



Performance REPORT

NAME: UNITE CHURCH | TYPE: RELIGIOUS ORGANISATION | REGISTRATION NUMBER: CC30772





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MISSION STATEMENT

YOUR

HOME

UNITE IS
A HOME BUILT ON CHRIST,
WHERE PEOPLE MEET JESUS,
ARE TRANSFORMED TOGETHER,
& WHO SHINE AS GOD'S FAMILY
IN EVERY SPHERE OF LIFE.

YOUR

HOME

CORE VALUES

// We are Devoted Worshipers.

First and foremost, we are devoted to Christ (Deut 6:4-5). We are dead to our sins and alive in Christ. We are all students of the Word of God.

// We are Loving Families.

A Church of Churches. We choose to love one another (John 15:1-17) We practice selfless love. We choose to bear with one another in love.

// We are Equipped Disciple-Makers.

We exist in relationships where we disciple and are disciplined, are equipped by our leaders and each of us brings our gifts.

// We are Spirit-filled Missionaries.

We are called to pray for, serve, and ultimately love our neighbours, love our enemies, and welcome home the sons and daughters of God.

// We are Passing Through.

We understand that our home is in Heaven, not here on Earth. Therefore, we find joy in our suffering and seek a higher purpose than what we see here on Earth.

ENTITY INFORMATION STATEMENT

Structure:

Unite Church is an associated member church of Christian Churches New Zealand (CCNZ), formally known as Associated Churches of Christ in NZ.

Unite Church is body constituted by members (internally; "Partners") who have entrusted oversight to the board. The board currently has six members (two paid employees, four volunteers). The Board governs Unite, overseeing mission, vision and ethos, and setting the strategic direction. It shall ensure compliance with legal requirements, including employment matters and health and safety, etc. It is responsible for ensuring effective financial performance.

Unite uses the words 'membership' and 'partnership' synonymously; partners own the vision and mission of Unite and the climate and activity within Unite.

Partners are members of Unite's legal entity. The following decisions for the local church shall require the approval of the partners by a simple majority of partners present and voting:

- i. amending the functional guidelines, and
- ii. ratifying the annual budget.

For more information, request to view Unite Church's Functional Guidelines, adopted by partners on 28th August 2016, on file with the church office.

Main Source of Cash:

Unite Church's main source of cash are donations (internally; tithes and offerings) from Partners and "faith family."

Main Methods used to raise funds:

Other than the tithes and offerings received from Partners; minor hall & facilities hire, residential rent, and external funding applications also contribute to funds raised.

Unite Church has, in the past, encouraged it's members to give into an "Extravagant Offering" event to support funding an asset, development or activity apart from the normal or above budgeted expenses, although this didn't happen in this past financial year reported here.

Reliance on volunteers and donated goods and services:

Unite Church relies on volunteers to fulfil its purpose.

Some examples of this include:

- The governing board has four out of its six members volunteering
- The Executive Team (the ministry team that leads week to week into our future, in alignment with direction provided by the Board) includes volunteers
- All "Dream Team" members serving on a team every Sunday (approximately 30 people each week) are volunteers - ranging from being on band, making coffee and serving morning team, caring for and welcoming visitors, leading the childrens church, involved in production and tech teams.
- All Life Group Leaders, hosting a small group of church members in their home each week, are volunteers (approximately 15 volunteers).
- Unite Church is thankful for the range of discounted goods and services it also receives.

Additional Information:

2019 was the first year with its new Senior Leaders, Elijah & Karen Burton, and therefore has been transitioning some of its structures, a process that is expected to continue into 2020.

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Signatures:

This performance report has been reviewed and authorised for issue by the

Unite Church board on behalf of church/charity to accurately explain the activities of the church.

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SERVICE PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

Outcome Description:

Unite Church's outcome is to be a home (a body of people) built on Christ, where people have opportunities to meet Jesus (in our Sunday Services and events), be transformed together (in Life Groups), and who shine as God's family in every sphere of life (in Dream Teams and other).

