

## ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMISSION

13.14 The Assembly Standing Commission is constituted as a Standing Commission which is permanent and continuing in terms of para 13.1(a).

13.15 The Assembly Standing Committee's membership shall be as follows: The Moderator of General Assembly (as chair), the Immediate Former Moderator, the Moderator Designate, the General Secretary, the Clerk of Assembly (as Secretary), the General Treasurer, three ministers and three elders elected by every Assembly through the normal nomination process. The term of office of the Standing Committee shall be the period between meetings of the General Assembly.

13.16 The rules contained in 13.2 to 13.7, and 13.21 to 13.23 and 13.25, pertaining to membership, Moderator and Clerk, General Assembly's powers of referral, reporting, the AARP's supervision, quorum, power to convene and reporting apply.

13.17 The Assembly Standing Commission shall have the following Terms of Reference:

- (a) to monitor the implementation of the Strategic plan of the UPCSA as provided and agreed by the General Assembly;
- (b) to monitor and report on the extent to which Assembly committees and Presbyteries are actively aligning themselves with the strategic plan of the UPCSA;
- (c) to monitor and evaluate the implementation of decisions of the General Assembly;
- (d) to monitor and seek to promote the smooth functioning of Presbyteries;
- (e) to address and attend to situations where information is received that a Presbytery might be in an unsatisfactory state;
- (f) to attend to urgent business that may arise between the meetings of the General Assembly or Executive Commission. Such business includes the following:
  - i. Developments that may impact adversely on the workings of the UPCSA such as changes in the political and socioeconomic spheres;
  - ii. Developments that may hinder the General Assembly from sitting in person;
  - iii. Responses to issues that may be raised by the ecumenical movements that the UPCSA is affiliated to (in consultation with the Ecumenical Relations committee);
  - iv. Nominations of UPCSA members to serve in senior positions in ecumenical movements (in consultation with Ecumenical Relations Committee) or appointments at a Theological Faculty where the UPCSA is a partner (in consultation with the Ministry Committee). These appointments must be reported in full to the subsequent sitting of General Assembly or Executive Commission.
- (g) to approve Public Statements on the position of the UPCSA on issues of political, economic, social, and spiritual importance (in consultation with Church in Society or other appropriate Assembly Committee).

13.18 The Assembly Standing Commission may carry out its duties in the period between meetings of the General Assembly in accordance with its Terms of Reference but is subject to the following provisos: