

Generate Presbytery

The communities and leaders in Generate Presbytery continue to delight and encourage us by their generosity of spirit, their encouragement of one another, their willingness grow and stretch, to stand with and support one another, and to look beyond themselves for the sake of the gospel. With 112 Congregations and Faith Communities, over 35 Ministers, around 40 MOPs and many more lay leaders, there is both a diversity of gifts and experience they bring, and challenges they face.

1. Strategic Priorities

1.1 Key Foci

Since its formation Generate has gathered around four key foci which direct our work, resourcing, conversations and strategic investment. They are

- Seeing people come to faith in Jesus
- Growing Passionate Disciples
- Raising Courageous Leaders
- Planting and Renewing Churches

We continue to focus on these four things in our work together and our Strategic Planning.

1.2 Visionary Targets

In February 2026 the Generate Standing Committee and Staff spent time during their annual retreat connecting with each other, reflecting on the current position of the presbytery, and discerning the strategic pathways forward. Over the following weeks this was further refined and the following 2030 Visionary Targets have been identified.

Every Congregation experiencing the joy of Baptising someone who has come to faith in Jesus.	
	2000+ Baptisms across Generate Congregations by 2030.
	Every Generate Congregation
Evangelistic 'Kairos' events and training in every hub.	
	2-3 each year
	60% of Generate Congregations have a fully developed model for faith sharing
More congregations intentionally growing disciples.	
	60% of Generate Congregations have a fully developed model for discipleship

More Leadership Pathways operating in local churches	
	20 Congregations with a fully developed Leadership Pathway by 2030
	30 new Ordained Ministers or MOPs serving in ministry by the end of 2030
Normalise and Resource Church Planting in Generate Presbytery	
	10 Church Plants by 2031
	Replant or Regenerate 5 Regional Centres by the end of 2030
	\$4 million in Generate operated fund by 2030 for church planting
Establish adequate income/resources to provide stability, confidence and growth of Generate Presbytery's mission and congregational support.	
	Double Generate Presbyteries funding/income by 2030

2. Presbytery Gatherings

Each year the presbytery gathers in a variety of ways. Whether it is leaders gathering in coffee shops, regional hubs gathering for resourcing, church planters gathering for encouragement, chairperson retreats, pastors retreats, ordinations, inductions and commissionings, resourcing opportunities or prayer gatherings, there is always joy in being able to connect. Since the last Synod meeting the whole Generate Presbytery has gathered four times.

2.1 Presbytery Meetings

2.1.1 November 2024 Online Meeting

Due to the timing of other meetings the decision was made to gather online rather than in person for the second presbytery meeting of the year. We were encouraged by some input and made some decisions together.

2.1.2 March 2025 The Edge

In March we held our first presbytery meeting of 2025 at Burnside City UC with the theme the Edge. We were privileged to have Rev Stu Cameron come to share on the Friday night and Saturday about ministering on the edge.

2.1.3 November 2025 Awaken

In November 2025 we gathered at Seeds Aberfoyle Park around the theme of Awaken. We heard vision and stories, were resourced in workshops and processed some business together.

2.1.4 March 2026 Fervent

In March we again gathered online. We received some encouragement from our Chairperson, prayed together, explored insights into our health through some of results from the Missional Viability Questionnaire, and were presented with the Generate 2030 Strategic Plan Visionary Targets. We made decisions around Synod Membership and heard stories of missional activity from three leaders across the presbytery.

2.2 Chairperson's Retreat

In August 2025 we held the first Generate Chairpersons Retreat. A group of dedicated and generous chairpersons from local congregations organised this day to support, encourage and equip chairpersons from across the presbytery. With 30 chairpersons in attendance, it was a wonderful day of learning and conversation. We appreciate the team who led this day and Seeds Kurralta Park for hosting.

The 2026 Chairpersons Retreat will again be held in August at Encounter Enfield.

2.3 Pastors Retreat

In September 2025 we gathered again at Adelaide Hills Convention Centre for our annual Generate Pastors Retreat. We met under the theme of AWAKEN and had Trudy Sayers from 24/7 Prayer as our guest speaker. This a key point of connection and collegiality for our ministry agents. We are again blessed by the number of newer faces and younger cohort being raised up

2.4 Ordinations

This year we celebrated the Ordinations of Elissa Inglis, Travis Turner and David Sigley. These were wonderful presbytery celebrations. We continue to support our candidates throughout their formation and engage regularly with the college about formation pathways

3. Congregations

3.1 Church Plants and Amalgamations

There have been several new congregations formed in 2025.

1. Encounter Enfield was recognised as congregation (moving from a Faith Community) which allowed them to amalgamate with Enfield Uniting Church and become Encounter Enfield Congregation.
2. Williamstown and Gawler Uniting Churches amalgamated to become Transform Uniting Church. They are now one church with two campuses
3. We continue to support Gardens Church (formerly Windsor Gardens) as they grow from a new beginning.
4. Hallet Cove Uniting Church amalgamated with Seeds Uniting Church. They are now one church on three campuses. Aberfoyle Park, Hallet Cove and Kurralta Park.
5. Hope Valley Church is building towards planting Hope Valley Barossa in mid 2026.

6. There have been reviews of some congregational linked arrangements and new governance structures put in place to better support their current realities

3.2 Closures

Roxby Downs Community Church was established as a joint venture of the Anglican and Uniting Church. Over many years it has only had leadership provided by the Anglican Church and so they requested they no longer be recognised as a UC congregation, which was approved.

4. Community

We are immensely grateful for the extensive number of people throughout Generate who contribute to the heartbeat of this presbytery. Who say yes to the opportunities to serve, to meet, to gather, to encourage, to equip, to strengthen, to pray, to discern and to lead. The strength of Generate is in each of you finding a way to reach out and encourage the mission and ministry of others.

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