

Bremer Brisbane Presbytery
Oxley Consultation.
Report to Congregation March 23rd 2014.

Oxley Priority Setting Day

On March 15th, 38 people worked hard from 9 till 3 on sharing their journey with Oxley UCA and being open to others on their experience and hope for the life of the church.

We shared what our expectations of being a part of Oxley UCA were, when we came, and what they are now.

We disclosed with each other what our sense of commitment to the life and mission of Oxley UCA was.

We celebrated the good things that Oxley is and does as a part of its life.

We shared where we'd had a "pinch" with Oxley UCA – things had happened, or not happened that wasn't according to expectations

We shared where we had come to "crunch" with Oxley UCA – where things had happened or not happened that really called into question our place in the life of the Oxley UCA community.

We then went through a fairly exhaustive priority setting exercise that saw us discern what were the things Oxley really needed to address – besides continuing to live its life. These priorities were about improving some aspects of Oxley's life and reinforcing some core themes.

The priorities for development discerned were:

- a. Develop Christian Maturity (154)
- b. Honour and embrace servant leadership (119)
- c. Build community and a sense of belonging (119)
- d. Improve communication (73)
- e. Deepen quality of oversight (71)
- f. Develop social justice (19)

After the Visioning Day, a report went to the CLT team from the Consultation Group. It has started working on the next steps – some small groups to formulate actions that will develop these priorities in your life. If you want to be a part of that brainstorming and problem solving, please contact Harry Thompson.

The ideas generated will come under the oversight of the CLT for implementation.

Harry Thompson has some of the work that was done on the day if people would like further information.

It has been an encouragement to work with you, to see your commitment to the life and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ. There is still more work to be done, but there is a great foundation of people ready to work together; to be the church.

With prayers for your ongoing journey,

David Baker (Rev), for the Consultation team.