



Presbytery & Synod SA Strategic Plan

2014 - 2018

TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS

Key Direction 1:

Build and deepen trusting relationships, in response to the gospel of Jesus the Christ.

1. communicate the resources, personnel, and governance processes of the ministry centers across the church.
2. establish a specific forum to encourage robust theological reflection through respectful conversation.
3. initiate quarterly gatherings of the Network reps to converse, share ideas, air concerns, cultivate understanding & build relationship.
4. encourage all members of the UCA to specifically initiate & foster personal friendships wider variety of (unlikely) people.

GIFTS & STRENGTHS OF THE UCA

Key Direction 2:

In gratitude, affirm and celebrate the signs of God working in the world through the gifts and strengths of the UCA in SA.

1. communicate in a range of mediums the stories of courage & risk-taking change in discipleship and mission.
2. champion & develop our growing multi/ intercultural fabric & ministries.
3. participate in initiatives of justice & compassion in Australian society.
4. give thanks to God for those who have found hospitality, community, salvation, transformation over many years through the ministry of all parts of the Uniting Church SA.

FOUNDATIONAL VALUES & CORE ACTIVITIES

Key Direction 3:

Remind, refresh and resource the whole church regarding our foundational values and core activities.

1. Discipleship:
foster life-long Christian discipleship marked by spiritual vitality, through radical practices, deeper biblical understanding, and sacrificial faith.
2. Evangelism:
proclaim the gospel clearly, contextually & prayerfully in today's world.
3. Every Member Ministry:
engage & enable every member to actively serve in God's mission, building up the whole Church through our diverse gifts.
4. Worship:
develop congregational worship that enables a wider variety of people in our contemporary culture to encounter the divine.

KEY ISSUES SHAPING THE NEXT TEN YEARS

Key Direction 4:

For the Presbytery, Synod and Ministry Centres to engage and resource the Church to address key issues that will shape the future of the church over the next ten years.

1. foster a theology and understanding of change & continuity in order to better enable the church to embrace our missional call into the future.
2. prepare for the regeneration of the church by exploring diverse models of church-planting.
3. develop the ability to discern the evolving social fabric and varied cultures of their local community.
4. maximise the resources of our asset-rich church to meet the mission & ministry opportunities of the 21st Century.
5. PSPT to focus its attention specifically on big-picture future-oriented matters, bringing recommendations to the Synod.