

'LET IT FLOW'

MORETON RIVERS PRESBYTERY 2021: MISSION PRIORITIES

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Mission Statement:

Encouraging and Equipping God's People for God's Mission

Guiding Values:

We value being:

Strengths Based

Permission Giving

Outward Focussed

Generously Collaborative

We tell the good news stories of what God is already doing amongst us;

We are permission giving in encouraging Spirit-led innovation & risk taking;

We are outward focussed in our decisions and priorities; and

We work in collaborations with generosity and grace.

"Let it Flow" Mission Priorities:

While continuing to work within the regulations and policies of the UCA, as a Presbytery we are committed to the following Mission Priorities for the period 2017 to 2021.

By 2021 Moreton Rivers Presbytery:



...will be a lighthouse for **Youth and Children's Ministry**;



...congregations and ministry agents will be equipped and active in **mission**; and



...congregations will be working **collaboratively** for mission and ministry with schools/communities/agencies and other congregations.

'LET it FLOW' MISSION PRIORITY ACTION POINTS:

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will be a Lighthouse for Youth and Children's Ministry



- Seek to employ a full-time Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator;
- Seek to employ a Faith Formation Coordinator in collaboration with a preaching place;
- Continue and expand the mentoring of existing youth, children and family workers;
- Continue to build on the current range of events and programs for youth and children;
- Grow Youth and Children's ministry through collaborative partnerships;
- Share stories and resources with the wider Uniting Church in Australia about our Youth and Children's ministry; and
- Encourage and equip through the Educating and Equipping Committee.

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congregations and ministry agents will be equipped and active in mission



- Continue to employ the Mission Education Officer;
- Employ a Mission Development Officer – Inner Ring in partnership with a preaching place;
- Employ a Mission Development Officer – North in partnership with a preaching place;
- Implement Inner City Church Plant collaboration with NewLife Uniting Church;
- Support effective mission initiatives in the Presbytery;
- Increase greater engagement of Mission Shaped Ministry education by ministry agents and congregations;
- Initiate *Fresh Expression* ministries;
- Share stories and resources with the wider Uniting Church in Australia of congregations active in mission; and
- Encourage and equip through the Educating and Equipping Committee.

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congregations will be working collaboratively for mission and ministry with schools/communities/agencies and other congregations.



- Focus collaborations on growing existing and *Fresh Expressions* of church;
- Enable and encourage congregations to collaborate with the wider Uniting Church in Australia;
- Enable and encourage congregations to collaborate with the wider community;
- Pastoral Relations Committee be intentional in filling "placements" that meet the goals of the "Let it Flow" Mission Priorities;
- Share stories and resources with the wider Uniting Church in Australia of collaborations; and
- Encourage and equip through the Resource and Pastoral Relations Committees.

Notes:

1. The draft of this document was APPROVED at the Presbytery meeting on the 29TH July 2017.
2. The ‘Let it Flow’ theme picks up on the image of the rivers in the MRP logo, also on the idea of wanting to join ‘in the flow’ of where the Spirit is already at work in bringing *life giving water* to mission and ministry in the MRP. It is about having a ‘strengths based approach’ to setting the mission priorities of the Presbytery.
3. The Mission Statement, Guiding Values and Mission Priorities found within this document have come out of the work done in the Presbytery Consultation report presented by Spirited Consulting (Carolyn Kitto) at the November 2016 meeting of Presbytery, the ministers’ conversation at retreat in 2016 and 2017, work done by the Presbytery Staff and also the Presbytery Standing Committee. In particular the three *action items* recommended in the Kitto Report have helped shape this document.
4. The Presbytery Standing Committee held ‘Mission Priority’ planning days in February and May 2017.
5. This is not a ‘linear plan’ but a framework that provides some *sign posts* that point us in the direction of where we are wanting to go.

TOGETHER ON THE WAY – ENRICHING COMMUNITY

The Moreton Rivers Presbytery 2021: “Let it Flow” Mission Priorities are in line with the Synod Priority Directions.



That the Synod, as part of its journey of **Together on the way, enriching community:**

- To be Christ centred, at prayer, and listening
 - Discipleship
 - Leadership
 - Connecting with communities
 - Youth, children and families
- ...as the church grows, transitions and innovates.