



The Uniting Church in Australia
QUEENSLAND SYNOD

Shared life. Flourishing

Project Plenty

Have your say on our draft mission
priorities and direction 2021-2025

Consultation pack

Introduction:

Project Plenty is the name given to a whole-of-church discernment process being conducted by the Queensland Synod office. The process runs from May 2019 to October 2020 and will result in the agreement of a shared set of mission priorities and directions for the whole Synod that will be presented at the 35th Synod in Session.

The process calls all of us to think carefully about how we deploy all that we are for the life of our community, and for bearing witness to the love of God in Christ for all through our worship, witness and service.

In June 2020, a draft report entitled *Shared life. Flourishing communities.* was released. This report reflects all of the work to date and offers a draft set of mission priorities and directions.

This pack is designed to assist you as an individual member, volunteer, staff member or interested friend of the church to reflect on *Shared life. Flourishing communities.*, to offer your feedback on it, and to begin considering your own commitment to the ambition statement and priorities it contains.

The pack includes four components:

1. A consultation guide (this document)
2. [Shared life. Flourishing communities](#) report
3. [Feedback form](#) (digital feedback preferred)
4. [Video](#) "Introducing *Shared life. Flourishing communities.*"

This is one of two similar self-guided packs to enable contributions to the listening phase of the project. The complete set of packs includes:

1. Church council/governance/leadership group consultation
2. Individual consultation (this document)

Input received through these consultation packs will be contributed to the Project Plenty co-creation process in order to finalise the document to be considered at the 35th Synod in session, which will be held in October 2020. Those submitting input have the option of providing contact details to allow the project team to (a) contact the submitter for any required clarification, and, (b) receive updates throughout the life of the project.

For further information about this pack or regarding Project Plenty in general, contact the project team via projectplenty@ucaqld.com.au or visit www.ucaqld.com.au/projectplenty

Using the individual feedback pack

This self-guided reflection is designed for individual use. As noted above there are companion packs designed for small group discussions who wish to provide input to the process.

Data and ideas gathered at each point in the discussion can be submitted to the Project Plenty team via the [online form](#) or by email to projectplenty@ucaqld.com.au

Preparation:

1. Grab a cuppa and a snack, find a comfortable place and take the time you need to work through the material at your own pace.
2. Pray the opening prayer.
3. Read the following scriptures: 2 Corinthians 9:6–15, Genesis 12:2 and Matthew 25: 31–46. Reflect on what you notice from each and what they reveal about how we should be oriented towards the world.
4. [Watch the video “Introducing Shared life. Flourishing communities.”](#)
5. Read the [Shared life. Flourishing communities.](#) report, making notes as you go with respect to anything that piques your curiosity.
6. Respond to the questions in the [feedback form](#).
7. Optionally include your name and contact details if you’re happy for the project team to contact you for further information regarding anything you’ve submitted, and note if you’re happy to be added to a mailing list for further updates on the project.
8. Participate in small group or public forums regarding the project if you’re interested and able (details available at www.ucaqld.com.au/projectplenty)

Opening prayer:

God of mercy and wonder,

Thank you for the Uniting Church. Thank you for calling us together, for continuing to call us together. For inviting me, and our church, into your mission through our worship, witness and service. Thank you for all that you have blessed us with. For the resources we have inherited through the stewardship of men and women before us. For the relationships both within and beyond our church. For the presence in our communities that reaches so widely across this state. For the dreams and visions of many among us. As I come to this report I pray for wisdom as I listen, read, and reflect on the directions in which you continue to call us. I pray for the capacity to hear your voice continuing to call us into mission. And I pray for those in my neighbourhood and networks, and for the privilege of loving them as I serve you. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen

Feedback Form: See separate document outlining questions for survey monkey