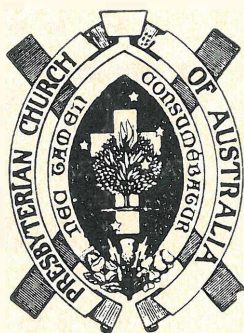


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MINUTES
OF
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Presbyterian Church of Australia



HELD IN SYDNEY, JUNE, 1977

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

ROLL

of

Members elected to the General Assembly
to meet in

The Scots Church, Margaret Street, Sydney
on

Tuesday, 21st June, 1977 at 11.00 a.m.

The Right Reverend the Moderator, the Rev. Gillam Albert McConnell Wood, B.A.

NEW SOUTH WALES

(Elected by the State Assembly)

Ministers

The Very Rev. J. F. McKay
Rt. Rev. H. G. Durbin
Rev. A. W. Grant
" D. F. Murray
" J. Mullan
" A. F. Smart
" R. B. Sparks
" J. Mathers
" W. H. Ives
" J. Bruce
" M. O. Fox
" C. R. Thomas
" R. A. Caldwell
" J. F. Peter

Elders

Mr. L. J. Moore
Sir Keith Yorston
Mr. S. C. Gillmore
" S. C. Edenborough
Dr. P. E. Lush
Mr. H. I. M. MacFarlane
" D. R. Brierley
" A. G. Spalding
Dr. A. R. McK. Langley
Mrs. H. Stutchbury
Mr. P. J. Graham
Deaconess M. Moon
Mr. I. S. Hunt
Mrs. M. Ralph

BATHURST

Rev. A. F. Thompson
" E. L. Noble
Mr. J. P. Gold
" K. B. Latham

CANBERRA

Rev. P. A. Davidson
" L. A. Martin
" J. T. Mercer
Mr. C. R. Martin
" D. Cargill
" D. Russell

DUBBO

Rev. R. A. Engel
" R. J. Lee
Mr. J. W. Miller
" G. E. B. Irvine

THE HASTINGS

Rev. K. C. McAlpine
" K. G. Hamill
Dr. D. B. Paterson
" A. J. Beard

THE HAWKESBURY

Rev. M. Groenewegen
" D. K. Robson
" R. E. Spring
" T. C. Watson
Mr. R. C. Daley
" J. H. Hayes
" R. N. McKenzie
" P. Smith

THE HUNTER

Rev. H. V. Barratt
" John Baillie
" G. B. Hunter
" H. G. Peffer
Mrs. D. Atcheson
Mr. G. B. Oliver
" K. D. Green
" A. Parish

ILLAWARRA

Rev. I. Cox
" D. E. Hawkins
" G. D. Penman
Mrs. H. Rutherford
Mr. C. Tindell
" R. Morrison

KU-RING-GAI

Rev. C. R. Ford	Mr. I. C. McKinnon
„ C. M. Dyster	„ T. H. Beale
„ R. A. MacArthur	„ W. J. Knight
„ A. A. McNaught	Mrs. M. B. Laidlaw

MOREE

Rev. R. A. Osborn	Mr. W. Porter-Young
„ D. A. Cook	„ R. J. Uebergang

MURRUMBIDGEE

Rev. D. Erickson	Mr. D. R. Johnston
„ J. Watson	„ J. Lovell

NEW ENGLAND

Rev. K. C. Auld	Mr. G. A. C. Dandie
„ W. M. Lockhart	„ R. G. Symonds

NORTH SYDNEY

Rev. P. E. Boase	Mr. J. B. Rae
„ R. O. Walder	„ H. Murray
„ D. G. Cole	„ K. Smith
„ K. V. Coombes	„ J. Sticpewich
„ M. Macleod	„ J. Wearne

NORTHERN RIVERS

Rev. N. S. Wilce	Mr. S. Patch
„ D. L. Blakey	„ W. H. Chawner

ORANGE

Rev. E. Hayes	Mr. W. E. Dunford
„ R. G. Mills	„ S. Watts

SYDNEY

Rev. S. J. Clements	Mr. R. Brown
„ M. Ramage	„ D. Massie
„ A. W. Fraser	„ R. Chester

SYDNEY SOUTH

Rev. K. D. Allen	Mr. W. G. A. Devrell
„ J. G. Miller	„ L. E. Aspinall
„ B. D. Bowtell	„ R. J. Hay
„ K. B. Walker	„ R. Lucas

