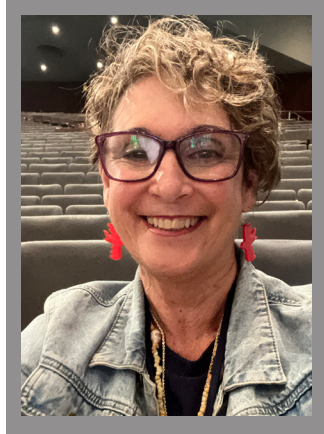




# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## MAKING SPACE FOR WHO WE ARE BECOMING



'Hope' was first mooted by John Taylor in 2022 as a theme for this edition of our Australia Herald. His legacy continues with us today with this theme and many other initiatives that he was able to introduce during his time as Mission President. Not to mention the continuing influence he has had on the Drummoyne Congregation.

My vision for this edition was to sweep across our nation picking up the hopeful things taking place under the banner of Community of Christ. I have in no way been able to capture everything or everyone, yet I hope in these pages you feel a sense of warmth that comes from witnessing and celebrating some beautiful activities and hear the stories of a people remaining steadfast to the call of Christ's love on their hearts.

There is a verse in the Bible we all know well - "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20). I've always loved this verse; it's a promise of God continuing to show up for us as we make space for God.

Making space for God means being attentive and bringing awareness to who you are becoming. It means taking time, reflecting, throwing out what no longer serves you, recognising momentum when you see it, letting go of past bitterness and making room for newness to be born. This is a place of stillness and openheartedness, inward reflection and appreciation of the outward movement of God in the world.

The meaning of 'become' is to come into existence. What is coming into existence in your life? May you make space for this becoming; showing love, patience, compassion and encouragement towards yourself and others.

You may look at this edition and ask - why wasn't 'this' or 'that' included? Take this as a challenge to drop me an email and share what you, your congregation or team are up to, so that I can share the hope that exists around Australia and in our community.

It takes effort to share our story and often the day to day deadlines take over but consider the words to that old song we used to sing, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going". You hold the spark in your hand! We are all waiting to hear you share the movement of God's Spirit in your life! Let us be open, attentive and continue to share with each other how God's Spirit is moving in our lives, and all we see coming into existence.

In our next edition, we will focus on 'Becoming'. What is coming into existence, what is being born?

SHALOM!

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