

Working Together

The shape of how we do things in our community

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10. Wider Church Liaison

Enabling

VISION - Our vision is to be a God-centred, caring, worshipping and outward looking Christian community.

MISSION - Our mission is to be the body of Christ which:

- **Proclaims the reign of God** through worship, education, evangelism and justice activities.
- **Show signs of the reign of God** through activities, which care for people who are outcast and disadvantaged, build the fabric of the wider community, and care for the earth.
- **Lives by example, the reign of God** through the way members meet together, share in fellowship, pastorally care, pray and work.

VALUES - These five concept statements framed the Renewal Process and continue to underpin the ministry & mission of our congregation through the Strategic Plan:

1. **We gather for worship**
2. **We welcome all**
3. **We care for our congregation**
4. **We care for others**
5. **We reflect and envisage**

These **Roles & Responsibilities** are the **fourth level** of the package and describe the ministry and/or mission of the named committee, group or individual as indicated in the Level 3 Church Council & Committees Guidelines acknowledging the Value Statement addressed.

Why

We care for others

We reflect & envisage

The Brunswick Uniting Church has as its vision ‘to be a God-centred, worshipping and outward looking Christian community’.

As a Christian community we acknowledged the many ways in which we are linked to the wider church. In particular we share our property with the Brunswick Indonesian Uniting Church congregation and seek to build and strengthen our relationship with our sister congregation.

Further as a congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia we are in relationship with our Presbytery - Port Philip West, the Synod of Victoria & Tasmania and the National Assembly.

As a congregation worshipping in the suburb of Brunswick we share a strong ecumenical relationship with the St. Ambrose Catholic, Christ Church Anglican, Sydney Rd. Baptists and Salvation Army congregations.

The Moreland City Council has established an Inter-Faith network which meets regularly for dialogue between people of different faiths.

Who

- Minister
- BIUC Liaison person
- Presbytery Representatives

When

- Minister -
 - Ecumenical meetings as required
 - Presbytery meetings
- Presbytery Representatives – Presbytery (4th Saturday even bi-monthly, 10am) meetings

What

- Strengthen our relationship with Brunswick Indonesian Uniting Church Congregation.
- Maintain involvement with wider Christian community.
- Maintain and develop links with the
 - Synod and Presbytery
 - Local ecumenical congregations
 - Church worldwide

How

1. Brunswick Indonesian UC

The two congregations worship together on the 5th Sunday of the month on three of the four occasions when this occurs. Worship alternates between the morning & evening congregations' times. The minister and a member of the worship committee meet with members of the BIUC congregation to plan the worship service.

2. Ecumenical

The minister meets regularly with leaders of other Christian denominations in our immediate neighbourhood. One of the tasks of this network is to plan our ecumenical gatherings which include: Palm Sunday Walk and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity worship on Pentecost Sunday. *These events will be publicized during Notices and in the Olive Press & Olive Branch.*

3. Presbytery

Presbytery meetings are held six times a year. All congregations are required to provide a representative who will attend the meetings and participate on a committee of the Presbytery. The minister also attends these meetings. *Events of interest to the congregation will be publicized as appropriate.*

4. Synod

The Synod of Victoria & Tasmania meets on an 18 month cycle. All congregations are invited to nominate a representative to attend these meetings where reports and proposals are received & discussed. *Events of interest to the congregation will be publicized as appropriate.*

5. Interfaith

Inter-faith gatherings are run by the Moreland City Council. The minister attends these meetings where possible. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend these gatherings.