



# **TOWN HALL #3**

19 Nov 2023, 8pm

## **Transformation: Ministries & Mission Steering Committee**

Australian Mission Centre,  
Community of Christ

# Opening Prayer

Peter Lonsdale, committee member, Pastor - Perth



# Schedule 19 Nov

Welcome & Opening prayer (Peter)

Update on consultation

- Small group sessions
- Survey
  - Link is active
  - Word doc available Monday
  - Paper copy available by mail
- Inviting: start a conversation

What next: transition to next phase

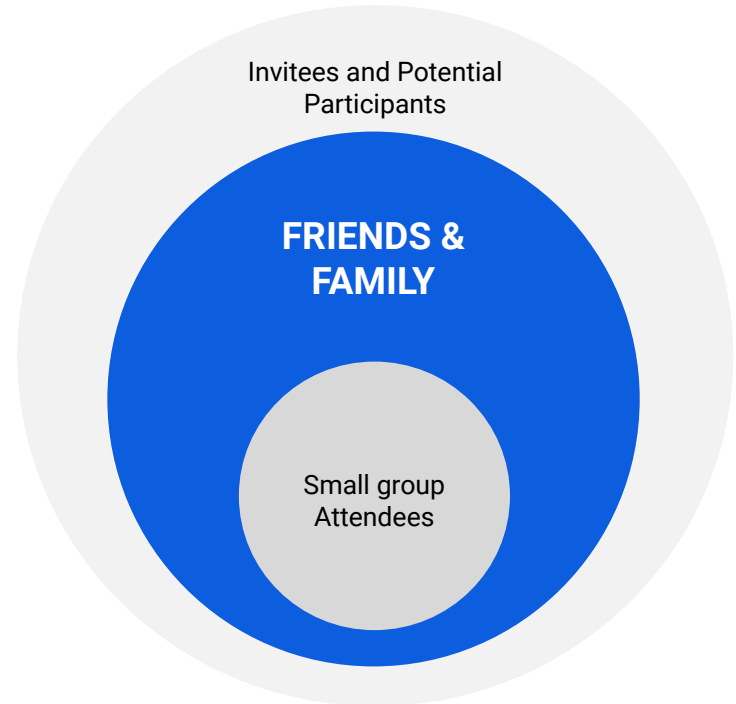
- Idea dialog groups (December)
- Form working groups on each theme
- Develop ministry proposals (Jan-May 24)

Question & Answer time

Closing Prayer

## Update: Where are we now?

- 7 small group sessions
- 3 individual conversations recorded
- Book a face to face or individual conversation with a team member
- Survey link now shared; keep sharing
  - 30 Nov will start collating insights
  - Keep it open until end Dec
- Individual conversations begun
- Preparing for working groups



## Complete and share the survey

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/transformingministry>

To just sign up for working groups use:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/transformationworkinggroup>



### Ministry transformation - Survey 1

What matters most to you, in your religious and spiritual life? What would you like to uphold to the community as important, as we begin to evolve our ministries? As we consider the possibilities for what comes next for the Community of Christ in Australia, we are taking time to reflect on our experiences, values and needs and seek any ideas you already have about new expressions of ministry and mission.

In this survey you will find questions related to five (5) big themes, and we will also ask you to nominate your preferred area to explore further and any people that you think we should talk to who may not already be part of this discussion.

So, the pages you will go through are:

1. Individual spiritual growth
2. Well-developed leaders
3. Engaging and relevant forms of ministry
4. Meaningful connection in community
5. Sustainable organisation
6. Your preferences and connection ideas

You can save your answers and return at a later time to complete more sections or edit your answers, so don't think you have to do it all in one go.