Description and Quantification of the Outputs:

Below were the "Health Indicators" (Measurable outputs/goals) set by Executive Team and approved by the Board at the beginning of 2019.

Stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect cards were an effective tool being regularly handed in with stories - an estimated average of at least 2-3 a week. Connect card praise stories and prayer requests being read out on Sunday's regularly, and discussed/prayed over at ET meetings. - Themes were also effective in encouraging specific stories being shared from family relative to the theme. Most Sundays had at least one story being shared.
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approximately 25-30 people took on a new mantle of leadership over 2019 - whether in Next Gen, Team or Life Group leading, or even responding to a leadership call outside of Unite Church in the wider church body.
Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jenni Ball led our Sunday night prayer meetings for much of 2019 covering many people and topics in prayer. - Prayer became more evident in many areas of church, from life groups to team gatherings and leadership meetings. - Our 9:20am before-service prayer meeting was launched again. - April was prayer month (including a 24-hour prayer room running over Easter)
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Average Sunday attendance over 2019 was 122. - Highest attendance was 159 (August 25th), Lowest attendance was 87 (October 27th) and 89 (July 14th)
Life Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 17 Life Groups were running throughout 2019.

Giving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$197520 total tithes and offerings received - \$3800 average weekly giving - Highest giving month: \$6065 average per week (May) - Lowest giving month: \$2616 average per week (Dec)
Baptisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Baptisms in 2019
Volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 72% of Sunday attendees were on a serving roster
Next Generation: 0-18 year olds (Creche, Kids Church, Intermediate, Youth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekly average attendances: - 7 - creche - 7 - ARK - 14 - Primary - 6 - SWAG - 34 - Total NG Sunday average attendance - - 15 - approx for Friday night youth

Additional Output (Ministry) Reports:

Senior Leaders:

2019, what a year! It's such a surreal experience writing this report in the midst of a global pandemic, as the tides change in terms of what the global Church will look like going forward, and after a year such as 2019. Karen and I took on the leadership of Unite Church on January the 27th 2019. We received John 15:1-17: the vine and the branch, as word for our community. And it really was a year that we sunk into the arms of Jesus, our rock, as everything else around us shifted like sand. The highs and lows are evident: people leaving the family, people becoming family, processing through and preparing to sell our buildings and move somewhere else, and then the realisation that this was not going to be. I think the buildings were a catalyst for where we believe God is calling us this year. In a counselling session at the end of last year the Lord stirred something in my heart. I realised that we were in fertile ground and that God was building a legacy in and through us for Nelson, New Zealand, and globally. I have complete confidence in God, who I believe led us to move, and then led us through not moving. Last year was a year of redirection, this year is a year of deeper devotion, and 2021 will be a year when many will dream again. Let's move together as we follow Jesus!

Love,

Elijah and Karen Burton.

Board Chair:

Writing as I am from the fog of NZ's 2020 COVID-19 lockdown in the middle of May, I find it difficult to cast my mind's eye all the way back to 2019. But it is starting to come back into focus. The highs and lows of participating in a church community, set against the backdrop of a constant and faithful God. As ever, He has been so, so good to us.

2019 was my first year as board chair, and Elijah and Karen Burton's first year as Senior Leaders. Our governance structure for most of the year was made up of a Board (Elijah and Karen Burton, David Todd, David Burr, Scott Montauban and myself), an executive team (Elijah and Karen Burton, Dani Montauban, Kirsten Burr and James Hodgson) and an administrative team (Dani Montauban, David Todd, Jocelyn Fawcett, Pat Todd, Ben Stalker, Nick Davidson, Sarah Fawcett).

A major focus for the Board in 2019 was on the future of our property and facilities. We sold the manse to free up capital and pay down loans, and we investigated options for our existing and future premises, including looking at an off-site option. We remain prayerfully open to God's leading as to next steps for our property and facilities.

We accepted Pat Todd's retirement as Church Treasurer. Pat has held this official post for over 15 years, and together with Graeme assisted the previous treasurer for many more. Pat has faithfully served the people and mission of Unite Church by keeping the books in order, year after year. 2019 was no exception. We are so very grateful for Pat's service to us over so many years, and look forward to seeing her continue to be a blessing to us in other ways, in coming years. We love you so much, Pat!

