Faithful Futures

Easy Read version

Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

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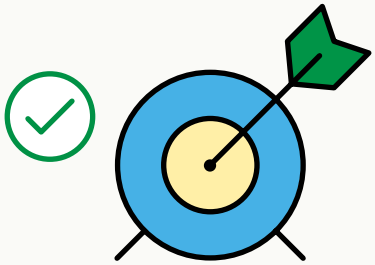
About this Easy Read book

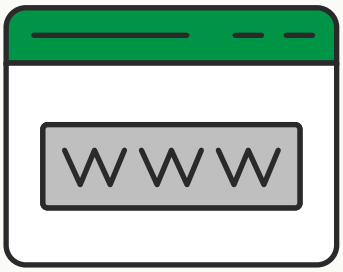
This book is from Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

A synod is a team that helps all the churches in the area work together.



We wrote this Easy Read book to tell you about our vision and goals.

This book is an Easy Read summary of our Faithful Futures. Summary means we only include our most important ideas.



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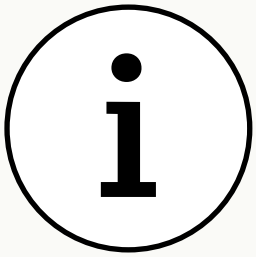
You can get someone to help you:

- read this book
- know what this book is about.



You can find our contact information on page 14 at the end of this book.

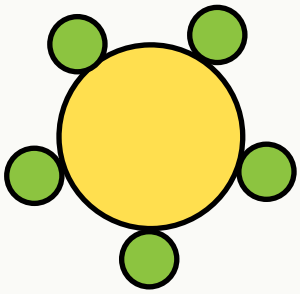
About our Faithful Futures project

The Faithful Futures Project is about working together.

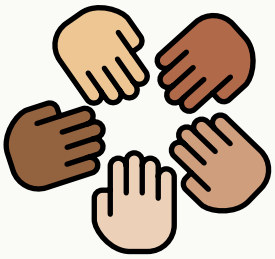
People from Presbyteries and the Synod are joining to:

- choose what is most important for the church's future
- use resources wisely
- be ready for new challenges and opportunities.

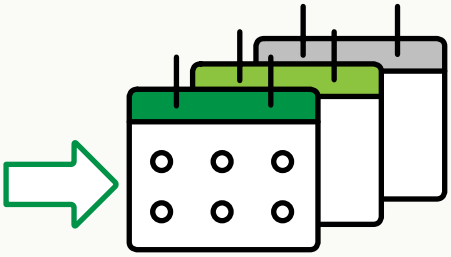
A Presbytery is a local team that supports the churches in a local area.



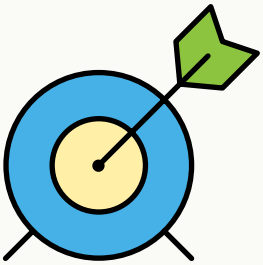
We work together with one vision and five goals.



We call these our shared vision and shared goals.

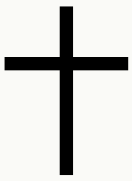


Vision means what we want to see in the future.



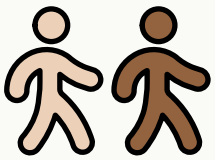
Goals are things we will try to make happen.

Our shared vision

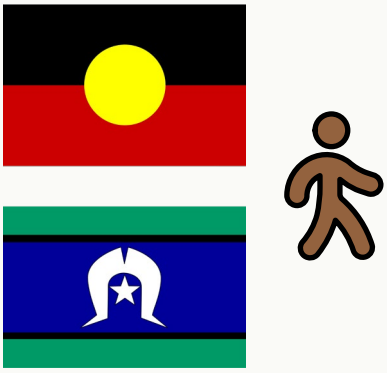


Our vision includes:

- following Christ

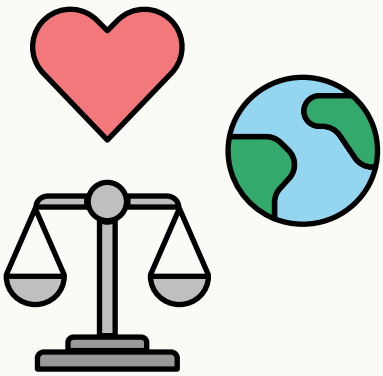


- walking together as First and Second peoples



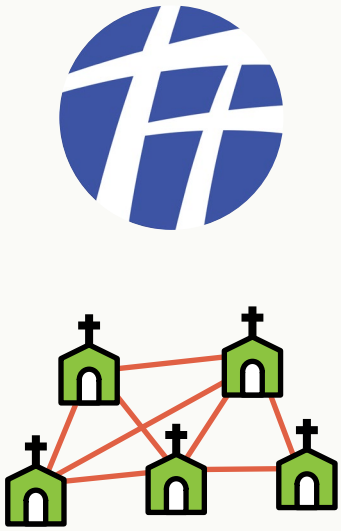
First peoples are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were the first to live in Australia.

