



A Placement Profile

A1 Presbytery	Port Phillip East Presbytery	
A2 Name of Placement	Mulgrave Uniting church	
A3 Placement city/suburb/town	Mulgrave, Victoria	
A4 Church/Office location(s)	62 Wanda Street Mulgrave 3170	
A5 Congregations and agencies associated with this placement	As above	
A6 Ministry leadership being sought	Specific ministry role:	<input type="text"/>
	Minister of the Word <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deacon <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry of Pastor <input type="checkbox"/>

A7 Specific details	Ordinand <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Additional placement <input type="checkbox"/>	Replacement placement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Full Time <input type="checkbox"/>	Part Time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time fraction <input type="text" value="0.4-0.5-negotiable"/>
	Earliest Start Date:	1/01/2025	

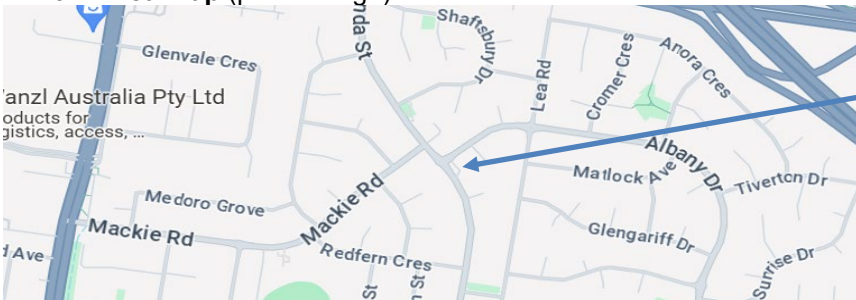
A8 Placement term	Undefined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Up to 10 years (see Reg 2.7.3(a))
	Fixed Term	Required for non-congregational placements (see Reg 2.7.3(b))
	Years	<input type="text"/>

A9 To be completed by Presbytery, with reasons given on page :

Is permission sought to advertise?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is a Priority Placement recommended?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

A10 Website	www.mulgraveunitingchurch.com.au
A11 Social Media	<input type="text"/>
A12 Google map link	<input type="text"/>

A13 Area map (paste image)



Mulgrave Uniting Church

B The Congregation

B1 Tell a potential minister about this placement and yourselves, in your own words and pictures, in no more than one page. Share something of your congregation's values, beliefs and ways in which you live out and share the gospel message.

Include comment about why you need a new minister. How will this placement be exciting, challenging, and attractive to a minister? How can God be served in new ways here? What do you want the Minister to do with you and for you?

This is your chance to 'be creative' and catch the attention of someone who is thinking of sharing their call, their gifts, their life with you.

Mulgrave is a stable and growing congregation of self-sufficient, welcoming and committed Christians who like to live out their faith in supporting each other and demonstrating Christ's way in words and deeds. Our minister's fixed term placement has ended and we are looking for a Minister for a 0.5 placement. Our congregation values spiritual guidance and direction and looks for this in the weekly sermons and leadership in pastoral care. Our elders and congregation do provide strong pastoral care to each other and would value a minister who could support and further develop those skills.

A particular strength of our congregation is the way each member contributes however they can and uses their gifts for the church. Whether it be preparing flowers, cleaning, visiting, calling others, singing, cooking, preparing or being on the rosters, doing notices, gardening, preparing finances, taking up the collection, mowing lawns, cleaning gutters, painting doors or helping at the garage sales and the fete. Many hands make the church work.

