

Working Together

The shape of how we do things in our community

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5. Discipleship & Education Committee

Doing

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

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 worship**
- 2. **We welcome all**
- 3. **We care for each other & nurture our faith**
- 4. **We engage with the local and global community**
- 5. **We enable the ministries of our church**

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 each other and nurture our faith

The Discipleship & Education committee oversees opportunities for adult Christian education and deepening of discipleship at Brunswick Uniting. This is built upon the premise that as Christians we are always seeking to deepen our faith in God; both at the personal relational level and our knowledge and understanding of God and the Bible as we endeavour to have an intelligent and world engaging Christian faith.

Discipleship and Christian education happens in a variety of ways. The primary focus will be small groups for Bible study/discussion. Some groups may have an ongoing life and meet weekly/fortnightly for regular Bible study while others may be for a short specified period, perhaps linked to the liturgical season or a particular theme or book of the Bible. At times our educational explorations will include issues of power, justice and inclusivity.

Other options include one off gatherings, perhaps with a visiting speaker (or someone from our own congregation); men's or women's groups or a weekend away; publicizing events other churches or community groups are holding to the congregation.

Who

The Discipleship and Education committee reports directly to the Church Council.

Membership includes

- the minister, and
- at least one other member of the Church Council,
- others with interest or expertise.

When

as required

What

Members of the Discipleship & Education committee will take responsibility for the following areas:

- Identify needs and facilitate offering of activities.
- Provide opportunities for people in the congregation to share & grow in faith.
- Ensure that OH&S and Child Safety Requirements are addressed as outlined in the [Event Hosting Checklist](#)

How

The key tasks of the Discipleship & Education committee include:

1. Research interests & needs

Engage with the congregation to determine interest & needs in relation to study & small group life.

2. Maintain & publicize a calendar of events

Inform the congregation about what groups and opportunities are available, where there may be need for new options and endeavour to address these issues.

3. Provide leadership

Provide or organise leadership for study & fellowship groups.

4. Provide appropriate resources

Research and provide appropriate resources for groups and individuals.

Also provide support for participants to attend groups and events.

5. Liaise with other committees

It is expected this group would keep in touch with the worship committee to explore possibilities for reinforcing themes at certain times of the year. It will also be important to communicate with the pastoral care committee if topics that are of a more pastoral nature were being planned (i.e. grief, parenting, forgiveness and anger).