The church has benefitted hugely from a decision the board made in late 2018 to employ Dani as Associate Leader, and from having Adan Soroka serve as an intern overseeing our youth ministry, a position funded through Bishopdale Theological College. We are equally grateful for the multitude of ways that ALL of our church family have contributed to community life over the year. It is an increasing conviction of the leadership team that God has deposited gold into each of his children, and it is the task of leadership to help see ALL of this gold shine and be shared, to the glory of God. Thank you for sharing your gold with us.

COVID or no-COVID, we look out to an ever-changing world, particularly here at home where NZ society seems increasingly hostile to Jesus and His church. But more than that, we look up to our Father God, the maker of heaven and earth, the author of faith, and we step forward boldly wherever he leads.

As the elders of our church declared in 1947: "The world at its worst calls for the church at its best! We call the whole church to the whole task of the Kingdom of God!".

Damian Velluppillai (Chair)

Elijah and Karen Burton, David Todd, David Burr, Scott Montauban

Executive Leadership Team:

Many people ask me what our Executive Team did last year. My answer... everything!! In all seriousness, our Executive Team was the hands-on leadership of Unite. This team consisted of Karen Burton, Dani Montauban, Kirsten Burr, and later in the year, James Hodgson. We oversaw Dream Teams (volunteers), Life Groups (small groups), Sundays (services), Next Gen (children, intermediate, youth), and Pathways (Next Steps). In addition Karen and I oversaw Prayer and Culture, Dani our Associate Leader oversaw our Administrative Oversight and Volunteer Staff Team (and being all round incredible at creating and managing systems and structures), and myself leading this team and filling in gaps as needed.

Our Services and Dream Teams were managed by our Volunteer Staff Team, under the leadership of the Executive Team. We saw monthly themes creatively and powerfully executed, with many incredible stories of God's goodness, and many new people come to know Jesus.

Our Life Groups were overseen by Karen, who began a stronger process of support via reports and coaches. These coaches were Karen, Kirsten, and Brian Munro. This was the first step in seeing something new develop this year, as we believe that smaller groups of Unite need accountability that develops from trusted relationships. Last year's reporting system helped us to see this. Church is not grown from a collection of individuals working next to each other, but from a family of people working together closely, deeply devoted, and committed to each other as they are committed to Christ.

Our youth was led by Adan Soroka with a small group of interns: Max Patterson, Mikey Swift, Suzie Olive, and Joy Gutschlag, and was overseen by myself. We saw a small group of youth grow closer together, with the interns growing in faith and community.

Our children's ministry was led by Karen, with Shaun and Celeste Coles leading our intermediate ministry, and Joy running crèche (and later on Scott Montauban). Themes created a great opportunity for children's ministry to grow alongside our regular Sunday services.

A regular prayer service was led by Jenni Ball. The group changed in size but was consistent in purpose. I loved working alongside Jenni, and seeing her heart for Nelson, New Zealand, and the world.

As I think back over last year I can't help but feel that one of the most valuable things to come out of last year was the relationships. God knew what He was doing in putting us all together. The trust developed over the months has led us to the type of divine conversations and prayers that make me so so excited for what Jesus is doing in us and through us to the world. The best days for His Church are ahead, of this I am sure with all of my being.

Elijah

Along with Karen, Kirsten, James and Dani.

External Ministries and Partner Ministries:

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Each week as our partners give to Unite Church, 10% is taken out to support groups and individuals carrying out the "great commission" to extend God's kingdom both in New Zealand and overseas.

Pastors Support Zimbabwe

Pastor Reuben Sithole

For the past 20 years, Zimbabwe has been a troubled nation both politically and economically. Kiwilink is not able to help everyone but we have a group of around 30,000 people we are helping in rural South Western Zimbabwe.

