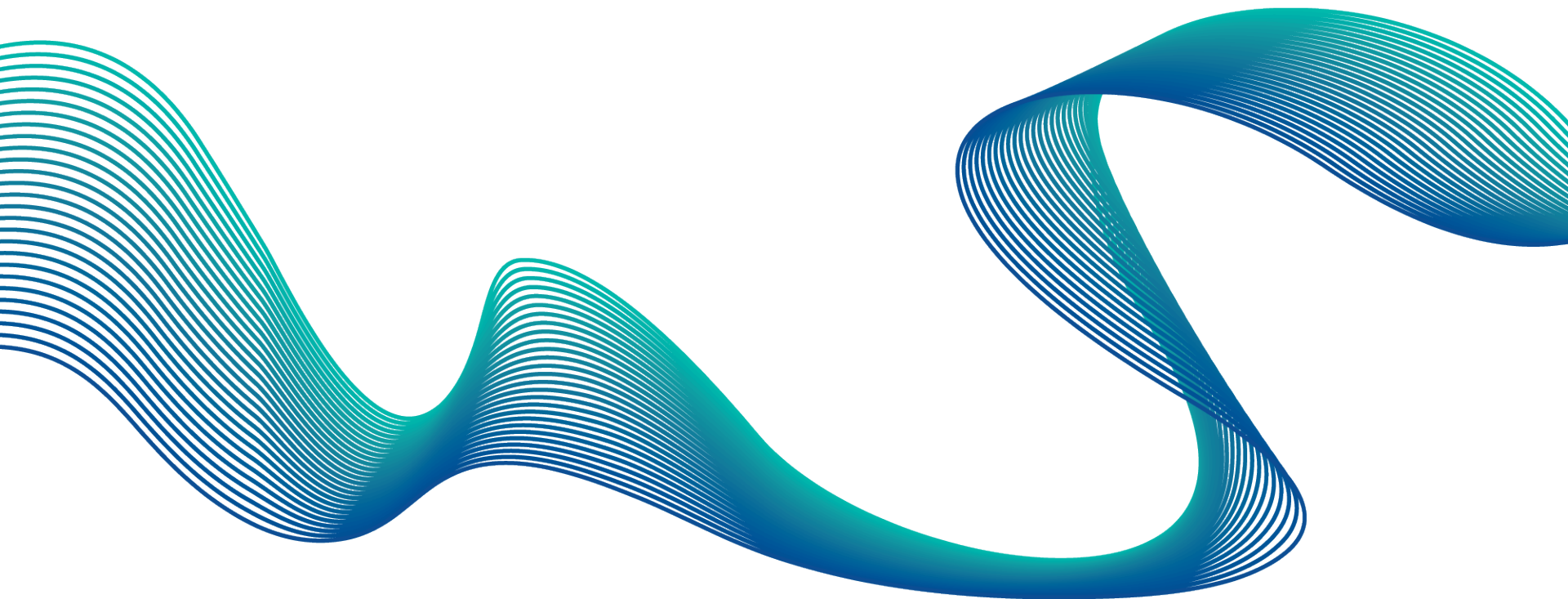




Teaching on Stewardship

October 2018



STEWARDSHIP

Overview

- Definitions
- Importance
- Video (5min)
- Types



STEWARDSHIP

Our theological view is that humans are responsible for the world, and should take care of it. We are charged with utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the betterment of His creation.

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.*

(Psalm 24:1)



STEWARDSHIP

Genesis 39:4-6

So Joseph found favour in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge. It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the LORD'S blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field.

So he left everything he owned in Joseph's charge; and with him there he did not concern himself with anything





Why important

Australian Law Perspective:

The laws that govern organisations require that each organisation is accountable to its 'owners' *(in the case of the Church, that is our members)*.

Each organisation must have a representative body of members willing and able to fulfil duties of care, loyalty and diligence in protection of entities name and societies expectations.



Uniting Church perspective:

“The Uniting Church recognises that responsibility for government in the Church belongs to the people of God by virtue of the gifts and tasks which God has laid upon them.

