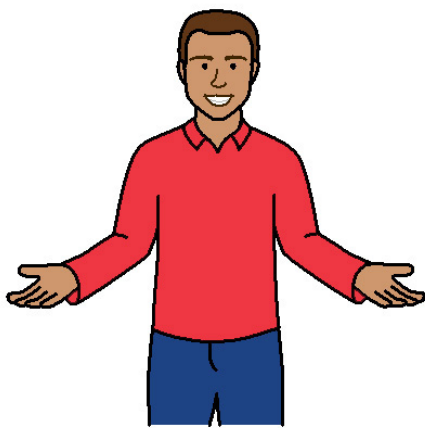




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How we welcome people with disability and their families

Uniting Church in Australia



Easy English

Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone you trust to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about
- find more information.



Someone you trust might be

- family or a friend
- someone from your church.

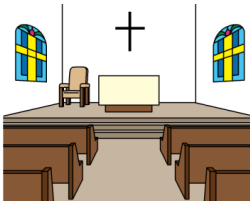
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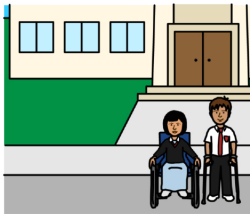
This book is written by the Uniting Church in Australia.

This book is about how we will welcome and support people with disabilities and their families in our

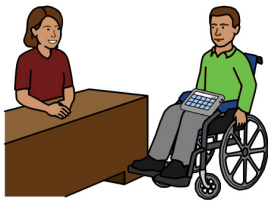
- church



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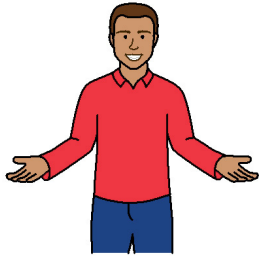


- services



- communities.





We know that Christ wants us to welcome and accept all people as they are.

All people are created in the image of God.

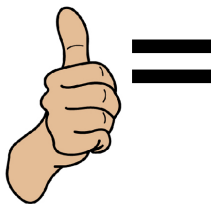


This includes people with disability.

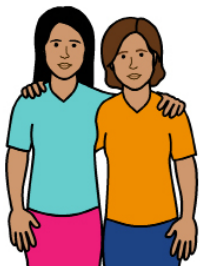


God wants everyone to

- have peace



- be treated fairly



- love others.

What we know

There is a **Royal Commission** about issues that affect people with disability.



A Royal Commission means the government made a group to find out about issues that are very important to everyone in the country.



People with disability have been part of the Royal Commission.



The Royal Commission will help everyone to know what they must do to make sure people with disability

- feel part of their community
- get the support they need
- have their human rights met.





You can tell the Royal Commission if you are **not** happy about how you have been treated.

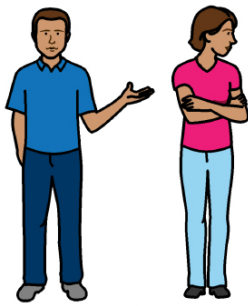
You can tell the Royal Commission about bad things that have happened to you.

For example



- **abuse**

or



- **neglect.**

Abuse means someone hurts you.

Neglect means you do **not** get the care you need.



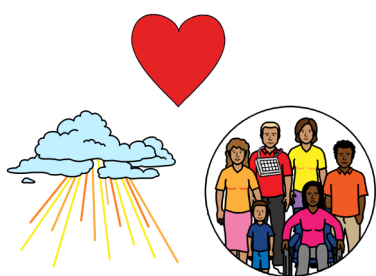
Go to the website to tell your story.

[https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/
share-your-story](https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/share-your-story)

What the Uniting Church wants to do

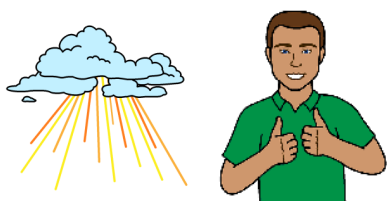


We say sorry for the times when we might **not** have shown the best care for people with disability.



We know that

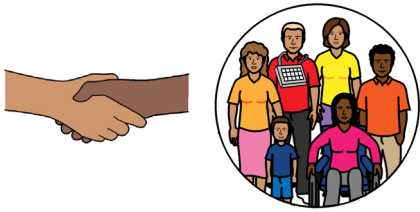
- God loves everyone



- God wants us to live good lives



- everyone wants to be valued and respected for who they are.



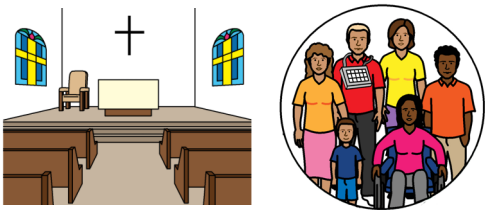
We have **values** that will make sure we work to support people with disability to live in a fair and **inclusive** community.



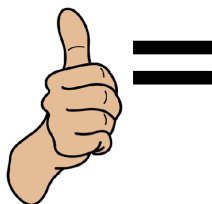
Values are things and ideas we know are important to us and our community.



Inclusive means everyone can be a part of something.



We want to make sure our church is inclusive for people with disability.



We want to make sure people with disability are treated fairly.



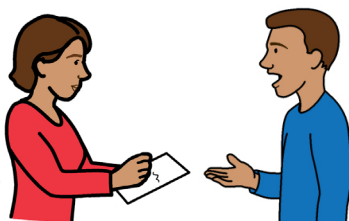
We want to support people with disability in our community to make sure they get the same rights as others.



We want to make sure our disability services care for people in the best way.



We want to work with people with disability and their families to make sure disability does **not** stop them from doing what makes them happy.



We will make sure we always get better at meeting the needs of people and communities that we serve.

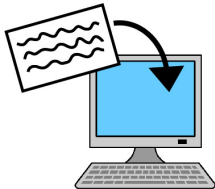
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