Second peoples are everyone else who came to Australia after the first peoples.



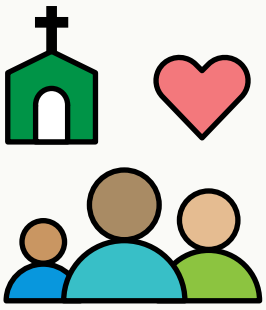
- seeking community, compassion and justice for all creation.

Our shared goals



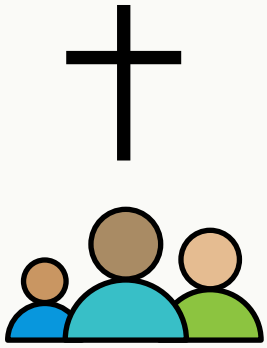
Coordinated ministries

By 2030, churches in the same local area will work together on ministry and mission.



Ministry is how we worship God, help people learn more about Jesus and learn to live how God wants us to.

Mission is our work and services to share about God's love and Jesus' life in our community.

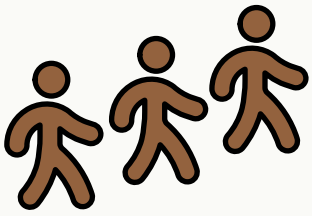


The churches will focus on renewing and strengthening faith.

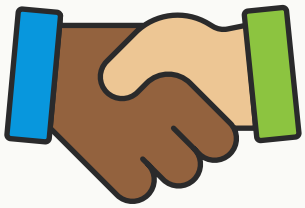
The churches will focus on responding to the needs of their local communities.

Respecting Country

Country means the land, water, sky, animals and stories that belong to First Peoples and keep them connected.

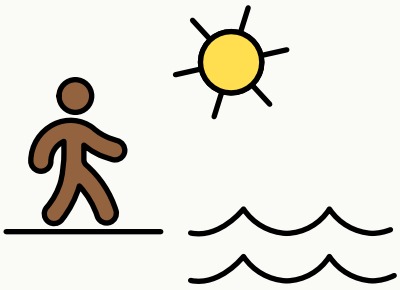


This is the symbol of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress. Congress means people meeting to talk about common goals.



We respect and honour our agreement with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.

By 2028, every church community will learn and share histories about the Country where they are located.

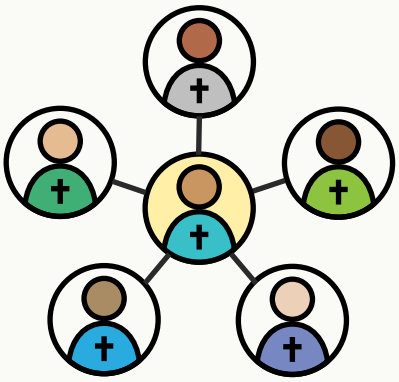


The churches will find local and respectful ways to show care for the Country.

Intercultural leadership

By 2028, we want to:

- train leaders in how to lead and work with people from different cultures
- train all our communities in how to work with people from different cultures



- build relationships between people from different cultures to help us:
  - worship together
  - share faith
  - help others in the community.

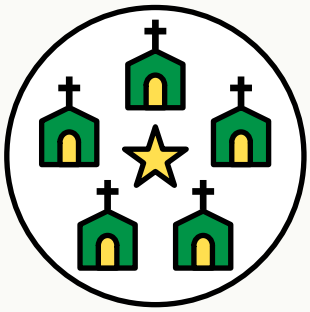
All-Age growth

By 2030, most church areas will have at least one community of faith where:

- people of all ages are welcome and involved
- everyone can take part, learn and grow together
- the community is diverse, inclusive and life changing.

New communities of faith

By 2030, we will start at least five new Christian communities.



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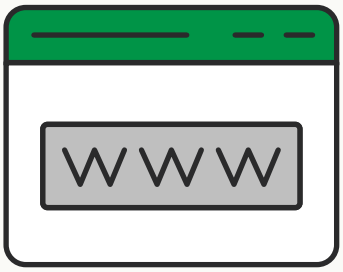

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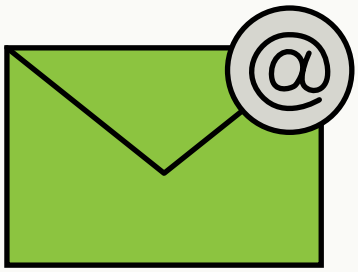

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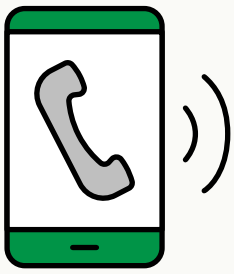

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