



COMMENCING MEETINGS WITH RECOGNITION of PRIOR ABORIGINAL OWNERSHIP of LAND

EIGHTH ASSEMBLY, UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
Resolution 97.33.14

97.33.14 The Assembly resolved:

- (a) to adopt the policy of commencing all meetings of the Assembly with a recognition of prior Aboriginal ownership of the land and the sacredness of the place; such recognition could include a welcome by local Aboriginal land-owners or it could be as brief as a statement by the chairperson at the beginning of the meeting, saying, "I wish to pay respects to the Aboriginal people of this place and particularly those who have cared for this part of the land from time immemorial.";
- (b) to recommend synods and presbyteries adopt a similar practice.