerned that any such litigation will harm the Presbyterian Church both in New South Wales and throughout Australia;
- (e) the Presbytery has been advised that it is possible that such litigation could cause Union to fail completely as far as New South Wales is concerned;
- (f) no indication is given as to what constitutes "special circumstances" in the Act;

AND WHEREAS

2. the Presbytery is of the opinion that the Act operates so as to oppress majorities between fifty per cent and sixty-six and two-thirds per cent in congregations where such majorities favour Union;

AND WHEREAS

3. the Presbytery believes that there is little point in dividing the New South Wales Church into two substantially equal parts so as to unite. With such a large section of the New South Wales Church remaining outside the proposed Union the strength of the Presbyterian contribu-

tion to the Uniting Church is likely to be subservient to that of the Methodist one:

AND WHEREAS

4. the Presbytery believes that many ordinary members of congregations in New South Wales may be hurt as a result of the division:

NOW THEREFORE

the Presbytery of Sydney humbly overtures the Venerable, the General Assembly to take these premises into consideration and either enter upon negotiations as proposed in the Overture anent Federal Union from the Presbytery of Sydney;

or adjourn the consideration of the proposed Union pending a review of the proposed basis of union and the means of effecting the same; or do otherwise as the Assembly in their wisdom may deem fit.

Mr. R. Smart and Rev. R. King were appointed to state the Overture.
W. J. McLEOD, Clerk of Presbytery.

OVERTURE 2—From the Presbytery of Sydney re Federal Union.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia:

Whereas the General Assembly of Australia meeting in May, 1974—lacking presently any alternative proposal—is likely to be called on either to totally accept or reject proposals for ‘corporate’ Union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches and many members may feel unable to vote either way without a troubled conscience; and

Whereas, in the short term at least, serious hurt must befall our Church whichever decision is made; for Approval would at once disastrously disrupt the Church and Disapproval would disappoint and estrange a large section of the Church; and

Whereas it now appears inescapable fact that in New South Wales our Church will be split asunder if ‘corporate’ Union is approved; that many people will no longer be Members of Churches they have supported loyally for years; that litigation already planned will cause acute delays and distress; and

Whereas, if ‘corporate’ Union takes place, the Methodist Conference and the Congregational Assembly will be much discouraged by the number of Presbyterian congregations holding back or, if Union does not take place, by our Church’s apparent intransigence; and

Whereas very many fathers and brethren throughout the Church consider that the Proposed Basis of Union still requires further revision to be more acceptable to the whole Church; and

Whereas adoption of the new Presbyterian Church Constitution and recent amendments to the Property Acts in the various States have now removed many obstacles to Joint ownership and management of Presbyterian Church properties and assets; and

Whereas the whole Church is looking to this national Assembly for some positive and practical move that will ally us more closely with the Methodist and Congregational Churches and yet avoid unhappy divisions and recriminations in our own Church; and

Whereas the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches have, in former days, considered and given much encouragement and approval to proposals for a ‘federal’ union of the three Churches (GAA BE 1948, 274);

Now, therefore, the Presbytery of Sydney humbly overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to take these premises into consideration and (a) affirm its desire to enter into immediate ‘federal’ union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches in the hope and with the prayer that this will lead to eventual ‘corporate’ union, and (b) take all necessary steps forthwith to advance negotiations towards this end, and (c) resolve not to enter into ‘corporate’ union at this stage:

Or to do otherwise as the Assembly in their wisdom may deem fit.

The Revd. C. T. F. Goy and Revd. R. King were appointed to state the Overture.

W. J. McLEOD, Clerk.

OVERTURE 3—From the Session at Ermington re Commissioning of Elders/Leaders in the Uniting Church.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Whereas the proposed Basis of Union provides that, in the Uniting Church in Australia, The spiritual oversight of each congregation and the pastoral care of its members, which are the responsibility of the Session in Presbyterian Churches, will be the responsibility of the Elders' or Leaders' Meeting which will consist ONLY of the Minister and officers to be known as Elders or Leaders.

All Elders of this Church in good standing who adhere to the Basis of Union will be recognized and accepted as Elders or Leaders.

