

Croydon Uniting Church Vision and Mission Goals

Our Guiding Vision:

We at Croydon Uniting Church with God's grace and guidance will witness and proclaim the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ to the local and wider community.

We will focus particularly on:

- *Our prayer life, contemplation and discernment*
 - *Pastoral care of the frail and aged*
- *Ministry with children, youth and their families*
- *Actively serving the local and wider community*

Mission Goals – January 2015

1. Congregation / faith community needs: *nurturing discipleship for mission*

- a. Worship (flexible worship & fellowship spaces with accessible facilities - including toilets)
- b. Pastoral care (including frail and aged, and social networks)
- c. Faith development (including children, youth & their families)
- d. Careful consideration of the Memorial Garden

2. Financial sustainability: *for the next 10+ years*

- a. Pay for ministry team (minister & other missional staffing needs)
- b. Accommodation for minister (manse/funding)
- c. Financial costs including insurance, building services (power & gas), property maintenance
- d. Support of wider Uniting Church commitments (faith development, education & resourcing, social justice, international mission, etc.)
- e. Adapt & streamline property needs and use

3. Build local community partnerships: *sharing God's love in Croydon*

- a. Church play groups
- b. Helping Hand (location possibilities, financial support)
- c. Local school chaplaincy

4. Support wider community: *sharing God's love for the world*

- a. Asylum seeker support
- b. Social justice advocacy & action

5. Potential new areas of mission focus: *sharing God's love in fresh words and deeds*

- a. Faith formation in the 21st century
- b. New initiatives in Aged care outreach/pastoral care/support

6. Building partnerships: *host relationships & tenants*

- a. Croydon Parish Players
- b. Chin Christian Church Melbourne
- c. Music Together program
- d. Other regular users