SYDNEY WEST

Rev. R. T. C. Williamson	Mr. R. S. Mackenzie
„ A. G. Ingram	„ P. Burke
„ F. B. Bray	Mrs. N. Conn

WAGGA WAGGA

Rev. A. H. J. Proctor	Mr. F. Matthews
„ I. G. Stewart	„ J. C. Ross
„ R. C. MacLachlan	„ R. H. Crawford

YOUNG

Rev. A. E. Burtenshaw	Mr. F. Knight
„ G. R. George	

QUEENSLAND

(Elected by the State Assembly)

Rev. M. W. Roberts	Mr. D. F. L. Skerman
„ N. T. Barker	„ R. P. W. Jell
„ P. L. Gordon	„ R. H. Crowther
„ P. J. Banney	Mrs. S. A. Bowen
„ Dr. I. Gillman	Mr. B. J. Gibson
„ K. J. Gardner	„ R. P. Gresham

BRISBANE

Rev. Prof. R. A. Busch
" L. H. Brockway
" R. J. Allan
" D. Durham

Mr. A. Allison
Miss B. Burnett
Mr. V. Houseman
" A. C. Low

BRISBANE NORTH

Rev. R. A. Paterson
" C. G. Lake
" J. B. Hartshorn

Mr. J. S. Brown
" J. Currie
" K. Gillies

CARPENTARIA

Rev. E. G. Bout

Mr. W. H. Miller

DARLING DOWNS

Rev. J. C. Morrow
" E. B. Hosking
" C. A. J. Bugler
" N. E. Key
" A. B. L. Bailey

Mr. John Sloss
" I. R. Huskisson
" C. H. Peake
" R. J. Dunn
Mrs. M. Moreton

MACKAY

Rev. A. R. Renton

Mr. A. A. Walker

MARYBOROUGH

Rev. M. A. Harriman
" I. G. Davis

Mr. C. C. Dunn
" D. V. Walters

MOWBRAY

Rev. G. Coutts
" L. W. Wyer
" K. P. Richardson
" A. R. Wilson

Miss B. Matheson
Mr. G. R. E. Nelson
" D. T. Gallagher
" D. L. McCullough

ROCKHAMPTON

Rev. J. M. Wilson
" P. J. Banney

Mr. A. C. Shepherdson
" T. Hohnes

TOWNSVILLE

Rev. A. G. D. Todd
" B. E. G. Napper

Mr. H. Moore
" J. Ball

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

(Elected by the State Assembly)

Rt. Rev. J. B. Edwards

Mr. K. G. Ellis

ONKAPARINGA

Rev. L. T. Newell

PENOLA

Rev. R. T. Cook

Mr. D. Ellard

TORRENS

Rev. I. B. Tanner

Mr. A. G. Matheson

TASMANIA

(Elected by the General Assembly)

Rev. J. S. Petric

Mr. E. A. Gaby

TASMANIA

Rev. T. J. Griffiths
" C. Mostert
" F. W. F. White

Mr. H. O. Ives
" D. W. Hann
Mrs. J. Taylor

VICTORIA

(Elected by the General Assembly)

Rt. Rev. L. F. Gunn	Mr. J. G. R. McArthur
Rev. Dr. A. M. McMaster	„ K. H. Gifford, Q.C.
Rt. Rev. G. A. McC. Wood	„ I. D. Mackinnon
Rev. Principal R. A. Anderson	„ A. R. Gillespie
„ Dr. J. D. McCaughey	„ H. L. Richardson
„ Prof. G. S. Yule	„ G. U. Nathan
Very Rev. N. Faichney	„ D. K. P. Miller
Rev. A. S. Crawford	„ A. J. Kilgour
„ H. Christie-Johnston	Mrs. J. Kippax
„ M. J. Thalheimer	„ M. Paton
„ R. C. Russell	Mr. S. K. Williams
„ J. M. Hagans	„ R. S. Belcher
„ G. Nicholls	„ G. S. Taylor
„ J. I. Williamson	„ R. G. Hanna

