



Project Plenty What we heard

What is Project Plenty?

Project Plenty is a process where we are looking together at our life as one church, giving thanks for the extraordinary blessings we have, and discerning how best to contribute to God's mission for the life of the world.

The last time we undertook an intentional process to develop a shared vision was in 2010. Since then, the world in which we live and work and participate in God's mission hasn't stopped changing and evolving – and nor has our church.

In the Basis of Union, we declare that the Uniting Church is open to ongoing change in or practice of worship, witness and service. We know that the world has been significantly transformed in the past decade, including such influences as rapidly developing technology, the rise of digital engagement, changing social contexts and growing awareness of global issues.

The time is right for us to balance how operate in a hyper-connected world, even as the world cries out for meaning and belonging. Christ's church should be grounded in responding to that cry.

What we have heard so far?

Over the past six months, consultation and engagement sessions have been held across the state speaking to Uniting Church congregations, presbyteries, agencies, commissions, committees and entities. Individuals have also conducted their own consultation sessions via resources on the **Project Plenty** website.

While there were many important and valuable contributions, key themes that were continually raised and discussed include:

1. Focus on discipleship as core business.
2. Active in things that matter in our

communities – particularly mental health.

3. Develop tighter collaboration and integration across the Queensland Synod.
4. Refresh approaches to training and equipping lay people and ministers with skills such as reading the context, understanding community, evangelism.
5. Churches as community hubs (21st Century manner, not 1950s).
6. More effective use of physical assets (mission, revenue, community).
7. Improved church structures, governance and compliance to ensure we enhance rather than inhibit mission.
8. Develop capacity and willingness to make hard decisions.

What's next?

We want to know your response to the "What we heard" report. Specifically, we have two questions:

- Do these eight commonly recurring themes resonate with you and your local situation?
- Which do you see as the highest priority to address?

We'd invite you to join the conversation in the following way:

- Read and reflect prayerfully on the ["What we heard" report](#).
- Read and comment on regular reflections posted to the [Project Plenty Facebook page](#).
- Listen to the [Project Plenty podcasts](#), and share your responses at the Facebook page.

- Talk to your congregation's **Project Plenty** champion.
- Email a member of the **Project Plenty** team at projectplenty@ucaqld.com.au or speak to a member of the team directly.

Your feedback and input will help shape a draft set of mission values and priorities which we'll once again seek your views and responses to. We're going to continue to look for your input regularly throughout 2020, right up until the 35th Synod meets in October at Alexandra Park Conference Centre, where the **Project Plenty** mission values and priorities will be launched. Stay connected with the **Project Plenty** Facebook page and website, and with Uniting News for all the up-to-date information.

Where can I find out more?

Share your thoughts today to shape our future for tomorrow. Join the **Project Plenty** conversation by:

- Visiting the [Project Plenty website](#).
- Joining the [Project Plenty Facebook group](#).
- Reading the ["What we heard" report](#) in full.
- Reading [Uniting News](#).
- Listening to the [Project Plenty podcast](#).