



PLACEMENT PROFILE

SECTION 1 – BASIC INFORMATION

- 1.1 Placement Name(s):** Hobart Wesley
- 1.2 Please list congregations/agencies names below**
- Hobart Wesley Faith Community (WFC)
 - Uniting Tasmania
 - _____
- 1.3 Profile approved by Presbytery Standing Committee** 30 / 1 / 20
- 1.4 Primary purpose of placement:**
1. Explore possibilities for mission and to pilot innovative mission activities, including further collaboration with Uniting Tasmania (including No Bucks, Emergency Relief and future services and programs).
 2. Support the Hobart Wesley Faith Community to focus on their primary purposes and responsibilities of worship and pastoral care of the Sunday worshipping community, day to day management of the Wesley Church building (see 2018 Memorandum of Understanding).
 3. Provide liaison between ministry activities based at Hobart Wesley (including Wesley Faith Community, Museum and Heritage, Uniting Tasmania, and other groups using site facilities), reporting regularly to Presbytery Standing Committee.
- 1.5 Suitable for (bold all that apply):** **Minister of the Word / Deacon** / Ordinand/ **Pastor**
- 1.6 Time fraction:** 100 %
- 1.7 Term:**
- Undefined up to 10 years (See Reg 2.7.3(a)) _____
- Fixed Term: _____ 5 Years
- Initial Term reviewed in: _____ 2 Years

This profile should be prepared by the Congregation(s)/ agency in consultation with Presbytery. It is specifically designed to assist in the placement process but it can also be used as a record of mission planning.

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ENCLOSURES

Please mark all the documents attached to the profile:

- Floor plan of residence
- Financial information including a copy of last year's Financial Statement and financial projections
- Position descriptions of relevant ministers
- Others

SECTION 2 – MISSION DIRECTION

2.1 What is the Vision statement and or Mission priorities of the placement (or of the individual congregations)

Exploration of new ways of being church that honour the mission of Wesley Church in Hobart
Ministry support of the Sunday worshipping community, with a focus on worship and pastoral care
Encouragement of Wesley Museum and Heritage, with oversight by Synod Records and Archives
Encouragement of Uniting Tasmania activities based from the Wesley site

2.2 Date adopted / /

Developed by Joint Nominating Committee; endorsed by WFC leaders nn/nn/nn; approved by Presbytery Standing Committee nn/nn/nn

2.3 Provide a short description of the placement/congregation(s)

This presbytery placement seeks exploration of mission opportunities and future ministries from the Wesley site and the Hobart CBD, piloting innovative mission activities in conjunction with Uniting VicTas and supporting the Sunday worshipping community (Wesley Faith Community).

2.4 How has the placement/congregation(s) changed over the last 5 years?

The community of faith at Hobart Wesley has been through difficult times in recent years. In 2016 the Presbytery of Tasmania, through the Pastoral Relations Committee, initiated intensive coaching and counselling regarding levels of dysfunction in the church council and congregation. After much discernment on the 19th August 2017, at a Special Presbytery Meeting, the Presbytery of Tasmania resolved:

- a) To give thanks for the worship, witness and service of the Hobart Wesley Congregation over many years, and affirm the hope that new ways of being church will emerge that honour the ministry and mission of Hobart Wesley.
- b) To commit to facilitating the transition of Hobart Wesley to new governance arrangements. This includes a clear intention to continue the following three ministry activities: i. No Bucks; ii. Museum and Heritage; iii. The Sunday worshipping community.
- c) With deep regret, to dissolve the Hobart Wesley Congregation [as a governance regulatory body responsible for oversight of local ministry and mission] effective from 30th November 2017, in accordance with Regulation 3.4.3 (a): "A congregation shall be dissolved or cease to be recognized when, in the opinion of the Presbytery it is not capable of and /or unwilling to fulfil the purpose, functions and responsibilities specified in Regulation 3.1.1".
- d) To request the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Tas.) to allocate beneficial use of all the Hobart Wesley Church property(s) to the Presbytery of Tasmania from 19 August 2017 until 30th January 2019, understanding proposals will be brought to the Presbytery for suitable long-term allocation of beneficial use of the property. The Property Trust confirmed the Presbytery of Tasmania as the responsible body for all Hobart Wesley Church property(ies) and extended that responsibility until 28 February 2021 (minute 18/12/44.1.2).

