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PRESBYTERY OF TASMANIA

DRIVING POLICY

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Purpose:

Travel across the state is a necessary part of the role for ministers in placements and presbytery ministry workers. There are also many lay people who contribute in various ways to the life of the church who travel as a result of such activities. The presbytery wishes that such travel be undertaken in a safe manner. The policy is to be reviewed two yearly.

Details:

The Presbytery

- encourages the sharing of vehicles and driving responsibilities,
- expects that drivers and passengers will adhere to all legislative requirements
- emphasises that safety is of paramount importance, and must take precedence over arriving on time.

In order to fulfil these expectations:

- ◆ Do not drive if you have a health condition that may put you or others at risk. If you are taking medication that makes you feel drowsy you should avoid driving.
- ◆ Plan your schedule to minimize driver fatigue. This means taking appropriate breaks. It is suggested that a break of 15 minutes is taken at least every two hours.
- ◆ When you feel tired, stop in a safe place and have a drink. A power nap of 10-30 minutes or a driver swap are the best ways to deal with serious fatigue.
- ◆ Avoid driving during hours when people would normally be asleep Under no circumstances should you drive if you have not slept in the past 17 hours.
- ◆ Whilst it is recognised that evening meetings will be necessary, as far as practical these are to remain regional in nature. When attending evening meetings, consider overnight accommodation to avoid driving longer distances late at night.
- ◆ Schedules should be arranged so that driving days are mixed with days in which there is little or no driving.
- ◆ Adjust your driving speed to suit the road conditions. Allow for roadwork or hazardous conditions which will make journeys slower.
- ◆ The use of mobile phones when travelling should be minimized. It is strongly recommended that drivers pull over to engage in significant conversations.

- ◆ Take all appropriate steps to ensure that vehicles are properly maintained.

Responsibility:

The Standing Committee

Monitoring Evaluation and Review

Standing Committee to review every two years

Attachments:

Nil