**Community Team**

August 2021

# Vision

*Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.* (Acts 2:46-47)

The Pastoral Care Ministry of Community is about providing connection points so that people can be pastorally cared for and care for others in congregational life.

This happens by:

* building community and developing relationships
* responding to interests and needs
* nurturing and encouraging opportunities for pastoral interactions through new and existing groups and programs

# Role and responsibilities of the team

* Keeping an overview of the group life of the congregation and identifying gaps
* Acknowledging and celebrating what's happening in the group/community life of the congregation
* Surveying the pastoral needs of the congregation
* Initiating new groups, programs or seminars to respond to particular needs in liaison with other relevant committees (e.g. Discipleship and Education, Children Youth and Young Adults, Justice and Mission, Worship)
* Planning and coordinating events which bring people together
* Overseeing the church camp
* Become familiar with and work within the UCA Code of Ethics
* Become familiar with and work within the BUC Culture of Safety policy
* Attend orientation and training sessions provided for the team
* Attend regular team meetings

# Meetings- Members to:

* Attend bi-monthly meetings
* Attend bi-annual Joint meetings of all pastoral care teams

# Reporting Requirements

* The Community Ministry reports to the Pastoral Care Oversight Committee (one member of the team is on the Pastoral Care Oversight Committee)

# Volunteer Characteristics

* A good organiser
* Creative
* A big picture person
* Mission focused
* People who are involved in the life of the church
* Ability to delegate (you don't have to be able to 'move the tables' or 'design invitations', you do need to be able to help find people who can)
* Willingness to help create and coordinate events like community lunches, cafe style morning teas and triple letter dinners
* Available to attend meetings and training
* Obtain an up-to-date Working with Children Check (WWCC)