

**Building Community and a Sense of Belonging**  
*“In union with Christ, you too are being built together with all the others.”* Ephesians 2 : 22a

What we want to accomplish	Who will be the champion	How will we achieve it	How will we achieve it?
<p><i>Unity in community</i> (No timeline : ongoing)</p>	<p>The Building Unity Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present members of the Task Group</li> <li>• Others from the Congregation</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Developing unity through an active and growing prayer life.</li> <li>2. Talking to one another with genuine love and respect.</li> <li>3. Involving ourselves positively and helpfully in providing assistance to our sisters and brothers as needed.</li> <li>4. Encouraging, supporting and participating in planned activities of our congregation's groups and ministry areas as they occur.</li> </ol>	<p>Increased attendances, participation and willingness to be involved.</p>
<p><i>Strengthening pastoral care and visitation</i> (No timeline – ongoing)</p>	<p>Sharyn Sinnamon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jo Scarlett</li> <li>• Others from the Congregation</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Building a pastoral care team who will share with the Ministry Team, a joint ministry in visiting and caring for our members and adherents.</li> <li>2. Taking account of confidentiality, create a reporting mechanism through the Pastoral Care Ministry Coordinator to ensure sensitive and caring data on absences, pastoral needs and support is available to the Ministry Team.</li> <li>3. Ensuring that Care Circles are regularly updated and that gatherings are held as often as possible.</li> </ol>	<p>People feel more encouraged to talk about their needs            Growth in the number of Care Circles and in the fellowship that takes place within them.            Willingness to be involved in pastoral care activities.</p>
<p><i>Ensuring we have comprehensive communication strategies</i> (1 and 2 to be achieved no later than 3 months from date of implementation of this report; 3 and 4 to be achieved no later than 6 months after that.)</p>	<p>Harry Thompson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nerida Millar</li> <li>• Jody Clarkeson</li> <li>• Others from the Congregation</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Providing information for the weekly notices through               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing the quality of information and retaining the current format,</li> <li>• Ensuring information is included at least one week before the due date and also on the due date,</li> <li>• Encouraging more people to contribute information in a timely manner.</li> </ul>               People have to take ownership of their activities to ensure they are on the notices.             </li> <li>2. Identifying people in our Congregations with skills in presenting notices and bulletins in a range of approaches including through website, hard copy print and magazine (six monthly) formats. Office skills are preferred.)</li> <li>3. Reporting key outcomes from our councils, committees and ministry areas which affect everyone in the Congregations, within guidelines that are laid down by these bodies, and which respect confidentiality.</li> <li>4. Ensuring that our members and adherents have access to relevant information which is distributed in a timely way.</li> </ol>	<p>Notices and publications are engaging and well-presented.            Information is current and also covers future activities and reports of activities which have taken place.            Increased number of people involved in writing articles for publication encouraging other people to contribute.</p>