



IPSWICH UNITING CHURCH

ABN 53 661 851 097

Our Vision:

Growing together and reaching out as disciples of Christ

Our Core Values:

Future focussed Inclusive Grace filled Innovative Relational Justice oriented

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IPSWICH UNITING CHURCH COMMUNIQUE

20th October 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In August the Church Council established four task groups to undertake the vital work of facilitating the amalgamation process: Administration Task Group; Communications Task Group; Strategic Planning Task Group and Future Ministries Task Group. The Task Groups comprise Church Council members from the five worshipping communities, according to their areas of interest and expertise.

Communications Task Group

From recommendations brought to the September and October meetings the Church Council has determined to:

1. Refer to our locations as Brassall, Ellenborough Street, Glebe Road and Jacaranda Street
2. Purchase the web name 'ipswichuc.com.au'
3. Develop a central website pointing to the website of each location
4. Establish a combined events calendar
5. Set up the necessary email accounts for Ipswich Uniting Church
6. Adopt a protocol for communicating by email
7. Adopt a protocol for making decisions by email
8. Trial a joint newsletter for the Congregation
9. Purchase and adopt the UCare pastoral system
10. Centralise church membership records
11. Purchase hand-held devices for UCare application, as required by each location
12. Record attendance data at each church service and activity
13. Record registrations of youth and children's events
14. Send weekly personalised newsletters using UCare
15. Open a Blue Card portal for Ipswich UC and register all card holders
16. Require all Leadership Team members to hold a Blue Card and undertake Safe Ministry with Children training
17. Adopt the draft letterhead and logo as an interim measure
18. Prepare business cards on the same basis
19. Engage a graphic artist to prepare a suite of designs for the letterhead, logo, business cards, website, Facebook page and promotional material
20. Provide a regular communique to the Congregation to keep them informed of developments

Administration Task Group

From recommendations brought to the September and October meetings the Church Council has determined to:

1. Establish one bank account for Ipswich Uniting Church to become the only account from 1 January 2022.
2. Adopt consistent money handling procedures across the Congregation
3. Identify expenditure limits for each level of governance within the Congregation.
4. Purchase Xero and develop a set of accounts for Ipswich Uniting Church (IUC)

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5. Acquire a new ABN, charity status and fulfil the ACNC requirements.
6. Audit the office requirements of each location and create one Office Administrator position to serve IUC.
7. Set up a multi-site CCLI account for copyright purposes.
8. Engage Ray White Realty to manage the commercial renting of property at Ellenborough Street
9. Retain local authority of each location to manage the renting of their facilities
10. Appoint RW Ramsey & Co to be the auditor
11. Establish a Maintenance Budget for Jan – Jul 2022
12. Develop an Annual Budget for Jul 22 – Jun 23
13. Retain responsibility for Safety Plans, Risk Assessments, reports from ministry groups, and COVID requirements with the Leadership Teams
14. Ministers and Leadership Teams to report monthly to the Church Council
15. Require Leadership Teams to bring proposals to the Church Council regarding names of leaders, establishment of new ministry groups and activities, expenditure above determined thresholds, and grant applications.

Strategic Planning Task Group

From recommendations brought to the October meeting the Church Council has determined to:

1. Adopt the Strategic Plan (attached)
2. Appoint a Strategic Action Team to undertake the plan
3. Provide a copy of the Plan to the members of the Congregation

Futures Task Group

This Task Group now picks up where the Strategic Planning Task Group has concluded. The Group's priorities include the configuration of ministry staffing from January 2023, the stewardship of our property resources, and the undertaking of a Planned Giving Program in November 2021.

Peter Taubner

We continue to pray for Peter and Jeanette at this time. We welcome David MacGregor into supply ministry at Jacaranda Street.

Christmas Projects

The Church Council has selected three projects for the Congregation's focus in this Advent and Christmas season:

1. Angel Tree
2. Everything in Common
3. Christmas Bowl Appeal

Information about these projects is provided for your encouragement and participation.

Conclusion

The Church Council is working very hard with a great fruitfulness in our discussions and decision-making. Thank you for your ongoing support. Please continue to pray for us.

Yours in Christ's Service,

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Christine Howden
Secretary

Peter Arnett
Lead Minister