BALLARAT

Rev. J. J. den Houting	Mr. J. G. Coutts
„ A. T. P. North	„ J. H. Stickland

BENDIGO

Rev. W. Drooger	Mrs. E. McLean
„ J. A. Finlay	„ R. Montgomery

FLINDERS

Rev. L. G. McBain	Mr. R. W. Shrives
„ R. K. Heriot	„ R. Metcher
„ W. B. Stratford	
„ T. A. Waters	

GEELONG

Rev. A. R. Peerman	Mr. R. B. Jamieson
„ R. I. Scott	Mrs. M. C. Pecl
„ D. Forbes	Mr. D. J. Davies

GIPPSLAND

Rev. J. A. Thompson	Mr. D. H. Bertram
„ A. P. Dyall	„ F. B. Onley

GOULBURN VALLEY

Rev. T. Diggins	Mr. N. Black
„ G. Gall	„ S. Russell
„ J. R. Mitchell	„ H. Evans

HAMILTON

Rev. A. S. Jontes	Mr. H. H. Menzel
„ W. Bligh	„ M. Meredith

LATROBE VALLEY

Rev. T. G. Williams	Mr. J. Cogle
„ M. A. Thomson	Mrs. M. Orr

MALLEE DOWNS

Rev. R. B. Johnson	Mr. T. L. Jones
„ A. M. Grant	„ R. Kilpatrick

MAROONDAH

Rev. A. D. Hope	Mrs. F. W. Coutts
„ J. F. Jamieson	Mr. B. W. Morrison
„ J. Billington	„ A. J. Neyland
„ I. V. Parton	„ R. C. Pocock
„ A. F. Stuart	„ G. W. Tuckfield

MELBOURNE

Rev. D. J. Purnell	Miss F. I. McKechnie
„ R. F. Wootton	Mr. F. D. Eastham
„ J. V. Mills	Mrs. B. Wootton

MELBOURNE EAST

Rev. R. A. Blackwood	Mr. A. B. McMullin
„ W. Morgan	Dr. R. J. Eldrige
„ R. E. Potter	Miss A. Watts
„ R. Waters	Mr. A. C. Top
„ L. W. Hatton	„ R. J. Jackson

MELBOURNE WEST

Rev. K. Lindsay	Mr. Ian Fry
„ E. B. Robinson	„ N. Laughton
„ J. H. Silke	Dr. Ian Cumming
„ R. W. Renton	Mrs. E. Douglass

MELBOURNE NORTH

Rev. W. B. Hastie	Miss M. Shaw
„ A. G. Fergusson	Mrs. E. Whitlock
„ T. Trewavas	Mr. A. A. H. Smith
„ D. W. D. Howard	„ N. K. Bartel

MORTLAKE

Rev. H. L. Dunn	Mr. D. L. Fleming
„ D. W. Mathews	„ R. M. Clegg
„ R. F. Tate	„ W. K. Fluck

NORTH EAST

Rev. H. L. Hallett	Mrs. N. T. Bray
„ C. J. Baulch	Mr. A. Brisbane

WIMMERA

Rev. J. Fraser	Mr. J. Lee
„ R. H. Stevenson	„ C. A. McKenzie

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

(Elected by the State Assembly)

Rt. Rev. J. K. Hutchinson	Mrs. D. Craig
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CANNING

Rev. D. J. Cousins	Mr. P. Hulbert
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PERTH

Rev. Dr. J. M. Owen	Mr. R. D. Wilson
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THE SOUTH

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
of the
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA
THE THIRTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At Sydney and within the Scots Church, Margaret Street, on Tuesday the twenty-first day of June, 1977, at 11 a.m.

1. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia convened. Public worship was conducted by the Right Reverend, the Moderator-General, the Rev. G. A. Wood, B.A. Thereafter the Assembly was constituted with prayer. Constitution

2. The Clerk laid on the table the Roll of Assembly, intimated changes since the printing of the White Book and moved that with the following changes:— Roll
Presbytery of The Hastings: A. J. Beard in place of R. A. Smallwood.
Sydney: R. Brown in place of G. Taylor.
Darling Downs: John Sloss in place of M. W. Bell.
Mackay: L. J. Adam in place of A. R. Renton.
Mowbray: D. T. Gallagher in place of J. Y. Adsett.
Rockhampton: J. Hohnes in place of A. Mostert.
Ballarat: A. T. P. North in place of A. E. Grylls.
J. G. Coutts in place of A. Newton.
Mallee Downs: L. T. Jones in place of J. M. Neill.
Maroondah: J. Billington in place of R. A. Miller.
Melbourne: Mrs. Betty Wooton in place of Alan Anderson.
Melbourne East: A. C. Top in place of J. Campbell.
Mortlake: Mr. R. M. Clegg in place of Mrs. Mavis Bull.

this Roll be the Roll of this Assembly.

