

***Biennial General Meeting (BGM) 2018***

Held at the 2018 Daring Conference

1pm - 3pm, Sunday 10 June 2018

Merthyr Road Uniting Church, Brisbane

M I N U T E S

1. **Welcome and constitution**

Co-convenor, Keith Gerard, welcomed members to the meeting, which was constituted with prayer.

1. **Attendance and apologies**

Please refer to the Attendance and apologies list. Keith specifically noted that the Co-Convenor for the past four years, Wendy Hendry, was unable to attend. Keith also noted the attendance of the Revd Lindsay Cullen, a National Consultant to the UCA Assembly.

1. **Approve Agenda**

An Agenda has been emailed to Daring registrants and IT WAS AGREED to follow that Agenda.

1. **Appointment of minutes secretary for the BGM**

IT WAS AGREED to appoint Warren Talbot as minutes secretary for the BGM.

1. **Executive report for 2016-18 – Co-Convenors**

Keith presented a verbal report to the meeting, including the following matters:

* Daring 2016 in Melbourne had had a large focus on between CALD communities, plus reflecting on marriage in the Uniting Church.
* Policy submission and meetings with Uniting World concerning LGBTIQ people and international development.
* Submissions to Government inquiries, including religious discrimination.
* Briefing papers and meetings with Assembly leaders in preparation for Assembly 2018.
* State groups participated in some local Pride events.
* Preparation for Assembly 2018.
* A new set of Open and Affirming resources, co-ordinated by the Revd Dr Rod Pattenden.

Keith thanked Executive members for their contributions, and noted that both he and Wendy would be standing down at this meeting.

IT WAS AGREED to receive the Report.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

The Treasurer, Melissa Krollig, reported on the financial situation as at 31 May 2018. The report showed a healthy closing balance of $5,958.00. It was expected that Daring 2018 would break even on costs. IT WAS AGREED to receive the Report.

1. **Membership fees for 2018-20**

IT WAS AGREED to leave membership fees at the levels of $10, and $20.

1. **Proposals from Daring 2014 for ongoing action by UNA**

Warren had sent to members a list of actions agreed at Daring 2014, the majority of which had not been acted on.

1. **Uniting Church Assembly – July 2018**

There was a brief discussion of the Assembly meeting, though it had been canvassed extensively throughout the conference, including in a well-attended workshop. It was noted that a number of Executive members will be attending as Assembly members.

1. **Elections**

Following nominations, the following people were declared to be elected by applause.

Co-Convenors: Hannah Reeve and the Revd Peter Weeks

Secretary: Jason Masters and Warren Talbot as co-secretaries until June 2019, when Jason will become the secretary.

Treasurer: Melissa Krollig

Executive members: Revd Chris Holden, Revd Dr Margaret Mayman, Ken Moala, Pastor Carolyn Moore, Riki Owens-Bennett.

Archivist: The Revd Dr Robert Stringer

Web-weaver: Damien Stevens

Open and Affirming Congregations – it had been suggested that one person on the Executive should be appointed to focus on the renewed move for Open and Affirming Congregations. This matter was left to the new Executive.

1. **Register of financial members**

The need for such as register was discussed, and IT WAS AGREED to refer the matter to the new Executive.

1. **Daring 2020**

Following discussion IT WAS AGREED that Adelaide members would consult *Unity SA* and report back to the Executive on hosting Daring 2020.

Various themes were discussed as was the idea of having a Daring conference hold in a regional centre.

1. **2018 Daring statement**

Jason presented the Daring Statement which had been drafted by a sub-group. A number of comments and suggested changes were made from members.

IT WAS AGREED that Jason would revise the statement, circulate the revised statement, and following approval by the Executive it would be distributed widely including on the UNA website.

1. **Various thanks**

Keith facilitated a number of presentations to thank people for their various contributions:

Guest speakers: Revd Dr Jo Inkpin, Yamana Brown – for outstanding leadership in biblical, theological and contemporary discussions.

Merthyr Road Uniting: Revd Murray Fysh, staff members and volunteers – for venue planning and hosting, Sunday morning worship, superb hospitality, and support.

Executive members: Keith Gerard, Revd Ben Gilmour, Wendy Hendry (as retiring members), and Warren Talbot (secretary).

1. **Close**

The meeting closed at approximately 3.15 pm, and following a short break, the last shared activity of Daring 2018 was a service of worship led by the Revd Clare Brockett.

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Warren Talbot  
BGM Minutes Secretary