

# BANORA POINT UNITING CHURCH

## MISSION PLAN 2020

As approved at special congregational  
meeting held on Sunday 26 January  
2020

# Our Mission

**“To love God and love our neighbour”**

(based on Mark 12:30-31)

This love will be

1. Sustained by our union with Christ (as celebrated at the Lord's table),
2. Demonstrated in practical care to all in times of need, and
3. Encouraged by the living example of Jesus Christ and the teachings of God's Holy Word.

# Our Vision

- **To be a loving and caring Church Community, dependent upon God and guided by his Holy Spirit, seeking to nurture its members to grow spiritually and to empower and encourage them in the service of making disciples and in reaching out into our local and world communities with love, compassion, care, friendship, fellowship and practical support.**

# Our Values

**We value:**

- 1. The nurturing of people's Christian faith and their relationship with God,**
- 2. Being a loving, faithful and supportive community, and**
- 3. Being led by God to enable each other to actively participate in God's work in the world.**

# **Key Objectives for 2020 and beyond**

- 1. Engaging Worship**
- 2. Strengthening Fellowship and Pastoral Care**
- 3. Supporting Active Discipleship**
- 4. Actively reaching into the Local Community and Beyond**
- 5. Youth and Children's Ministries**
- 6. Maximising use of Church resources**

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## OBJECTIVE 1: ENGAGING WORSHIP

| GOAL  | STRATEGY   | RESPONSIBILITY  | WHEN                         |
|---|--|---|------------------------------|
| To promote Church outreach to the wider community   | Hold 4 Special Sunday Services per year which educate and promote community outreach programs (eg Uniting World, TCCEA, Bible Society, an adopted overseas mission)  | Minister and Elders   | One each quarter of 2020     |
| To promote worship occasions that are Christ centred and outward looking to the local community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore and report on current and future opportunities to serve the local community.</li> <li>• Advertise Christmas, Easter, Anzac Day services, and any other specific services eg “Remembering at Christmas”</li> </ul> | Minister and Church Council   | Report to Council April 2020 |
| To encourage greater congregational awareness of, and participation in, church life             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and support worship teams and lay ministry</li> <li>• Publish a quarterly newsletter to the congregation about church life</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister, Elders</li> <li>• Church Council</li> <li>• Communication committee</li> </ul> | To commence in 2020          |

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## OBJECTIVE 2: STRENGTHENING CHURCH FELLOWSHIP & PASTORAL CARE

| GOAL                                     | STRATEGY  | RESPONSIBILITY                    | WHEN                  |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Build fellowship across the Congregation | Host regular social and information occasions, with guest speakers. | Council and Fellowship Committee  | 10 per year           |
| Actively welcome new members /attendees  | Provide newcomer lunches, BBQs twice a year”                        | Council and Congregation          | 2 per year            |
| To support the annual Women’s Retreat    | Participate in the planning and attendance at the Women’s           | Minister, Church Council & Elders | October 2020 and 2021 |

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## OBJECTIVE 2: STRENGTHENING CHURCH FELLOWSHIP & PASTORAL CARE (2)

| GOAL  | STRATEGY   | RESPONSIBILITY  | WHEN  |
|---|--|---|---|
| To provide effective Pastoral Care                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide continuing training and support for pastoral carers</li> <li>• Improve regular, timely contact with the whole congregation</li> <li>• Improve the effectiveness of the Prayer Chain, including the better use of electronic communication</li> <li>• Encourage widow support through Chaira Companions</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister and Pastoral Care Team</li> <li>• Pastoral Care Team</li> <li>• Minister, Elders and Prayer Chain Co-ordinator</li> <li>• Council, Chaira Co-ordinator</li> </ul> | <p>At least 4 Team Meetings a year</p> <p>By June 2020</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |
| To provide fellowship and encouragement for the men of the church | <p>Continue monthly men's breakfast.</p> <p>Continue men's weekly Bible study</p>  | Elders and Men's Co-ordinator   | Ongoing   |