The motion was seconded and approved.

3. The Clerk submitted apologies for non-attendance from: Rev. L. Martin, R. A. Osborn, Messrs. Harold Evans, J. S. Brown, J. Currie. Apologies

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

5. The Clerk intimated that the Board of Nominators had unanimously agreed to nominate to the House the Right Reverend Gillam Albert McConnell Wood, B.A., as Moderator of this Assembly. Election
Moderator

6. The Clerk moved that the Assembly accept the nomination and elect the Right Reverend Gillam Albert McConnell Wood, B.A., as Moderator of this Assembly.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. C. M. Dyster and approved with acclamation.

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

7. The Report of the Business Committee was laid on the table and received. The Rev. C. M. Dyster moved the Deliverance: Business
That the Assembly:

1. Approve the Order of Business as follows:

- 11 a.m. Constitution
- Roll
- Apologies
- Election of Moderator
- Business Committee
- Greetings
- Motion of Loyalty
- Report of Moderator
- REPORTS: Order of the Day 12 noon: B.O.E.M.A.R.
- Conv. Rt. Rev. G. A. Wood; Supt. Rev. J. P. Brown
- A.I.M. — Conv. Rev. C. C. McKeith; Supt. Rev. M. J. L. Griffiths
- 'Australian Presbyterian Life' — Conv. Rev. R. A. MacArthur
- Christian Education — Conv. Rev. Dr. A. M. McMaster; Ex. Dir.: Rev. Dr. D. R. Merritt
- Christian Unity — Conv. Very Rev. J. F. McKay
- Code — The Clerk
- College — Conv. Rev. Prof. I. Gillman

Commission on Integration of Boards of Christian Education: Chairman: Rt. Rev. G. A. Wood.
 Commission to Prepare for the Establishment of the Uniting Church: Chairman: Rev. A. S. Crawford
 Commission under Min. 43 (1) G.A.A. 1974: Chairman, Rt. Rev. G. A. Wood
 Commission under Min. 43 (18) G.A.A. 1974: Rt. Rev. G. A. Wood.
 Defence Forces Chaplaincy — Conv.: Rev. R. C. Russell
 Doctrine — Conv. Rev. Prof. G. Yule
 Finance — Conv. Mr. H. I. M. MacFarlane
 General Purposes — Conv. Rt. Rev. K. J. Gardner
 Marriage and Divorce — Conv. Rev. Dr. J. M. Owen
 Public Worship — Conv. Rev. A. Hope
 Reception of Ministers — Conv. Rev. R. A. Blackwood
 Remits - - The Clerk
 Revision of Ordination Vows — Conv. Rev. A. S. Crawford
 Stewardship and Promotion — Conv. Mr. A. Kilgour
 Training of Women Workers — Conv. Rev. W. Morgan

COMMUNICATION

Appointment of Commission to Confirm Ministers

Close

2. Approve the proposal that Conveners, the Secretary of B.O.E.M.A.R., the Superintendent of the A.I.M. and the Executive Director of the Joint Board of Christian Education, be permitted to speak for no more than ten minutes when the reports of their Committees or Boards are before the House.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Greeting

8. The Business Convener read a letter of Greetings to the Assembly from the Methodist Church of Australasia General Conference.

Motion of Loyalty

9. The Business Convener moved:

That the Assembly:

Request the Moderator to convey to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, through the Governor General, the assurance of the loyalty and affection of the members of this House and of their prayers for her continued health and happiness in this Year of Silver Jubilee.

The motion was seconded and approved and the House sang the National Anthem.

Welcome

10. The Moderator welcomed the Rt. Rev. W. B. Watt, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand and the Rev. Roger Grussing representing the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of the United States of America.

The Rt. Rev. W. B. Watt and the Rev. Roger Grussing addressed the House.

Associations

11. The Clerk Moved:

That the Assembly associate the Rt. Rev. W. B. Watt and the Rev. Roger Grussing.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Retiring Moderator's Report

12. The Right Reverend G. A. Wood made a report to the Assembly which was seconded.

The Clerk Moved:

That the Assembly:

Express to the Moderator their appreciation of the services rendered to the Church during his term of office and thank him and Mrs. Wood for their devoted contributions to the life of the Church.

