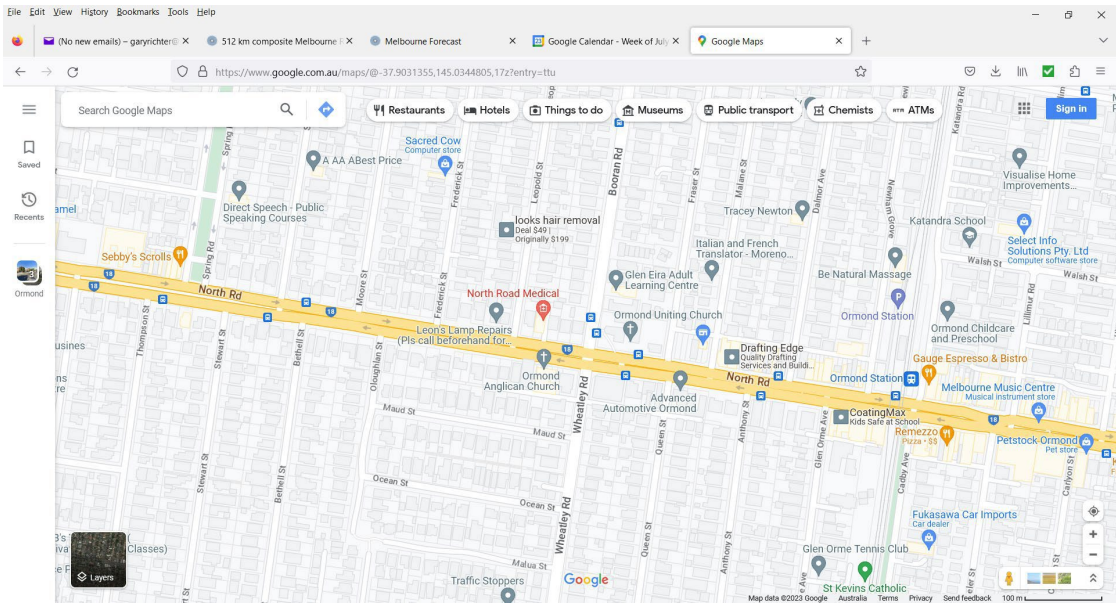




A Placement Profile

A1 Presbytery	Port Philip East Presbytery		
A2 Name of Placement	Ormond UCA		
A3 Placement city/suburb/town	Suburban – 419 North Road, Ormond, Vic, 3204		
A4 Church/Office location(s)	Located in the Church Building, 419 North Road, Ormond, Vic, 3204		
A5 Congregations and agencies associated with this placement	Ormond UC congregation		
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	Additional placement <input type="checkbox"/>	Replacement placement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Full Time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part Time <input type="checkbox"/>	Time fraction	<input type="text"/>
	Earliest Start Date:	1/01/2024	
A8 Placement term	Undefined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Up to 10 years (see Reg 2.7.3(a))	
	Fixed Term <input type="checkbox"/>	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 8:	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 Contact Person	<input type="text"/>		
A11 Email address	<input type="text"/>		
A12 Website	www.ormondunitingchurch.org.au		
A13 Social Media	https://www.facebook.com/ormondunitingchurch		
A14 Google map link	https://www.google.com/maps/place/Ormond+Uniting+Church/@-37.9030975,145.0329713,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x6ad6696e2e3a1b05:0xe1ee22bf879f7ecb!8m2!3d-37.9031018!4d145.0355462!16s%2Fg%2F1ptxxqlp9?authuser=0&entry=ttu		
A15 Area map (paste image)	<input type="text"/>		





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.



Ormond is a welcoming and accepting Congregation which endeavors to live out its faith and the gospel message through actions and words – at Ormond and in the wider community. To assist and enable Ormond to achieve this end, it needs a minister who faithfully proclaims the gospel, while recognizing and enabling the gifts of the laity, particularly in regard to leadership in all aspects of the life of the congregation, including worship.

We are a congregation who are resourceful and look out for each other. We are outward looking and interested in learning more, keen to develop and strengthen our ministry in the wider community. We have strong leadership from within the congregation, and a willingness to



participate.

As an example of the deep sense of community which marks the congregation’s commitment to community outreach, we recently held a Bunnings sausage sizzle to raise funds for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC), the Little Free Pantry (LFP) and for Food



Vouchers. When the call went out for volunteers for the



roster, it was filled without anyone having to be ‘tapped on the shoulder.’ Some members who don’t regularly attend worship, happily helped out. A real sense of social connection pervaded the day, as is the ‘norm’ in the congregation.

