

Strategic Priorities: 2017-2020

Our
vision

All people thrive in a healed and reconciled world

Our
purpose

We give voice to the Uniting Church's commitment to social justice through advocacy and by strengthening community service provision

Our
values

- **Hope**
- **Respect**
- **Justice**
- **Compassion**
- **Integrity**
- **Innovation**



Our drivers for change

Australia is undergoing significant social, demographic, economic and environmental change, and not everyone has the same access to a decent life. Our nation has not embedded respect and acknowledgement of our First Peoples in our culture and instruments of state. Inequality is widening and marginalised groups are missing out on many opportunities offered by a rapidly changing world.

Service providers will increasingly need to demonstrate their value to consumers, investors and donors. In particular, consumers will be empowered to have choice and control, and will interact with service providers in new ways, supported by the innovative use of technology.

We understand our role in facilitating the effective use of limited resources across a federated system, maximising the benefits of shared experience. To address these drivers and express our faith foundations, we will focus on the following five **strategic priorities**:

- **A just and fair society**
- **Accessible and effective service systems for all**
- **Action informed by sound evidence, research and innovation**
- **Uniting together**
- **Strong leaders, good stewards**

Our principles

Our work is guided by the following principles:

- all people in Australia are to be treated justly, accorded dignity and have their basic rights protected
- Australian society must be guided by a commitment to justice and full participation by its citizens across all domains of life, recognising those most disadvantaged and marginalised and the unique place of our First Peoples
- decision making on national policy must operate in a truly democratic way involving and empowering the greatest number of people through working cooperatively and ecumenically, and
- the Church, as part of society, must devote itself to worship, witness and service to give greater expression to God's love for the world and the Church as a loving agency that cares and works together for justice.