

# **MISSION PLAN**

## **2016 – 2018**

Note: the individual ministry areas of Seeds Uniting and the goals of those ministry areas are to be attached to this document to form the Mission Plan

**Adopted by the Church Congregation – [Insert Date]**

## Introduction

*Glorify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together – Psalm 34:3*

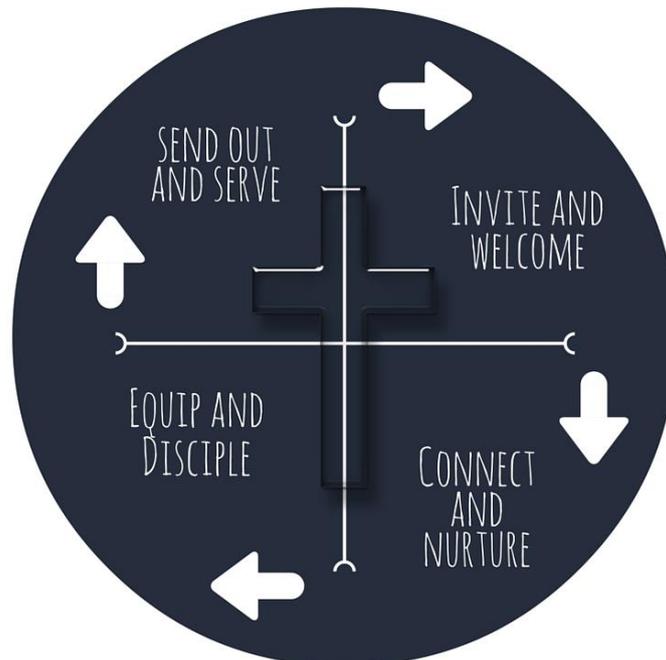
This Mission Plan is the outcome of an intentional period of discernment during which the Elders have listened, shared and prayed about the future direction of our Church. We have affirmed our Mission Statement and identified the core practices that will enable us to accomplish our mission.

## Mission Statement

As God's Church, we are wholly committed to:

**Bringing people to Jesus and transforming them into his passionate disciples.**

Our aspiration is to be a disciple-making and Christ centred Church. To support this we have identified four core practices that will inform and direct each of our ministry areas and programs:



These four core practices are strongly inter-related and all ministry area leaders and core teams across our Church will develop ministry plans that align with our mission statement and incorporate these core practices. How we implement these four areas will be unique to Seeds and will demonstrate what we are called to be.

# Our Core Practices for Ministry

**Invite and Welcome**    *“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God” Romans 15:7*

We will partner with God in growing his Church through intentional evangelism and generous hospitality creating an environment where everyone is welcome and experiences a sense of belonging. Just as Jesus showed his love for us, we will strive to love to each other and the world

- Foster a culture where people are encouraged to share the gospel and their faith story in the course of their daily lives
- Create welcoming places where people of all backgrounds can experience a sense of belonging and where spiritual change can take place
- Ensure the value and practice of inclusive and generous hospitality is central to every ministry and program of our Church
- Provide transparent and open communication and effectively utilise technology to promote what God is doing in and through our Church

**Connect & Nurture**    *“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you” John 15:12*

We will create authentic community in which people experience vital, life-transforming connections with God and each other across generations

- Meet together as the body of Christ with expectancy, sharing in worship that is God centred, faithful, challenging and inspiring
- Provide regular opportunities to celebrate the life changing impact of the promises made at baptism
- Develop a strong intergenerational culture and encourage participation across all key ministries and programs
- Nurture the development of meaningful relationships amongst our people, which contribute towards a growing relationship with Jesus
- Build an active network of small groups that grow and birth new groups in the congregation
- Develop a community that nurtures and cares for each other and the wider world we are called to serve

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**Equip & Disciple** *“To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up” Ephesians 4:12*

We will encourage abundant grace-filled generosity that ensures our Church is effectively resourced and supports people to become passionate disciples of Jesus

- Develop a culture of lifelong discipleship that equips people for daily living
- Ensure all aspects of our Church are underpinned by prayer, as individuals and as a Church community
- Provide regular biblical teaching that encourages people to learn, apply and be transformed by its message
- Develop a mindset for growth and change amongst our leaders
- Foster a culture that is generous in giving its time, skills and resources for the good of others, both within and beyond the Church community
- Demonstrate stewardship of God’s resources through sound financial management
- Ensure our property provides an inviting and accessible space, offering flexible areas for our various ministry programs with modern facilities that enable us to demonstrate generous hospitality

**Send Out & Serve** *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit” Matthew 28:19*

We will be God’s witness in the world as we radically live out our Christian faith, both locally and in the wider world, humbly and lovingly serving wherever God calls

- Communicate and promote serving opportunities for everyone across our Church community and strengthen links with the communities that we serve
- Celebrate and commission people who commit to serve others in our local church, the wider church and in the wider community
- Develop working partnerships with like-minded organisations, both local and in the wider world, to support and enhance the capacity for those they serve
- Seek to grow God’s Church by establishing or supporting other communities with similar missional objectives that can ultimately be self-sustaining