



Ministry and Mission Network

D R A F T - Terms of Reference

UnitingCare Australia's Mandate states that: "The role of working groups and networks is to:

- develop, review and reflect upon the policies and practices of the Uniting Church in its community services ministry with people;
- contribute to the advocacy of UnitingCare Australia;
- assist in the development of national positions within the area of focus of the particular Working Group or Network;
- provide a means at a national level through which the agencies that form the UnitingCare network can network, support, grow and develop their community services work; and
- enhance the strategic priorities of UnitingCare Australia.

Terms of Reference

1. Develop and promote a theological explanations of community services offered within the Uniting Church in Australia
2. Identify and share evidence based practice
3. Facilitate building of collegiality and offer peer support
4. Provide opportunity for learning from each other and exchanging information
5. Respond, where practicable, to policy and position papers that reflect the purposes of this Network.

Accountability

The network is established by and accountable to UnitingCare Australia's National Committee.

Chair

The Chair is nominated by the network and appointed by the National Committee.

Participation

Participation is open to UnitingCare agencies with relevant expertise.

Agenda

The Chair and the National Director will work together to ensure the focus areas of the work of the network is in line with UnitingCare Australia's Strategic Directions. Items may be referred by participants, National Committee and National Director.

Operation

The Network will meet by telephone and face to face. The costs of participation will be met by Network members.

Resourcing

UnitingCare Australia will provide a dedicated staff member to provide administrative, research and logistical support for the Network.