Representative Elders or Leaders will have that full part in all other Church Councils which representative Elders have in the parallel courts of this Church, and the qualifications required of Elders or Leaders will be the qualifications of Elders of this Church—namely endowment by the Spirit with gifts for rule and oversight and God's call to joint with Ministers in the exercise of such 'gifts of Government'; and

Whereas it would be appropriate, and to the edification of all, that those called to serve as Elders or Leaders in the Uniting Church in Australia, be solemnly set apart to their holy office; and

Whereas such a Solemn Setting Apart of Elders or Leaders would make plain that everything essential to the Eldership as Presbyterian Churches have cherished it will be fully preserved in the Uniting Church of Australia;

Now therefore the Session of the Presbyterian Church at Ermington humbly Overtures the Venerable and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, that the Assembly take these premises into consideration, and

Request the Joint Commission on Church Union to consider the desirability of providing for the Solemn Setting Apart of those called to the Office of Elder or Leader and, if the Commission considers it wise so to do, to submit to the first Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia suitable Questions and an appropriate Prayer for use in Setting Apart Services;

Or do otherwise as the Assembly in their wisdom deem fit.

Rev. J. H. Gowdie and Mr. D. T. Muir were appointed to state the Overture. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Extracted from the records of the Session of the Presbyterian Church at Ermington this 19th day of November, 1973, by me.

D. T. MUIR, Session Clerk

Transmitted by the Presbytery of North Sydney.

S. RUSSELL-SCOTT, Clerk.

OVERTURE 4—From the Presbytery of North Sydney re Section 18(B) of Part 3 of the new Constitution.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Whereas every congregation of His Church is called by the Lord Jesus Christ to become a fellowship in Him; and

Whereas Section 18(B) of Part III of the new Constitution implemented by the Assembly in 1971 is thought by some ministers and elders to provide that, should the Assembly resolve that the Presbyterian Church of Australia enter into union with the Congregational Union of Australia and the Methodist Church of Australasia, in all "continuing congregations" as defined by the said section only those communicants who have given an affirmative answer to the second question set out in Section 16 will be recognized as communicants of such "continuing congregations"; and

Whereas such an interpretation of Section 18(B) would hurtfully deprive many faithful communicants and elders of their present rights within the congregations to which they belong, and would gravely weaken many "continuing congregations" by the removal from their rolls of the names of many of their present members; and

Whereas it is not in the interest of the Kingdom of God, and would not be the desire of the proposed Uniting Church in Australia, that the congregations of any continuing Presbyterian Church of Australia should so be weakened, or that Christian fellowship within such congregations should be subjected to unnecessary strains;

Now therefore the Presbytery of North Sydney humbly Overtures the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia that the Assembly take these premises into consideration; and declare that the words 'such communicants' as they occur in Section 18(B), Part III of the new Constitution are to be understood as applying to all enrolled communicants of the 'continuing congregations' referred to in the said

section and are not to be restricted in their application to those communicants of the said congregations who have given an affirmative answer to the second question set out in Section 16 of the said Constitution (Part III);
Or do otherwise as the Assembly in their wisdom may think right.

The Rev. J. H. Gowdic and M. MacLeod were appointed to state the Overture.

S. RUSSELL-SCOTT,
Presbytery Clerk.

OVERTURE 5—From the General Assembly of Queensland re Confession of Faith for the Uniting Church.

To the Venerable, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia

Whereas the Basis of Union (1971 Edition) commits the Uniting Church in Australia, inter alia, to "be ready when occasion demands to confess her Lord in fresh words and deeds" (para 11), and

Whereas the General Assembly of Australia in 1967 recorded its desire that "At the First General Assembly of the Uniting Church a Commission shall be set up to prepare a Confession of Faith to be presented to the General Assembly no later than six years from that date" (Min. 48:8 (c)), and

Whereas the Basis of Union (1971 Edition) makes it plain that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are that by which the "faith and obedience" of the Uniting Church are to be "nourished and regulated"; are to control the preaching of the Uniting Church and provide the written setting of the Gospel (para. 5); and are to be the source of teaching and constantly resorted to within the Uniting Church (para. 10);
and

Whereas a Basis of Union is not a Confession of Faith wherein doctrinal positions may be elaborated
and

Whereas any Confession of Faith should have within it a declaration of the place of the Scriptures in the life of a church

Now Therefore the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church of Queensland humbly overtures the Assembly to take these premises into consideration, and

(a) Reaffirm its earlier recommendations (G.A.A.B.B. 1967, Min. 48, 8(c)) that at the First General Assembly of the Uniting Church a Commission be set up to prepare a Confession of Faith to be presented to the General Assembly no later than six years from that date.

