



PLACEMENT PROFILE

SECTION 1 – BASIC INFORMATION

1.1 Placement Name(s): Scots-Memorial, Hobart, Tasmania

1.2 Please list congregations/agencies names below

- Scots-Memorial Congregation

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1.3 Profile approved by Church Council/Governing Body 17/09/2019

1.4 Primary purpose of placement:

Provide Ministry for the Scots-Memorial Congregation and the surrounding city needs.

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:~~

Years

Initial Term reviewed in:

5 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
- Mission Study – May 2019

SECTION 2 – MISSION DIRECTION

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

Scots-Memorial Mission Statement

At Scots-Memorial Church we seek to be an open, welcoming, accepting community of people who offer others the invitation to 'come as you are'. We offer love and friendship, helping and caring for our community, in partnership with our neighbours, to the mutual benefit of all. We seek to be relevant and engaging with our local community, in particular community groups and people of all abilities. Our mission is to promote good will in the community, and reveal the power of Christ's love in action.

Keeping Children Safe

The Scots-Memorial Uniting Church is committed to providing safe places where people are cared for, nurtured and sustained. We have adopted the Keeping Children Safe Statement of Commitment. Through it we commit ourselves to the care, protection and safety of all people, particularly those who are vulnerable.

2.2 Date adopted 15th August 2017

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

We are a central Hobart congregation that offers the community to "Come as You Are".

We seek to engage with our neighbours and provide a peaceful place for contemplation.

We provide opportunities for different worship styles; traditional, themed, café, as well as providing facilities for musical/singing groups to meet to practice.

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

The number of confirmed members of the congregation has reduced, but the community involvement on our site has increased substantially principally through four music groups.

A recent connection has been made with a new cancer centre built next door.

In recent years we have upgraded our church landscaping and it is widely used by nearby workers and TasTafe students for lunch or breaks and including a nativity scene during the lead up to Christmas. Last year we held weekly concerts on our front steps during December.

Community involvement in activities on site has led to participation at worship services.

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

To continue to be a welcoming, loving and caring congregation.

To continue to make new links, and foster existing links with our community and neighbours.

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

To be open and available for opportunities as they are presented.

To strengthen existing connections already in place

SECTION 3 - CONTEXT

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

Central CBD, which currently has high homelessness and people experiencing medical problems.

Neighbours include emergency services, government departments and teaching institutions, hospitals, affordable living accommodation.

Central to the proposed relocation of UTAs to the city including student accommodation.

The CBD is becoming more active on weekends, not only in shopping but markets and the growing student presence.

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

Sunday service congregation predominantly mature aged.

Tuesday service congregation older age group.

Choir of High Hopes wide age group.

Thirsty Ground band/musical group older age group.

Migrant Women's worship group, developing ethnic mix.

Music/singing groups wider age group.

First Peoples heritage is limited but is expected to become more evident as the Uniting Church Policy becomes better known in the community.

All of our "congregation" has a limited ethnic mix.

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

Opportunity to engage with people in our central city community who are experiencing disadvantages in some ways.

Direct engagement with the Thirsty Ground musical group and Choir of High Hopes.

Opportunity to engage with children attending the Scots Early Learning Centre.

Opportunity to engage with our neighbours and increasing UTAs students.

Opportunity to recognise our First Peoples.

Homelessness and drug abuse are major stresses and pain in our community.

Stress and pain to patients and family/friends of people in hospital.

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

- Provide carparking for workers in the CBD.
- Provide a green space in the city for lunch or reflection.
- Provide a flat for emergency accommodation for relatives of people who are in the Royal Hobart Hospital
- Regular "Story Time" at the Scots Early Learning Centre.
- Support the Chaplain at Elizabeth College.

- Support the Thirsty Ground music group.
- Support the Choir of High Hopes.
- We also have community vegetable garden beds used by TasTafe students.
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3.5 What schools/agencies/institutions are in your local communities?

Scots Early Learning Centre,
Police,
Ambulance,
Fire,
Cancer Centre,
Royal Hobart Hospital,
Hobart Private,
TasTafe,
Elizabeth College,
Education Department, and
UTas student accommodation.
Magistrates Court.