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Annual General Meeting of General Council

Saturday 27 October 2018, 8.45am for 9am start - 1pm

Anglican Church of St Philip, 294 Brighton Road, North Brighton

AGENDA

Relationships, Renewal and Reform on the Ecumenical Journey...



8.45am Registration

9am

1. Prayer led by Anglican Church of St Philip

9.30am

2. Welcome, Introductions & Sharing of Stories Part 1: Anglican Church of St Philip

10am

3. Annual General Meeting

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes & Business Arising:

- 3.1.1 Minutes of AGM: Saturday 21 October 2017, Happy Valley Church of Christ, Aberfoyle Park (Minutes already distributed – copy at www.sacc.asn.au)
- 3.1.2 Minutes of the General Meeting: 28 April 2018 on the Gawler train (Minutes already distributed – copy at www.sacc.asn.au)

3.2 Sharing of Stories - Part 2: SACC Reports July 2017 – June 2018

Reports as attached to accompanying email - please read beforehand. Any questions to authors, contact sacc1@picknowl.com.au

- 3.2.1 President
- 3.2.2 Ecumenical Facilitator/Executive Officer
- 3.2.3 Standing Committees
 - i. Community for Ecumenical Learning
 - ii. Community for Local Ecumenism (*to follow*)
 - iii. Ecumenical Partners for Justice and Peace
- 3.2.4 Auditor's Report (*to follow*)
- 3.2.5 Finance Report (*to follow*)

3.3 Appointments, Nominations and Elections

To note: Member Churches have been invited to make appointments from November 2018-AGM November 2019. This is due the consultation process that is under way and which will form part of Item 5.

Details for the following will be distributed prior to the meeting.

3.3.1 Election of Officers for 2019: President, Vice-Presidents [2] & Treasurer

3.3.2 Election of one Ecumenical Delegate from General Council to Executive Committee to December 2020

3.3.3 Appointment of Auditor for 2018/19

3.4 Other Business

3.4.1 Other AGM items for discussion (please advise sacc1@picknowl.com.au)

End of AGM

10.40am-10.45am

4. Sharing of Stories - Part 3: Helen Beeby, Relationships Fundraising Partner, NCCA Act for Peace

10.45am-11.10am Morning Tea – *with time to chat with Helen - and with one another*

11.10am

5. Sharing of Stories - Part 4: Consultation on encounter, conversation, collaboration and learning, in the way of Receptive Ecumenism (see Appendix A: context & focus question)

12.45pm

6. Dates, venues and themes of General Council Meetings 2019
Are there key dates in your denomination of which SACC should be aware?

7. Review, followed by Closing Blessing

- What have I learned...what will I do differently...?
- What story/image will I communicate to others about today's gathering ...?
- What steps will I take within my Church...with whom do I need to speak ...?



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### **Appendix A**

Item 5

#### **Consultation on encounter, conversation, collaboration and learning, in the way of Receptive Ecumenism**

Several Member Churches have recently expressed the desire for:

- a. more intentional and purposeful encounter and conversation with one another;
- b. a spirit of collegiality, collaboration and learning amongst and from one another;
- c. using wherever possible the process of Receptive Ecumenism.

The potential is for renewal and reform, both within as well as across the Churches, leading to more authentic flourishing of all in the Way of Christ, and so a deeper manifestation of our unity in Christ.

Especially, the Churches named the following as areas for such encounter, conversation, collaboration and learning:

- 1) Neighbourhood arena especially responding to:
  - a. Multi/Cultural – people as migrants/refugee experience (fluidity of boundaries)
  - b. New and Renewal focus, including church planting (renewing, not survival)

- c. Importance of relationships/size of community
- d. Young people (strong and passionate movement; school focus growth/formation/principles; camps and other state-wide gatherings)
- e. Leadership models – ecumenical disposition.

2) Social Justice (people using their voice)

In order for SACC to respond more fully to these expressed desires, an ‘easing’ and reshaping of some of the existing SACC relationships and structures needs to occur.

To assist SACC Council and Committees in considering these matters, SACC Executive has appointed a Consultation Working Party (CWP):

1. John Littleton (Anglican, SACC President)
2. Marie Loller (Catholic, SACC Vice-President)
3. Doug Walladge (Churches of Christ, SACC Vice-President)
4. Peter Burke (Anglican, Chair of SACC Executive)
5. Geraldine Hawkes (SACC Ecumenical Facilitator): ex-officio

The role of the CWP is to consult widely with a view to making recommendations for consideration by General Council (by May 2019 at latest) on any reshaping to enhance the capacity of SACC to respond to the expressed needs and interests of the Member Churches.

**Focus Question for General Council**

The CWP invites you to consider what encounters, conversations, collaboration, or learning would your denomination need, or seek, in relation to:

- a. Neighbourhood/Local Church
- b. Social Justice

so that there may be deeper and more authentic flourishing in the way of Christ.



The text in my photograph album says: ‘Sculpture in Abbey Gardens, Bury St Edmunds. "Godspeed V", created as a vision of hope and speaks of pilgrimage and journey.

*Doug Walladge  
SACC Vice-President*

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Anglican Church of Australia - Diocese of Adelaide and Diocese of Willochra; Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide and Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie; Churches of Christ in SA/NT; Coptic Orthodox Church-Diocese of Melbourne and Affiliated Regions; Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia – District of SA & NT; Lutheran Church of Australia - SA/NT District; Religious Society of Friends SA/NT Regional Meeting; Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of Australia/New Zealand – SA Parish;

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