

Boroondara Congregation: Mission Statement

As a Congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia it will **meet** regularly to **hear** God's word, to **celebrate** the sacraments, to **build up** one another in love, and **serve** the world while **recognising** the congregation has a covenantal relationship with the First Peoples of this land, and that it will seek to **work together** with other churches. (*Basis of Union* Para.s 2, 15; Preamble to the *Constitution of the Uniting Church*.)

To this end the Boroondara Congregation will:

1. **Meet** in a variety of styles, times and ways of worship, including regular Sunday worship and other services which may use digital technology. Worship will be inclusive and participatory. All will be welcome. It will be multicultural;
2. **Hear** in an appropriate way, and with relevance to contemporary life, the Biblical witness through regular education programs for children through to adults with differing capabilities and interest;
3. **Celebrate** with each other, and the wider community of Boroondara, the joy of Christian life through festivals, exhibitions and special occasions that show imagination and creativity;
4. **Build up** all members through a pastoral care program which is inclusive, supportive of all in need, and which will feature shared meals together;
5. **Serve** the community of Boroondara through its partnership with Boroondara Community Outreach and its mission to empower the vulnerable¹; and in the congregation's own faithful and innovative service and witness to the way of Christ through such programs as the provision of housing, it will seek to be a blessing to the community of Boroondara, while at the same time challenge any injustice and inequality in the world;
6. **Recognise** and deepen its relationship with the people of the Kulin Nation through shared programs and advocacy for Indigenous people; and
7. **Work together** with local churches and people of other faiths.

¹ The Boroondara Congregation will enter into a covenant with Boroondara Community Outreach to reflect shared values and goals, outline areas of co-operation and specify how resources may be shared.