(b) Request this Commission, if appointed, to ensure that any such Confession makes clear that the supreme standard of the Uniting Church shall be the Word of God contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Or to do otherwise as the Assembly in their wisdom may deem fit.

Rev. Professor R. A. Busch and Rev. J. C. Allan were appointed to present the Overture.

Closed with prayer.

Extracted from the Records of the Assembly of The Presbyterian Church of Queensland this eighth day of March, 1974 by me.

A. W. LAURIE
Clerk of Assembly

OVERTURE 6—From the Presbytery of Canberra re Repeal of Article xvi, 163, of the Articles of Agreement.

To the Venerable, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

'Whereas Article (xvi) 163 in "Constitution and Practice" of the Presbyterian Church of Australia would appear to be contrary to Presbyterian practice, and,

'Whereas, although the General Assembly of Australia initially accepted some responsibility for the building of the Church of St. Andrew, Canberra, and for the appointment of ministers to Canberra, it has nevertheless not effectively operated under this Article for some time,

Now, therefore, the Presbytery of Canberra humbly overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to repeal Article (xvi) 163 of the Constitution.'

Or to do otherwise as the Assembly in their wisdom may deem fit.
The Rev. J. Thompson and J. D. Moody were appointed to state the Overture.

JOHN F. G. WATTS, Clerk

OVERTURE 7—From seven Commissioners of the General Assembly of Australia re the validity of the second vote among communicants.

To the Venerable, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia:

Whereas the Report—Remit re proposed Basis of Union 1971 and Communicants' voting—clearly shows that there is a serious lack of unanimity for agreement on the question of church union, especially as reflected in the communicants' vote of 1973, e.g. 521 congregations will remain in the Presbyterian Church, only 48% of the total voting register voted for union on the second question and 30% of the total voting register did not vote at all, and

Whereas an analysis of the Report indicates that some congregations, when the results of the 1973 vote are compared with the 1972 vote, have changed their position from continuing in the Presbyterian Church to membership in the proposed Uniting Church and vice versa, so that it can be claimed communicant members will be deprived of their entitlements as related to their 1972 vote, and

Whereas it is able to be shown that there is doubt as to the legal validity of the vote taken in 1973 and there is grave concern being expressed among ministers and communicants concerning "just and equitable rights", and

Whereas any court judgement which causes the second vote to be deemed invalid might mean that the General Assembly would have to reconsider the implications of the first vote, previously described by the Assembly itself (B.B. 1973 Minute 53 (1)) in the words, "Recognizing the difficulty of interpreting the communicants' vote, . . .", and

Whereas it could be misleading to the other negotiating denominations for us to proceed immediately towards union in these circumstances, and

Whereas it would appear sensible to clarify these matters now rather than at a later stage when chaos in many congregations may result, and

Whereas in an earnest concern to assist in determining the issues for the general welfare of the Church, the Overturists have accepted the responsibility to seek legal advice from senior counsel relative to the validity of the vote taken in 1973, such advice having been obtained shows clearly that there are strong legal grounds for believing the 1973 vote invalid, and a copy of such advice will be laid on the table for the General Assembly to take cognizance thereof before submitting the Basis of Union to a vote, and

Whereas such advice from senior counsel recommends that the fiat of the Attorney-General of New South Wales be sought to commence proceedings in the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

No, therefore, the undersigned humbly overture the Venerable, the General Assembly of Australia to take these premises into consideration and, before taking a vote on the Basis of Union, take cognizance that the 1973 communicants' vote may be declared invalid by a Supreme Court with all the consequences thereof bearing upon the good order and well-being of the Church or do otherwise as the General Assembly in their wisdom may deem fit.

The Rev. Norman Monsen and Mr. Lindsay Moore were appointed to state the Overture.

S. RUSSELL-SCOTT, H. MURRAY, JAMES BRUCE, LINDSAY
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