



Annual General Meeting of General Council Saturday 14 November 2015, 9am* – 1pm St Spyridon's Greek Orthodox Church, 50 Oxford Tce, Unley

AGENDA

***Arrival & Start Time:**

You are welcome to arrive at the Church for prayer from 8am, or at SACC usual start time of 9am...please enter the Church quietly and reverently if the service is already under way.

November 14th is the feast day of St Gregory of Palamas and there is a service scheduled for that day at St Spyridon's. Fr Jeremy has written: *It is appropriate that we host this meeting on his feast day because St Gregory Palamas in many ways epitomises the distinctive theology of the Orthodox Church vis-a-vis most western churches. This service starts at around 8:00am and finishes at around 10:00-10:30. It is usually mostly in Greek, but given we know that there will be English-speaking visitors coming we will make sure to use a fair bit of English too.*

People from across the Churches are welcome – please extend an invitation!
All RSVPs to Melanie Macrow or Geraldine Hawkes sacc@picknowl.com.au

Prayer in the Church will be followed by the Meeting, including registration & morning tea

1. **Sharing of Stories: Part 1:** Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia - we are delighted to be hosted by our sisters and brothers in Christ as we listen now to their story.
Nurturing a disposition where we may learn or receive with integrity from our various others to facilitate our growth together into deepened communion...
2. **Annual General Meeting & Welcome** especially to any who are here for their first AGM
 - 2.1 Confirmation of Minutes [already distributed]:
 - 2.1.1 AGM held on 15 November 2014 at St Mary and Anba Bishoy Coptic Orthodox Church, Cowandilla
 - 2.1.2 General Meeting held on 9 May 2015 at the Cathedral Church of Sts Peter & Paul, Port Pirie [Anglican Diocese of Willochra]
 - 2.2 **Discussion and Adoption of Reports** for July 2014 to June 2015 [see attached]
 - 2.2.1 President
 - 2.2.2 Ecumenical Facilitator/Executive Officer

2.2.3 Standing Committees for

i. Ecumenical Learning

ii. Local Ecumenism

iii. Christian World Service

2.2.4 Auditor's Report

2.2.5 Budget 2015/16 recommended for acceptance [see attached] + Finance Report

2.3 **Appointments and Elections** – see Nominations Form to follow

2.3.1 Election of Officers: President & Vice-Presidents (2) for 2016

2.3.2 Election of one Ecumenical Delegate from General Council to Executive Committee to December 2017

2.3.3 Appointment of Auditor for 2016

2.4 **Other Business**

2.4.1 Other items for discussion at AGM [please notify Geraldine Hawkes as soon as possible sacc1@picknowl.com.au]

2.4.2 Dates, venues, themes of General Council Meetings 2016

3. **Sharing of Stories Part 2 - SACC Priority 1: Formation and Education for Leadership in Ecumenism in the Spirit of Christ**

<p>Responses to the following questions from the Member Churches are due on 9 October and will be collated and distributed after that.</p>

Q 1: In what ways is your Church in SA **shaping and developing ecumenical consciousness and leadership**, formally and informally, through congregations, parishes, ministry formation, church agencies, schools, ecumenical organisations?

Q 2: What more do you hope for in this regard?

Q 3: What steps might be possible?

Q 4: With whom might these steps be taken?

4. **Review**

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

5. **Conclusion and Blessing** [close 1pm]