The Uniting Church therefore so organises its life that...government will be entrusted to representatives, men and women, bearing the gifts and graces with which God has endowed them for the building up of the Church.”

BoU paragraph 15



Uniting Church perspective:

“The Uniting Church acknowledges that Christ alone is supreme in his Church, and that he may speak to it through any of its councils. It is the task of every council to wait upon God’s Word, and to obey God’s will in the matters allocated to its oversight.”

BoU paragraph 15b





uniting
church
Sydney Presbytery

10 Reasons why Boards Fail

Video Case study

Point to note

**Most of these “failings” are a
due to a lack of some form of
stewardship**

Four key rights of Council Member

- 1. The right to know**
- 2. The right to be heard**
- 3. The right to seek advice**
- 4. The right to delegate**

Types of Stewardship

- People
- Property
- Finances





People Stewardship



- Hear God's Word
- Celebrate the sacraments
- Encourage one another
- Serve the world
- Issue a call for a Ministry Agent

- Spiritual oversight over the Congregation
- A board of governance with legal, financial and practical responsibilities. (***Stewardship***)
- Building the Congregation in faith and love
- Discerning the Spirit of God



The Church Council is responsible for:

- The finances of the Congregation
- Appointing people to paid and unpaid roles
- Managing the property
- Approving activities carried out in the name of the Congregation
- Ensuring that the church is a safe place

These all are examples of good stewardship



His master replied,
'Well done, my good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of many things.