The motion was seconded and approved and the Very Rev. J. F. McKay conveyed the resolution to Mr. and Mrs. Wood.

A.I.M.

13. The Report of the Australian Inland Mission was laid on the table and received.

The Rev. C. C. McKeith moved the Deliverance:

That the Assembly:

1. Approve the projects initiated by the Board of the Australian Inland Mission as outlined in the report to this Assembly.
2. Adopt the annual Balance Sheets and Statements of Revenue and Expenditure as audited from 1st January, 1973 to 30th December, 1976.
3. Place on record its gratitude to God for those who have served the Australian Inland Mission in the 65 years of its association with the Presbyterian Church of Australia and in the service of the people of

the outback and isolated areas of the nation, remembering in particular: The Very Rev. Dr. John Flynn, who served as the first Superintendent of the A.I.M. from 1913 to 1951 and the vision of a mantle of safety for outback people which he made a reality,

The great army of padres, nurses, doctors, radio technicians, educational, community and hostel workers, and all others who have given service in the field.

Mrs. Jean Flynn who both in her personal service and as the wife of John Flynn, upheld her husband and the mission which he led.

The many people who have served in the head office and other administrative centres both in a full time and voluntary capacity,

The sustained generosity of many people who through bequests, legacies and donations provided the great part of the financial resources which made the work of the A.I.M. possible,

The contributions of Governments, both State and Federal, especially in more recent times in providing financial resources for the services of the A.I.M.,

The inventive genius of those who created the pedal radio, the flying doctor service, the community health services, the educational ventures and the many other innovative enterprises which mark the 65 years of A.I.M. history,

The Very Rev. Fred McKay and his wife Margaret who both individually and together worked firstly as patrol padre and nursing sister and subsequently as Superintendent and wife from 1951-73,

The work of the Church in united action with other denominations which has always marked the mission of the A.I.M. and in particular, the creation and development of the United Church in North Australia and the founding of St. Philip's College, Alice Springs,

The people of the inland to whom the A.I.M. came and who received our workers into their hearts and homes with affection and gratitude,

The Rev. Max Griffiths who as the third Superintendent of the Australian Inland Mission from 1974 to 1977 has led the A.I.M. into many new ventures and areas of service,

The past members of the Board of the A.I.M. and, in particular, the Conveners who have demonstrated both faith and courage in accepting responsibility for each new venture, and finally,

For the emergence of the Church in so many parts of the outback, prepared to bear its own witness and share in the fellowship and service of the whole Church.

The motion was seconded by the Superintendent, the Rev. M. J. L. Griffith and approved.

14. The Report of the Board of Ecumenical Mission and Relations was laid on the table and received. B.O.E.M.A.R.

The Rev. John Brown, Superintendent, addressed the house.

The Rev. John Brown introduced to the Moderator the following: Rev. Han Wan Suk, Past Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Korea; Mr. Pisnu Akappin, Representative of the Church of Christ in Thailand; Rev. Elizabeth Paul, Church of South India; Rev. Jack Louhman, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides; Mrs. Louhman; Rev. Leslie Boseto, Moderator of the United Church in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands; Mr. Ravu Sam, United Church in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands; Mrs. Mabel Pamulkan, Elder, Presbyterian Church, Aurukun; Rev. Dr. Yap Kim Hao, General Secretary, Christian Conference of Asia.

The Rev. Han Wan Suk and Rev. Dr. Yap Kim Hao addressed the House.

Leave was granted to the Rev. John Brown to introduce a Proposed Deliverance.

15. The debate was adjourned (Min. 18).

16. The Rev. G. W. Hardy brought greetings from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Greetings
Church of
Scotland

17. The Report of 'Australian Presbyterian Life' was laid on the table and received. 'A.P.L.'

The Moderator conveyed to Mr. Bruce Best the appreciation of the Assembly for his work as Editor.

18. The adjourned debate (Min. 15) on the Report of the Board of Ecumenical Mission and Relations was resumed.

The Rev. Fred Kahn, Associate Secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches was presented to the Moderator and welcomed.

