



GENERATE

Passionate disciples Courageous leaders Renewed congregations

OCTOBER UPDATE

Generate Presbytery Meeting

Wow that was fun!

On the 14th September around 200 leaders and reps from across Generate gathered together to worship, hear from God and move forward as a presbytery. We laughed, ate, and felt renewed in our mission to the communities we gathered from. We heard from Rev Dr Graham Humphris about the purpose and vision for Generate. Craig Bailey inspired us again to be people of the Word. We considered structures that would help care for and resource the presbytery- considering both the depth of ministry, skills, gifts and leadership in the presbytery, and the geographical breadth we are blessed with. We planted a new faith community, InVia, in Mawson Lakes and prayed for their leaders. And we called others into leadership spaces to serve us into the future. It was a life giving and exciting day.

Here's some of the comment from those who attended...

"... it was certainly an encouraging day, and I left joyful and excited about the future and what God is doing amongst us!"

"Thank you for a great day celebrating God's love, it gave me hope that we can get on with the job needed for our communities..."

"...today has been a new day of hope, joy & blessing. We are so grateful to our God for your leadership and join with you in expectant hope of where He is taking us together."

"Thank you, I feel like I have fallen in love with the church again"

"It was the best Presbytery Meeting I have ever attended"

Visits

Over the past few months we have had a wonderful time visiting with congregations and leaders across the presbytery. Our Chair Graham Humphris spent the day in the South East where 50 people from all our churches gathered together. Our Secretary Steph Tai recently spent time on the Yorke Peninsula connecting with our leaders there. Other members from the Generate Standing Committee, and leaders from across the presbytery, have also enjoyed meeting with many other churches and leaders as well. We would love to attend other regional gatherings. Simple get in touch and we can make some plans.

We have also loved the opportunity to chat with a number of churches about Generate's heart and vision as they consider which presbytery to join. This is with no expectation which presbytery the congregation will decide, rather simply because we know how important information and being able to ask your questions is in this process. If you have questions or need more information, please reach out and we would love to help.

Hubs

As we look at our structures and systems, we want to create avenues for support, resourcing, pastoral care and encouragement across the presbytery. We have sought and listened to feedback collected through a number of avenues.

With over 100 congregations in Generate so far, stretching the full breadth of the Synod of SA we want to ensure that this is well supported structurally but gives life relationally and missionally.

One of the key structures we will be exploring in 2020 is Generate Hubs. These will be regional areas of support, encouragement and prayer, while providing opportunities for resourcing, and possibly even presbytery meetings, without the need to continually travel to Adelaide. These will be the beginning of creating ways that we encourage and work together towards our mission.



Next Steps

Generate will meet again briefly around the November Synod meeting (while everyone is in town). Here we will launch our next steps based on the feedback that we received at our September meeting. We would love for you to be there. Details will follow.

The Generate Standing Committee continues to work on a variety of other areas including resourcing models and opportunities, how we support congregations and leaders, leadership needs for 2020 and beyond, the guidelines for the standing committee's functioning, pathways into leadership, and many pastoral and relational needs across the presbytery. We appreciate your ongoing prayer.

Connect

Already joined Generate or looking to find out more?
There are a number of easy ways that you can connect.

For Social media search Generate Presbytery on **Facebook**.

Email info@generate.ucasa.org.au

Phone 0417 861 065 (secretary)

Website generate.ucasa.org.au

(Over time our website will grow with resources, clips and more to help support your ministry).

Does this sound like you?

Generate won't be the right fit for every congregation, but if this sounds like your heart as a congregation, then Generate will be a great presbytery to be a part of.

You are invited, when your congregation or faith community is ready, to hold a congregational meeting to make this decision. In order to join Generate Presbytery, a two-thirds majority is required.

Please communicate your decision to the Associate General Secretary, Rev Sue Page via email: assocgensec@sa.uca.org.au, or post GPO Box 2145, Adelaide SA 5001.

We are excited to see what God is going to do!

