

PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT CHURCH COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF CHURCH COUNCILS

At its meeting on 29 June 2010, the Network Coordinating Committee of the Banyule Network of Uniting Churches agreed to the circulation to Church Councils of the attached proposal for establishing a joint Church Council for the Banyule Network of Uniting Churches. It also agreed to circulate the recommendations set out below for consideration and endorsement by Tuesday 3 August which is the date of the next meeting of the Network Coordinating Committee.

That the Network Coordinating Committee of the Banyule Network of Uniting Churches: -

1. asks the Yarra Yarra Presbytery to establish a Joint Church Council (JCC) for the Banyule Network of Uniting Churches under Regulation 3.1.12(e);
2. establish that the membership of the JCC will be comprised of all ministers in placement within the Network, a treasurer appointed by the JCC and two elected representatives from each Network congregation. The JCC may also appoint no more than two co-opted members with specific gifts important to the work of the Council;
3. agrees that the JCC will have responsibility to coordinate the mission planning, ministry placements and management of financial and property resources of the congregations, recognising that 'beneficial use' of property will remain with congregations;
4. recommends that the JCC establish a system, with Presbytery approval, for the coordination of the management of financial and property resources within the Network;
5. recommends that each Network congregation elect a Local Leaders' Meeting who will be responsible for the life and mission of the congregation.

Depending on support being given to this proposal by Network Church Councils, the Network Coordinating Committee will forward the proposal to Presbytery for approval following its meeting on 3 August 2010.