



VISION	A Region in which Congregations and Faith Communities worship vibrantly, witness authentically and serve enthusiastically the mission of God.		
MISSION	The Canberra Region Presbytery guides and supports, stimulates and encourages Uniting Church in Australia Congregations and Faith Communities from Country, Coast and Capital, to respond to the call of God within their context and within a changing world.		
CHARACTER	Canberra Region Presbytery affirms the manner in which we do what we do is at least as important as what it is we do. Many Scripture passages call the church to display a character that imitates Christ himself (love God and neighbour; do justice; show preference to the weak; demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit; etc). We affirm the many Scriptural references that help define our character, and name the following short list of values as core to the character to which we aspire.		
VALUES	<p>The Canberra Region Presbytery commits to the values of being:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trusting and trustworthy • Respectful and worthy of respect • Co-operative and collaborative </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive and open to diversity • Confidential in maintaining privacy • Transparent in decision making </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trusting and trustworthy • Respectful and worthy of respect • Co-operative and collaborative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive and open to diversity • Confidential in maintaining privacy • Transparent in decision making
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PRINCIPLES	<p>Our primary focus is to stimulate and encourage its congregations in prayerful discernment of the signs of the Spirit amongst them and to act on that calling.</p> <p>We will provide encouragement and opportunities for personal growth, and pastoral support for people in formal ministry positions as they grow their ministries within congregations and as, together with their congregations, they discover their authentic calling as Christ's people.</p> <p>We will constantly look for signs of the movement of the Spirit so that emerging opportunities for the church can be identified and encouraged</p> <p>We commit ourselves to effective, efficient, representative and respectful practices in our governance arrangements, its committees and communication, valuing and supporting the contribution of all</p> <p>We value the calling, commitment and adaptability of Presbytery leaders, paid and volunteer, and support professional development opportunities and flexible working arrangements for them</p> <p>We will participate in the wider Uniting Church in Australia with transparency, wisdom and honesty, supportive of the greater goal of God's mission for the region and beyond</p> <p>We will promote cooperation with Uniting, the community services and advocacy arm of the Uniting Church in NSW and the ACT</p>		

Focus Areas



Resourcing congregations	Discovering new futures	Transforming with care	Governing efficiently	Deepening connections
<i>Resource congregations to function in healthy ways</i>	<i>Work with congregations to discover new futures</i>	<i>Care for congregations facing radical change</i>	<i>Increasing innovative and accountable leadership</i>	<i>Work with the wider church for mutual well-being</i>
<i>Support Ministry Agents through professional development opportunities in the areas of faith formation, ministry delivery and governance</i>	<i>Facilitate the sharing of stories and activities across the Presbytery to foster innovation, discovery, reflection and experiential learning</i>	<i>Support and encourage congregations experiencing growth to build on their potential and capacity to expand their mission</i>	<i>Promote leadership development opportunities for staff, office bearers and committee members</i>	<i>Work closely with Synod to communicate and progress changes for the Uniting Church</i>
<i>Support lay members and office bearers through training in faith formation, ministry delivery and governance</i>	<i>Support the discernment and development of new missional activities</i>	<i>Provide care and pastoral support for fragile congregations to assist with decisions regarding their future</i>	<i>Provide clear, effective and efficient governance structures and financial management</i>	<i>Facilitate Pathways conversations for participation in Synod planning</i>
<i>Provide opportunities for congregations to share their experience and expertise with others and relate with each other in new ways.</i>	<i>Provide opportunities for engagement with mission planning processes, creative worship, discipleship and fresh expressions of church</i>	<i>Provide administrative and operational support to implement strategic decisions</i>	<i>Expand and update information technology and other systems to support new requirements</i>	<i>Deepen relationships with Uniting, UAICC, Ecumenical and Interfaith bodies.</i>