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## OBJECTIVE 3: SUPPORTING ACTIVE DISCIPLESHIP

| GOAL   | STRATEGY  | RESPONSIBILITY                      | WHEN                 |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| To encourage and equip the congregation for discipleship   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen the spiritual life of members through prayer and Bible Study</li> </ul> | Minister, Elders and Church Council | 2020 – 2022          |
| Promote small groups   | Hosting an Alpha Study group  | Minister, Council, group leaders    | Annually             |
| To set in place a more effective mission giving plan each year to respond to financial needs within the wider church and the world | Establish a Mission Sub-Committee for the practical implementation of identified annual mission objectives                | Minister<br>Church Council          | Mid 2020, 2021, 2022 |
| To ensure the continued financial viability of our Church  | To emphasise stewardship as an integral part of discipleship  | Minister<br>Church Council          | 2020<br>2022         |

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## OBJECTIVE 4: ACTIVELY REACHING OUT TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

| GOAL   | STRATEGY   | RESPONSIBILITY                               | WHEN                   |
|--|--|--|------------------------|
| To actively build and develop relationships with local schools | Provide morning tea/meet and greet annually in association with TCCEA staff of local high schools  | Church Council and Congregation              | Throughout 2020 & 2021 |
| To raise funds and engage with community                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct an annual fete as well as shopping centre market stalls</li> <li>• Maintain open and co-operative relationships with nearby shops and businesses</li> </ul> | Church Council                               | From May 2020          |
| To encourage new arrivals to attend our Church                 | Contact retirement villages and recently arrived older couples with a welcome package and invitation to Church   | Minister, Church Council, Communication team | 2020 and beyond        |

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| GOAL  | STRATEGY   | RESPONSIBILITY                            | WHEN            |
|---|--|---|-----------------|
| To invite the community into Church activities        | Continue to use craft club activities and the fashion parade as important point of contact                                   | Church Council and relevant committees    | continuing      |
| To foster a caring outreach to the homeless           | Liaise with groups that provide services for the homeless eg Fred's Place, and supporting specific fundraising opportunities | Minister<br>Church Council                | 2020 and beyond |
| To foster mission outreach beyond our local community | Adopt and develop a relationship with a specific mission and/or specific agency or community                                 | Council, Elders and Mission Sub-committee | 2020            |
| Respond to catastrophic events in a timely manner     | Allocate funds, collect needy items and arrange appeals  | Church Council                            | As necessary    |

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## OBJECTIVE 5: YOUTH & CHILDREN MINISTRY

| GOAL  | STRATEGY  | RESPONSIBILITY   | WHEN                           |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------|
| To acknowledge and support mainly music and Messy Church as integral parts of our Church family | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have one service per annum specifically related to Children’s ministry</li> <li>• Invite congregation to a celebration of mainly music, Messy Church</li> </ul>                            | Minister , Elders<br>Worship teams and messy church and mainly music teams | During 2020                    |
| To ensure the continued viability of these ministry missions                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage congregational participation in these missions</li> <li>• Provide training to participants</li> <li>• Investigate ways of advertising these programs to the community</li> </ul> | Minister<br>Church Council   | Throughout 2020, 2021 and 2022 |
| Continue to support the TCCEA in the engagement of SRE teachers at local High Schools           | Encourage active participation of the congregation in support of TCCEA through prayer and financial support   | Minister<br>Church Council   | Throughout 2020 & 2021         |

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## OBJECTIVE 6: MAXIMISING THE USE OF CHURCH RESOURCES

| GOAL   | STRATEGY   | RESPONSIBILITY                             | WHEN                           |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------|
| To recruit, train and support future leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek out those willing to serve</li> <li>• Utilize the talents, abilities in the membership</li> <li>• Celebrate initiative and innovation</li> </ul> | Minister<br>Church Council                 | October 2020 & 2021            |
| To promote our Church in the modern media    | Clearly advertise and inform community and further develop the use of digital communication incl the regular upgrade of the Church website   | Church Council<br>Communications Committee | Report to Council by June 2020 |