The Rev. P. J. Brown moved:

That the Assembly:

Receive the addendum to the report of the Board of Ecumenical Mission and Relations.

The motion was seconded and approved.

The Rev. P. J. Brown moved the Deliverance:

That the Assembly:

Note the expressions of thanks contained in the Report.

The motion was seconded and approved.

19. The Report of the Joint Board of Christian Education was laid on the table and received.

The Rev. Dr. D. R. Merritt addressed the House.

20. The Report on Christian Unity was laid on the table and received.

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

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

23. The Report of the Commission on Integration of the Board of Christian Education was laid on the table and received.

24. The Report of the Commission to prepare for the Establishment of the Uniting Church was laid on the table and received.

25. The Report of the Commission under Minute 43 (1) of the 35th General Assembly was laid on the table and received.

26. The Report of the Commission under Minute 43 (18) (a) of the 35th General Assembly was laid on the table and received.

27. The Report of the Committee of the Defence Forces Chaplains Committee was laid on the table and received.

28. The Report of the Committee on Doctrine was laid on the table and received.

29. The Report of the Finance Committee was laid on the table and received. Mr. H. I. M. MacFarlane moved the Deliverance in the following form.

That the Assembly —

- Determine that the General Assessment on State Assemblies for six months ending 30/6/1977 shall be:

	%	\$
Victoria	40	9,200
New South Wales	35	8,050
Queensland	14	3,220
South Australia	5	1,150
Western Australia	4	920
Tasmania	2	460
		<hr/> \$23,000

- Approve a request to State Assemblies for contributions as from 1st January, 1977, to the Special Payments Account to meet the following annual payment in 1977.

	\$
(1)(a) Subsidy to Theological Hall, Western Australia	
General Grant to Western Australia	2,000
Subsidy towards cost of lecturer in Pastoral Theology or any other necessary teaching responsibility	1,250
Subsidy towards fare of visiting lecturers	200
	<hr/> 3,450
Contributions to —	
(b) Australian Council of Churches	7,315
World Council of Churches	4,793
World Alliance of Reformed Churches	1,375
Federal Inter-Church Migration Committee	200

Christian Conference of Asian Delegates	1,900
	19,033

3. Request from State Assemblies the following Annual Contribution —

Contribution —	
Victoria	7,613
New South Wales	6,661
Queensland	2,665
South Australia	952
Western Australia	761
Tasmania	381
	\$19,033

4. Approve the payment of an honorarium to the Clerk of Assembly of \$480 from 1st July, 1976.

5. Approve the payment of an honorarium as follows:

Clerk of Assembly	\$ 400
Deputy Clerk	200
Convener, Business Committee	200

The motion was seconded and approved.

30. The Report of the General Purposes Committee was laid on the table and received.

31. The Rev. K. J. Gardner moved that the following Affirmation be recorded in the Minutes. Affirmation

I crave leave to Affirm that on 22nd day of June, 1977, a section of this Church will be uniting with the Methodist and Congregational Churches to form The Uniting Church in Australia. On that day such a union takes effect by virtue of legislation now duly enacted.

Such legislation preserves the statutory right of Presbyterians not concurring in the decision to unite of the Thirty-Fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, to remain members of the Presbyterian Church of Australia continuing to function under the Scheme of Union of 24th July, 1901, as amended, its existing Constitution and existing Acts of Parliament.

It is therefore lawful for us who remain within the Presbyterian Church of Australia to adopt such measures as are competent to us for the continuance of our Church and for this purpose to meet in this place on Thursday, 23rd day of June, 1977, at the hour of 10 a.m.

I therefore invite all those who adhere to this affirmation to remain with me in this place upon the completion today of the business of this Assembly.

The motion was seconded and approved.

The Moderator conveyed the good wishes of the Assembly to those who will enter the Presbyterian Church of Australia, continuing to function upon the inauguration of the Uniting Church in Australia.

The Rev. K. J. Gardner conveyed reciprocal good wishes to those members of the Assembly who will enter the Uniting Church in Australia.

32. The Report of the Committee on Marriage and Divorce was laid on the table and received.

33. The Report of the Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion was laid on the table and received.

34. The House sat in private (Min. 36).

35. The Report of the Committee on the Reception of Ministers was laid on the table and received.

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

That the Assembly:

1. Receive the Petition of Mr. Terence Luckett.
2. Forward the Petition to the Synod of the Uniting Church in Western Australia.