We are a congregation who likes to contribute to and develop relationships with the local and wider community. We have a well-attended Good Neighbour Club that meets every Wednesday for anyone in the community who needs some social interaction, which is attended by a mix of church and community members. A flourishing bookshop which is open every Wednesday from 10am -12pm, welcomes new people into our church building and offers a way to expose the community to our other activities. Our congregation has responded well to projects that have needed support or come to our attention. For example, the congregation gave weekly financial support to Myanmar refugees Gospel and Grace Ralte for 3 years until they could qualify for employment and live independently. Also, a previous Minister guided us to give financial support to a Fijian community through Uniting World. The congregation and council choose a special effort to support financially each month and also love getting behind causes that need a personal touch such as the Christmas shoe boxes (an initiative from one member of the congregation) and food for families. We would do well with a minister who can discern how the congregation could serve God and achieve further outcomes in outreach with the wider community. For example, our congregation has strongly supported a recent initiative to offer a monthly congregational lunch allowing our members and friends to enjoy social interaction and feel connected to a community. We always meet or exceed our mission and service contribution which we are proud to support.

Our whole congregation greatly values music in worship and has a strong musical team and a choir which has performed for an aged care facility and plans to continue this. We have developed a relationship with the Sri Lankan Welfare Guild who use our church regularly for events such as songs of praise and Christmas worship, and our choirs have combined at these events.

This congregation is excited about the possibility of a new ministry as we are open to negotiated change and willing to be shown and encouraged in new directions.

B2 List and explain any particular priorities which the congregation has identified and which it will address in the next two to five years?

Growing our faith through preaching and activities to nurture and challenge our spirituality.
Explore outreach and consolidate the congregation involvement.
Pastoral care leadership and development to help meet the needs of the congregation.

B3 Does this placement relate to more than one congregation?

Yes No

If so, provide details on page .

**B4 What ethnic and language groups are represented in the congregation?
What proportion of the congregation does each represent?**

All English speaking.
Majority Anglo Saxon
Minority Sri Lankan (5%)and Indonesian heritage (1%)

B5 What languages are spoken in the life of your:

Congregation, by		Community, by	
Individuals	Sinhala	Individuals	Bahasa Indonesian
Groups		Groups	

B6 What languages are spoken by the congregation in worship?

English

B7 Describe any involvement your congregation has in covenanting with first nations people.

No involvement

B8 List any UCA Schools and/or agencies (Uniting VicTas, Uniting AgeWell) with which the congregation has an existing relationship.

None



C Mission

C1 List three of your missional activities that your congregation does best?

Good Neighbour club (see B1 for explanation).
Supporting UCA charities and appeals.
Congregational lunches ((see B1 for explanation).

C2 What are three missional activities your congregation would like to develop?

Our congregation is open to new missional activities that match our gifts. We would also like to explore how current outreach into the community could be further developed into other missional opportunities.

C3 How has the congregation changed in the past two years?

The congregation has grown with new people from a local Anglican church that has closed, through outreach, and also personal relationships.

C4 What changes and developments are anticipated in the next three to five years?

We have faith that our numbers will continue to grow. Five years ago, our congregation was in decline, and now we have new members including two families. There has also been a growth in our musical team, our outreach programs and our financial situation, which has exceeded expectations.
We have experienced positive changes and are now ready for consolidating and building our congregation, and what we have been doing in outreach activities.

D The Community

D1 Describe the wider community in which your ministry is located.

Mulgrave is a diverse community in a fairly safe area with relatively low crime. It has well established government and community services such as child care, hospitals and a good choice of schools. House prices and house rental prices have risen to similarly unaffordable levels as have been seen across most of the state.

D2 What makes this an enjoyable place to live?

Mulgrave is seen as a desirable residential area. Good facilities and services such as community sporting facilities, swimming pools and recreation spaces, libraries, shopping centres, and good freeways to access the country or the city.

D3 What are the points of stress and pain in the wider community?

Cost of living stresses, as across the state such as food and utility bills, rising rental and petrol and transport costs. Representatives of our local city council feel our increasing population density will soon outstrip the available supporting infrastructure in Mulgrave.

D4 How closely does your congregation reflect the demographics of your local area?

More Anglo Saxon background than the wider community. Less children and families.

D5 What community facilities are present in the local area?

Typically established suburban area as mentioned above in D1 & 2 with many facilities and Monash University nearby.