We are a small, faithful and active congregation, with many members involved in leading worship, caring for our church family, involvement in outreach projects such as the LFP, and engagement with justice issues, such as Asylum Seekers, climate change and indigenous matters. We have a number of groups which offer the opportunity for connection, such as Bob’s Boys, Home Groups and the Friendship Circle.

We are a congregation who are keen to do the work of God. Preaching and pastoral care are central in our life together, and we are looking for a minister who will encourage, enable

and facilitate our outreach through preaching and pastoral care. We need a minister who will work as part of a team in preparing and leading worship, and in offering pastoral care. There are members of the congregation who regularly receive the sacrament of Holy Communion at home, as well as at our local BUPA aged care home, where several of our members reside.



We are also committed to ongoing education. The Learning Hub is part of that expression, hosting forums which involve the wider community. We are excited that our building project is taking shape and are open to explore and discern together its future possibilities. Alongside our minister, we are keen to continue to develop relationships with other churches, local primary schools and into the wider community.



We hope our minister will share our vision and have communication skills that will help others to catch the vision as well.

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

Priorities:

1. Maintain a lively worshipping community through leadership of worship and pastoral care.
2. Grow our engagement with the local community through outreach, using our own resources and accessing external resources.
3. Share the good news of Jesus Christ in ways which are meaningful and appropriate for both our local community and more widely.
4. Grow our pastoral care network.
5. Learning Hub. Explore issues from social, environmental and theological points of view.
6. Continue to develop connections, with local congregations and ecumenically, including the development of interfaith links.
7. Ensure the new facilities are first class, in order to be used, to enhance OUC as a welcoming space for sharing food, coffee, fellowship and connection.

Explanation:

“These priorities have arisen from numerous conversations and interactions, but primarily from the faithful passions of our people.”

B3 Does this placement relate to more than one congregation?

Yes No

If so, provide details on page 5.

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

Anglo Celtic with a smattering of other ethnic groups (eg Sri Lankan x1). Anglo-Celtic 100%.

B5 What languages are spoken in the life of your:

Congregation, by		Community, by	
Individuals	English	Individuals	English and smatterings of Mandarin, Russian, Hindi, Hebrew + some other minor amounts of other Asian languages (eg Vietnamese, Thai and Cambodian).
Groups	English	Groups	English and smatterings of Mandarin, Russian, Hindi, Hebrew + some other minor amounts of other Asian languages (eg Vietnamese, Thai and Cambodian).

B6 What languages are spoken by the congregation in worship?

English



B7 Describe any involvement your congregation has in covenanting activities.

The congregation has a long-standing focus on Indigenous welfare and a small group organises activities for our own congregation and it also plans and implements joint activities (eg First Nations Guest on the Voice in a cooperative arrangement with Murrumbeena UCA). The group advocates on First Nations issues and organises various First Nations significant events eg NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation Week. Prior to Covid one of our homegroups organised a First Nations person to speak to the HG and also present at a church service. Covid caused these two events to be postponed to sometime in the near future.

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

Uniting AgeWell and Vic/Tas Synod Property Services.

The congregation has a long-standing connection with Uniting Kirkside (which is now 'owned' by Uniting AgeWell). These independent Living Units were built by the congregation 60 or so years ago and until 15 (or so) years ago, were run by a committee of the Congregation. Several of the current residents attend worship regularly at OUC.

Through our Climate Change Committee, we have developed a connection with Glen Eira Council and through their Offices, with some local Primary schools. Over the last year the Congregation has cooperated with the Murrumbeena PS to create a public exhibition of 'Climate Change' Art.



G Mission

G1 List three of your missional activities that your congregations does best?

1. Little Free Pantry: A Pantry stocked regularly (at least twice weekly) by church members and members of the local community, with non-perishable food items; made available for those in need in the community (See photo in B1).
2. Asylum Seeker support efforts: Goods donated by members of the congregation (mainly grocery items) are delivered regularly.
3. Learning Hub: Courses (usually 3 a year) are offered for the wider church and community, as well as members of the OUC congregation. (See F5).

G2 What are three missional activities your congregation would like to develop?