The motion was seconded and approved.

36. The House resumed in public (Min. 34).

37. The Report of the Clerk of Assembly on Remits was laid on the table and received.

38. The Report of the Committee on the Revision of Ordination Vows was laid on the table and received.

39. The Report of the Committee on Stewardship and Promotion was laid on the table and received.

40. The Report of the Committee on the Training of Women Workers was laid on the table and received.

41. A Communication from the Very Reverend N. Faichney re Conversations with representatives of the Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church was laid on the table and received.

42. The Clerk moved:

That the Assembly appoint the Moderator, Clerks and Business Committee a Commission to scrutinise and correct the Minutes.

The motion was seconded and approved.

43. The business of the Assembly having been completed the Moderator after briefly addressing the House dissolved the Assembly in terms of Minute 43:1 (a) and (b) of the thirty-fifth General 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 and confirmed as authorised in Minute 42.

G. A. WOOD, Moderator.

ADDENDA TO THE MINUTES

1. REPORTS

The Reports of the 36th General Assembly were approved with the following corrections and alterations.

Ecumenical Mission and Relations:

Par. 9 "In the New Hebrides".

In line 2 delete 1947 and insert 1948.

Par. 48. Add a new paragraph 48 as follows and re-number subsequent paragraphs.

48. In 1974 the Board appointed the Rev. R. F. Wootton to work at justice and development issues. Human rights are as basic to the Gospel as the command to love our neighbour as ourselves, and as deep a part of our Judaeo-Christian traditions as the Exodus. We confess a Lord who goes before and with us into the depths of suffering and whose resurrection empowers us to costly obedience and hope. Contending with principalities and powers calls for us to understand well the dynamics of power and powerlessness at all levels.

Human rights begin with the right to live, and this right is systematically denied to many people in the world, especially peasants, outcast and minority peoples and many unemployed. Those who assert their human dignity against the forces that deprive them are subjected to political deprivation, detention without trial, and torture. Labour movements are suppressed. Legal systems are manipulated. Women suffer the greatest denials.

The denial of the basic need of adequate food for millions is the most serious violation of human rights in Asia.

The problem of political detainees continues to increase. Arbitrary arrest and imprisonment without trial or charges, trials with fabricated charges, etc., are common throughout the region as well as in other parts of the world.

Militarization uses up a vast proportion of the world's resources of people, money and metals. The amount of money spent on militarization could readily feed, clothe, house and employ the unemployed. The sufferings caused by militarization, and the threat which it presents to continued life, demand that Christians support moves for demilitarization.

The Board has made a small beginning at raising issues of injustice, oppression, discrimination against and exploitation of minorities through national and multi-national systems. We have begun to link groups of people and individuals here with groups throughout Asia and the Pacific who are struggling for release

Closure

from various forms of oppression. We have begun to make members of the Churches aware of an involvement in the international systems that hold people bound, and to assist them to struggle for change.

Par. "Thanks" add the paragraph,

"The Board acknowledges the specific gifts and creative insights brought to its work by the Superintendent, Rev. John Brown, particularly in leading the Australian Church into a deeper understanding of partnership in mission."

Reception of Ministers:

Line 14 delete "Korea" and insert "New Hebrides, and R. T. Kim from the Presbyterian Church of Korea".

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
MackENZIE FOUNDATION FOR IL SIN HOSPITAL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1976**

CAPITAL	\$	\$
Donations less expenses of appeal	197,094	
25% of Net Income from Investments	5,808	
		\$202,902
REPRESENTED BY INVESTMENTS		
Mortgages		180,000
CURRENT ASSETS		
B.O.E.M.A.R.	6,485	
Presbyterian Church (N.S.W.) Property Trust ...	30,520	
Accrued Interest	1,043	
	38,048	
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Il Sin Hospital for 75% 1976 Income	15,146	
		22,902
		\$202,902

REVENUE ACCOUNT

for Period from Inception in 1975, to 31st December, 1976

INTEREST RECEIVABLE		
Period ended 31/12/75	3,037	
Year ended 31/12/76	20,345	
		23,382
Less Management Fee		150
		\$23,232
DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:—		
75% payable to Il Sin Hospital	17,424	
25% transferred to capital	5,808	
		\$23,232

S. G. Edenborough,
1/6/77

