



# Presbyterian Church of Queensland

## State Moderator-Elect

369 Boundary Street, SPRING HILL QLD 4000

PO Box 1351, MILTON QLD 4064

P: 07 3106 3266 F: 07 3106 3267

ABN 43 015 755 489

Our ref: RecPresentApr22

Date: 7 April 2022

## Update on the Receivers' Report

The receivers appointed by the Queensland Supreme Court to preserve and maintain the assets of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland, Michael Owen and Philip Carter from PriceWaterhouseCoopers, lodged their report last Friday morning and then provided a copy to the Letters Patent Officers (our Moderator, Assembly Clerk, and Treasurer).

It's a mammoth set of documents. The Letters Patent Officers spent the following days reviewing the documents with input from the Church's solicitor.

The report underscored the complexity of the situation, and that there are likely to be substantial challenges facing us, especially around the legal structure of the denomination. At the same time, this report provides some confidence to us about the future ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland through our local congregations.

On Monday night, the Receivers gave a presentation to a special meeting of the Assembly, where they summarised their findings and answered questions from Assembly Commissioners, i.e., ministers and representative elders from each charge.

Whilst this is not the completion of the receivership, it is a significant step, where the Assembly gained greater clarity about the Receivers' recommendations to the Court.

As we flagged last week there are aspects of this report that will be held confidential until the court makes some decisions about what will be released publicly and what will be held in private. We anticipate that the court will make this determination in the very near future, and we plan to provide the public report to the Session and CoM of each PCQ church, all Assembly Committees, and other interested parties.

We ask you to please join us in thanking God for the work of the Receivers' and their team, and praying for the Court as it deliberates on these matters. Please pray too for the PCQ representatives that they might continue to act with integrity in this process, and in a way that adorns the Gospel and brings glory to God.

Yours sincerely in Christ

(Rev) Andrew Purcell  
PCQ Moderator-Elect