Matthew 25:21



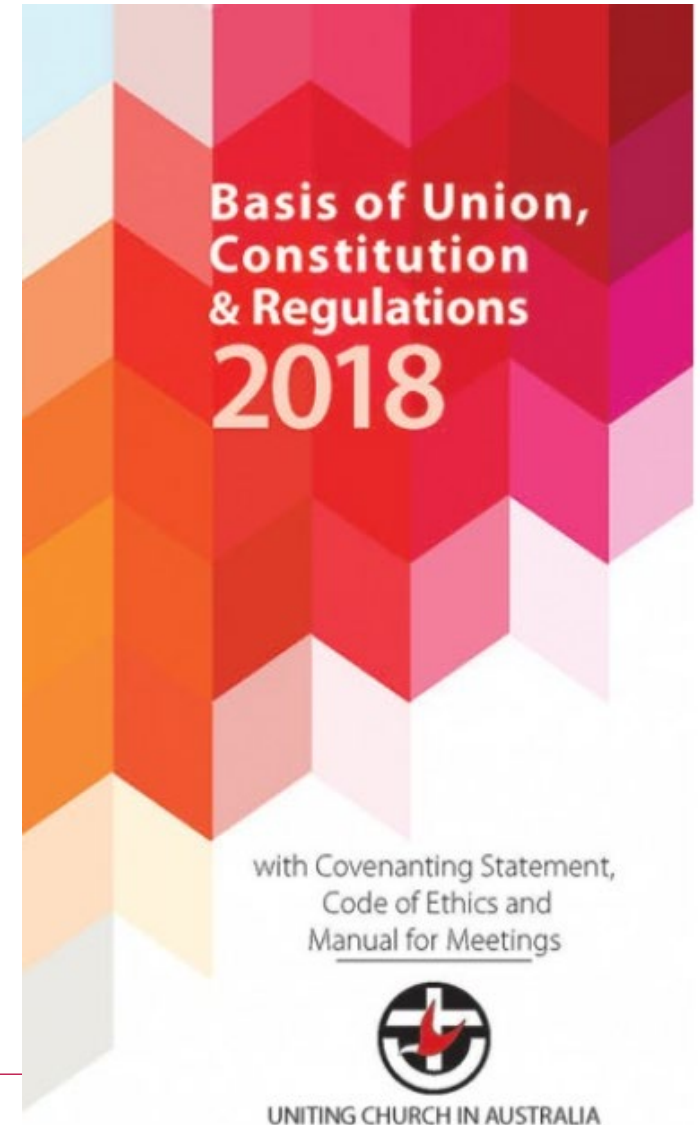
People Reg References

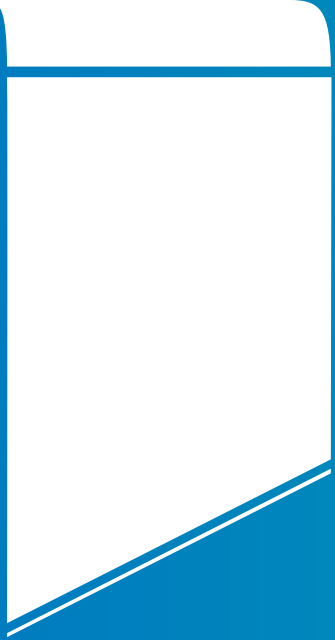
3.1 – Responsibilities of Congregations and Councils

3.7.1 Committees

3.5 – Meetings

3.6 - Officers of Councils





Property Stewardship

Property Stewardship

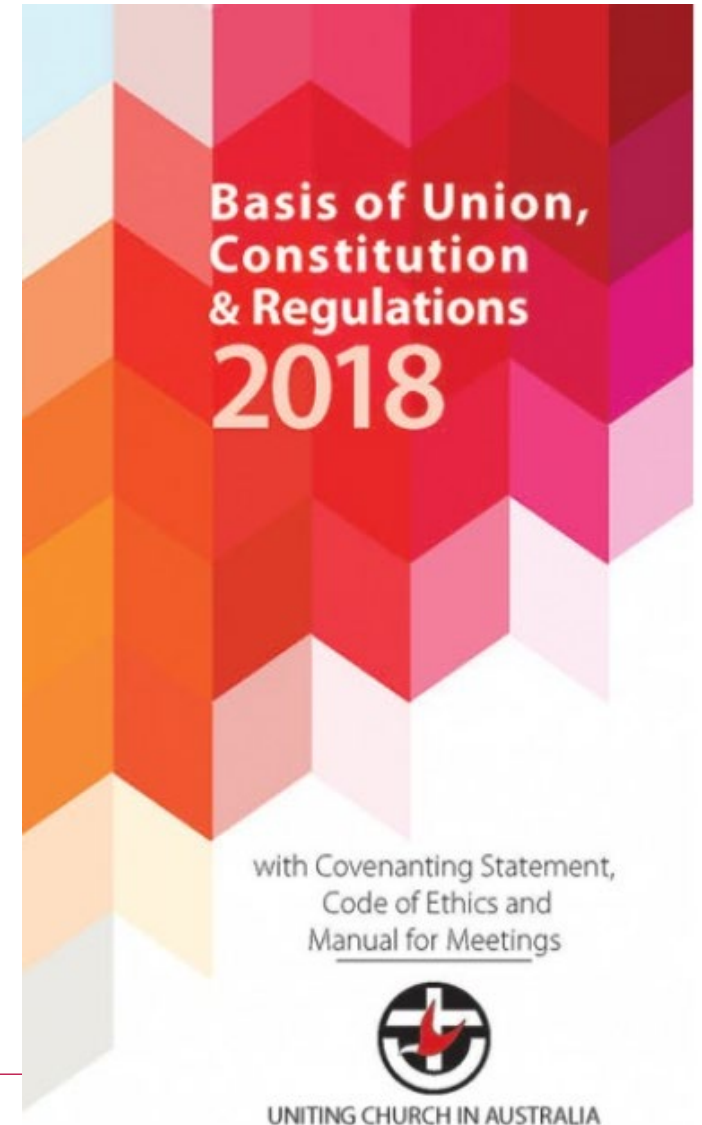
- Annual Maintenance plans
- Input into the Annual Budget
- Pricing policies for hire and use
- Prompt payment of insurance
- Key register / loan register
- Financial delegations for R&M
 - E.g. Treasurer allowed to approve anything under \$1,000