The Presbytery formally recognised the Hobart Wesley Faith Community (WFC) in November 2017, and leaders of this faith community were commissioned at a worship event on 26th November 2017.

Synod Records and Archives assumed oversight of Wesley Museum and Heritage in April 2018. Uniting VicTas, the community services organisation of the Uniting Church, leased the Wesley Hall building and the car parking to the front and rear of Church in May 2018. The No Bucks Café weekday meal ministry community now operates as an activity of Uniting. Uniting relocated some of their ministries to Hobart Wesley from July 2018, and have exciting plans for other Uniting ministries to develop.

After working through these changes, the Presbytery has identified the need for a full-time ministry

placement to facilitate the next stage of long-term changes anticipated. The ministry placement is a placement of the Presbytery for five years.

2.5 What are the congregation(s)/placement's goals?

Same as 1.4 Primary purpose of placement

2.6 What are the next Strategic Steps to achieving those goals?

1. Facilitate effective communication channels between the Presbytery, the Wesley Faith Community and other on-site ministry activities.
2. Commence a Presbytery placement and provide monthly reports to Presbytery Standing Committee
3. Convene the Hobart Wesley Faith Community leadership team equipping them to
 - a. focus on providing worship and effective pastoral care for the Sunday worshipping community
 - b. preach or lead worship at least one Sunday a month (and possibly preside at Holy Communion)
 - c. have effective administration and property procedures.
4.
 - a. to facilitate through conversation, consultation and observation with Presbytery, WFC, Museum and Heritage, Uniting Tasmania, the Faith Methodist congregation, the University of Tasmania, and other potential partners,
 - b. to explore, catalyse and pilot options for ministry and mission at the Hobart Wesley site and in the Hobart CBD into the future.
5. to participate in the emerging wider conversation amongst Uniting Churches across the greater Hobart region

SECTION 3 – CONTEXT

3.1 Describe the communities in which this placement is located (Mission context).

The greater Hobart area has undergone growth in overall numbers and in cultural diversity in recent years, primarily through interstate and overseas migration. The City of Hobart is the central business district (CBD) and the State and Local Government centre, and is frequented by city office workers and shoppers.

The CBD is visibly developing as a base for the University of Tasmania, both for teaching and faculty, as well as student accommodation.

The Wesley site has long been a point of contact for those with material and social needs in the city (from the earliest days of the Methodist mission to Hobart Town).

3.2 How does your congregation reflect or vary from the age, and ethnic mix of your local community?

Participants in the Sunday worshipping community, including monthly 'creative' worship services, are mostly older people familiar with traditional church patterns and willing to explore some creative alternatives. As an inner city church, most Sunday participants come from a wider area. The faithful yet increasingly frail elderly folk have increasing needs for spiritual and practical support, met through weekly Sunday worship.

The congregation membership differs from day workers in the city, and the rapidly growing accommodation for university students in the immediate vicinity. These two groups provide opportunities for innovative ministries.

The traditional Church building is not really fit for purpose, either for traditional worship using modern audio/visual equipment, or for contemporary worship styles and patterns. Attention to this area is an early project requiring coordination.

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

Significant material and social needs are increasingly evident in the CBD, met through the No Bucks weekday meals community and emergency relief provided by Uniting. 'Rough sleepers' are increasingly evident in the CBD, including on the Wesley site where food and material aid is known to be available

Significant opportunities and needs will soon emerge with the relocation of the University of Tasmania from Sandy Bay to the Hobart CBD precinct, including large-scale acquisition of former hotels and construction of further residential buildings.

The UTas student and staff populations are expected to include significant growth in ethnic and cultural diversity, which the wider Hobart region is also experiencing. International student populations require support and provide transient/transitional opportunities for mission and ministry but do not commonly 're-populate' ageing congregations.

3.4 List ways in which you connect with, serve, or partner with people in your wider community?

- Participants in Uniting Tasmania services including the No Bucks (weekday meals) community
- Museum & Heritage visitors
- Faith Methodist congregation
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3.5 What schools/agencies/institutions are in your local communities?

Elizabeth College: chaplaincy is supported financially

University of Tasmania

Royal Hobart Hospital

Uniting AgeWell Queenborough Rise