1. Hospitality: Being intentional about creating a space of hospitality, particularly for the isolated and lonely. Our hope is that the new development will assist in this. (New Kitchen etc).
2. Local Connections: Foster ongoing development of local connections with churches and community.
 - a. The congregation feels it is important for the minister to connect with other local ministers.
 - b. OUC organized a recent joint event with Murrumbeena UC on the indigenous Voice to Parliament and would like to pursue that topic further, along with other related issues.
 - c. Similarly, OUC has cooperated with Glen Eira Council and other congregations on the issue of Climate Change and would like to pursue that concern further.
3. Justice: for example, as suggested above, deepen our awareness and understanding of local indigenous issues, (in addition to the Voice to Parliament),

G3 How has the congregation changed in the past two years?

Due to the challenges of dealing with the effects of COVID and the loss of our minister, one might have expected a drop in numbers and interest in the life of the congregation. While there has been a small decline in numbers (including several deaths of very long-standing members) the close-knit family at Ormond has further strengthened its sense of community, and care for one another (See example in B1). Many people have taken on roles that enabled the congregation to continue to grow in faith and love for Jesus Christ.

G4 What changes and developments are anticipated in the next three to five years?

There is a great deal of excitement about how the spaces/activities associated with the New Development will help to advance OUC's hospitality and learning (among other things).

Hospitality:

1. Extension of hospitality capabilities (See G2),
2. Host and/or provide facilities for community events.
3. The range of spaces will facilitate different modes of worship to encourage potential new members.

Learning Hub:

1. Continuing to challenge, expand and develop our understanding and faith.
2. Liaising with other educational organisations or groups for appropriate events.
3. Perhaps create a Learning Hub for theological students - instead of going into the city.

J The Community

J1 Describe the wider community in which your ministry is located.

Ormond is a popular residential area in the highly regarded McKinnon Secondary School zone. Many older single dwelling homes are being replaced by multistorey apartments. Within the wider community there is a diverse ethnic range of people, including, Anglo-Saxons, a large Jewish community (post War European migrants & Refugees, as well as more recent Jewish migrants from South Africa & Russia), Chinese, Indian, Korean etc.

J2 What makes this an enjoyable place to live?

Playgrounds & generous parklands.
An extensive range of local shops, cafes & restaurants
Close to the city -12 km by train, 13.5 km by road.
Close to major shopping centres, such as Chadstone.
Close proximity to the beach.
Good transport networks - trains & buses nearby, plus trams in Glenhuntly Rd & Hawthorn Rd.
Good health network of Doctors, Dentists, Podiatrists, Physiotherapists, Gyms etc.
Hospitals within a 15-minute drive.
Ormond is close to a wide range of primary & secondary schools - Private, Public, Catholic & Jewish.
While the local Catholic primary school has closed - it is a short drive to others in Bentleigh & Glenhuntly.
Monash University, Caulfield & Clayton campus are easily accessed by public transport.
Our little free pantry is well supported by the local community.
Sporting clubs include baseball, basketball, cricket, lawn bowls, little athletics, tennis & netball.
U3A.
Senior Citizens centre.
Adult learning centre - language skills for migrants, computers, fitness.

J3 What are the points of stress and pain in the wider community?

The Ormond community, like all others in Melbourne, struggles with the effects of rising interest rates and mortgage stress & the rising costs of goods & services, which has resulted in increased numbers of homeless people & those living with financial hardship.
The cost of housing, particularly in the McKinnon SC zone, places stress on younger families, with both parents usually having to work to meet mortgage repayments.
In many cases, older family members are living in the area with limited family support, as their children have been forced to move further out for affordable housing.
A number of people are living on their own, which contributes to a sense of isolation.

J4 How closely does your congregation reflect the demographics of your local area?

Our Congregation is predominantly Anglo-Saxon, though we also have a few members from other backgrounds, including Italian & South African.
The average age of the Congregation is older than that of the wider Community.

J5 What community facilities are present in the local area?

Many parks and sporting facilities (see J2 also)
U3A Glenhuntly
Senior citizens centre
Adult learning centres, such as GEALC, which provide opportunities such as language skills for migrants, computer training, fitness etc.
Ormond is close to many schools, including Caulfield South Primary School, Ormond Primary School, Glen Eira Secondary College, McKinnon Secondary College, Kilvington Grammar, 3 Jewish schools.
Monash University - Caulfield & Clayton campuses are easily reached by train or bus.
Marriott support services for people with disabilities.
OTHER SERVICES INCLUDE:
New Bentleigh Library & Youth Hub
Ormond Senior Citizens Centre
Bentleigh RSL
Walking & bike paths
PUBLIC TRANSPORT:
Trains, several bus routes available & we are a short distance from trams along Glenhuntly Rd or Hawthorn Rd.