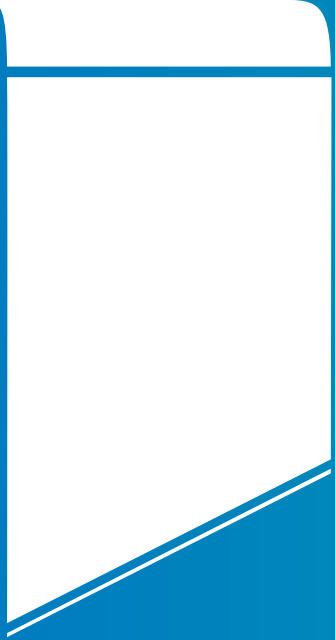


Property Reg References

4.4.1 – Property

4.4.3 – Annual Property Review





Financial Stewardship

Financial Stewardship

One of the most challenging components of the duties and responsibilities of a Council

- Having a very clear mission to drive decision making, action and activity
- Creating policies that provide concise guidelines for operational activities



Financial Stewardship

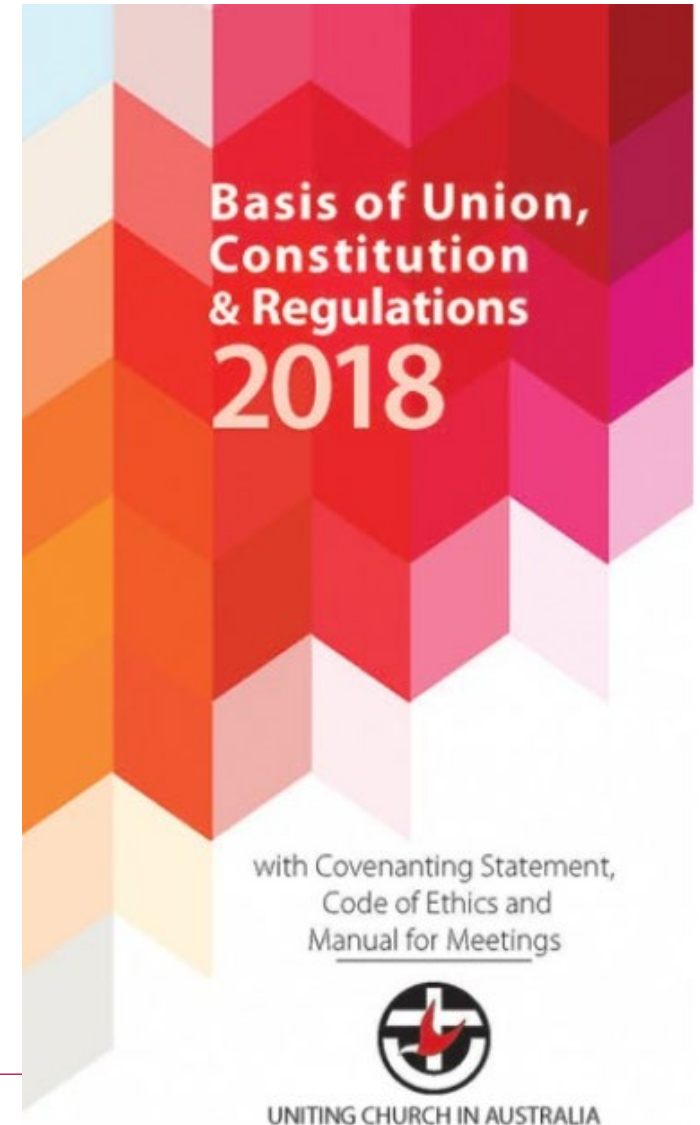
- Being able to produce an annual budget to assess performance
- Knowing what type of reports to present to church council
- Having the ability to understand the financial reports




Financial Reg References

3.8.7 – Accounting and Audit – Books of Accounts


- Banking Signatories
- Annual Presentation and Budgets





If you are unclear about or struggling with any part of today's presentations ask and seek help.

You are all an important part of Sydney Presbytery and the wider Church, and there are many who would be happy to help and continue journeying with you



**Whatever you do, work heartily,
as for the Lord and not for men,
knowing that from the Lord you
will receive the inheritance as
your reward.**

You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)