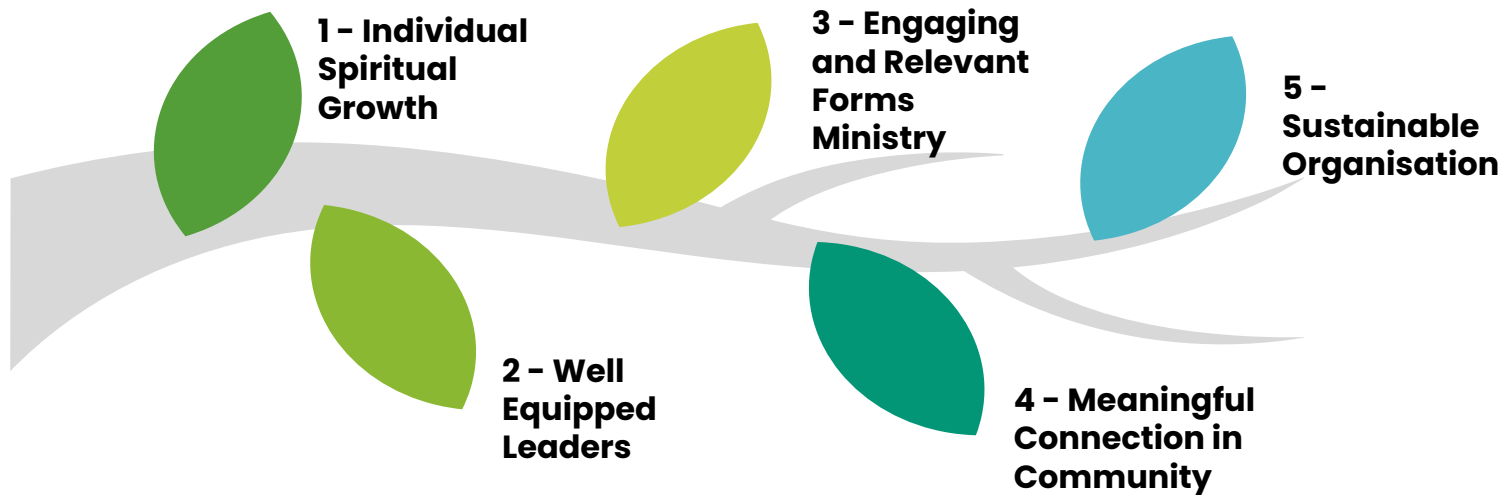
Are you ready? If so, click next and begin the survey.

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Next

## Where to next?

1. Continue consultation
2. Start discernment and dialog about new ministries = the working groups



### 3. Invite Widely: A conversation tree

In the tradition of the 'phone tree' we encourage you to each reach out to 2 or 3 people and ask them about the themes.

Is there someone you share with who hasn't been to a small group session?

- your family who don't attend regularly;
- take 15 minutes before a worship service to let folks complete the survey;
- ask friends of our programs what they're seeking;
- talk with those who no longer attend but used to be keen.

We will provide a short conversation helper and guide or if you prefer, let us know their contact info and we will reach out. Then, let us know what you discovered via a short email, conversation or in the survey so their perspective and insights will be included.



#### INVITE WIDELY:

kids, leadership  
'alumni', formerly  
active, camp &  
occasional  
attendees, etc

#### SURVEY.

Share with others;  
make time for  
your  
congregations to  
do it...

Leaders and  
congregants  
(small  
groups)

# Calendar for next phase:

	Date/Day	Topic // Focus
<b>Survey</b>	Distributed after Town Hall	Reflect on 5 themes, Ideas, and Connections. Nominate to be involved in dialogue groups
<b>Conversations &amp; Small Gp Sessions</b>	Various	Reach out to individuals for 1:1 conversations; complete at least 3 postponed and additional small group discussions
<b>Town Hall #3</b>	Sun 19 November	Full 'Where we are' summary
<b>Dialogue Sessions</b>	Maybe weeknight?	4 themes: Conversations around each theme specifically, with preliminary feedback from surveys/ conversations  This is the start of forming the working groups
<b>Town Hall #4</b>	Sun 17 December	Survey results overview
<b>Working groups</b>	TBA: Each group will select a chair/lead A steering committee member & evangelist (TBC) attached to each group	All themes explored concurrently with different projects/ working groups. Draw upon a concise framework to consider program design / audience / feasibility, etc.



## Q&A Time

What questions do you have?

- Please ask – if you're not sure chances are someone else isn't sure either
- We will log them to investigate and report back if we can't answer them now

A few basic etiquette guidelines:

- Respect other perspectives that may be shared
- Speak from your perspective using “I” language, or “I heard you say...”
- Keep comments brief if you can – we have a limited time together and want as many as people as possible to have the opportunity to speak

# Closing Prayer