Chris Baigent (KiwiLink Zimbabwe) says "Thank you again for supporting Pastor Reuben Sithole and his wife Alletta with your finance and prayer. The money you provide pays their salary and helps to support their three children aged 10 to 20 years. They Pastor a group of four churches in the Mabvazuva Circuit. Each of the Pastors have at least one Church plant under way and as the circuits grow, they are divided and a second Pastor is brought into the area. This particular area is spiritually strong and the long established church at Gwenombe was the foundation church of that area. Pastor Sithole has a pastoral heart and is well liked by the people. He is a powerful singer and writes his own music. It is always a pleasure to have him share a song when visitors are in his area."

Kiwilink Vanuatu

Sue & John Cunningham and Bev and David Todd

During this past year Kiwilink Vanuatu has been able to continue to support the Churches of Christ in pacific island country of Vanuatu. Unfortunately we were not able to send a team due to other commitments of team.

The Bombua School on Santo needed extra buildings due to the Londua Technical School relocating there because of evacuation as a result of the volcano erupting. We sent a gift with Steve Rollo and Ron Bergman which they gave to this school to help finish the roof.

The support of Pastors is a continuing ministry we have done this past year. Ni-Van's strive to learn and pastors want to attend Bible college training. This past year we paid for their training fees and also monthly allowances so that the family is supported while the father trains.

CCNZ Mission Development – Jesus Revolution

Brent Liebezeit, President of CCNZ writes:

Thank you for your generosity to our CCNZ movement.

As you may be aware the usual levy that is paid by our churches covers our general administration and our mission development fund helps towards what we call our Jesus Revolution project.

This project has been focussed primarily on resourcing and empowering our Pastors and leaders. The last 12 months Unite Church has helped CCNZ again by enabling CCNZ to be missional rather than just administrated.

Your contribution has gone towards

- Our Pastors Retreat, where our Pastors and key leaders are given an opportunity to be together for a few days for input, connection and time out from the busyness of ministry.

- Evident program which is a weekend together with our churches potential ministry leaders often held at Bethany Park Kaiteriteri. This has provided an environment for those who attend to receive vision and teaching that is focussed on empowering attendees to be better leaders for their local church.

The Pastors of the churches that contribute to our missional development fund are given free registration to these events.

Thank you again for your contribution, it is greatly appreciated.

Jonathan & Meredith Thorpe – International Student Ministries Nelson.

In 2019 we continued to see many lives touched through the work of International Student Ministries in Nelson. A highlight was taking a group of believers and seekers to Christchurch for a regional camp which Jonathan helped to organise. Jonathan provided supervision for an intern each from Annesbrook Leadership College, and from Bishopdale Theological College.

Leadership for Unite International (a weekly Thursday evening event for internationals, at Unite church), and Operation Friendship (Bigger Saturday events for the international students, enabling us to meet and offer Christian hospitality to a large percentage of the international students who come to NMIT) These two programmes have functioned very effectively.

We have also had a Discipleship Life Group, and Discovery Bible Studies running throughout the year, with some great success among some of the Japanese and Chinese students who have been hungry to hear about Christian faith.

Jonathan (with the help of Jean Coyle, Michael Chapman and a few others) manage Haven-on-Grove, Palm Haven and Unite Community Flats. They have been mainly full, and these offer a home away from home for so many international students. It is not always easy in the flats with many cultures, and faiths. If any of you are interested to play a part in creating and or maintaining these homes as a safe haven where the spirit of Jesus reigns, then do talk with us

Thanks to all of you who have helped out this last year in this area of the Lords kingdom.

In 2020 Jonathan and Meredith are taking a year out from living in Nelson to focus on assisting on Jonathan's families' farm, which is currently in transition, although we still enjoy participating in a Unite Neighbourhood group. Jonathan still does part time ISM work, alongside farming and therefore only takes part of his financial support from ISM. Any surplus donations are being put towards other related ISM work that Jonathan is still connected with. ISM ministry continues in Nelson with our volunteer team and via online zoom, and social media.

Radio Rhema

Christian radio has been broadcast for over 40 years here in New Zealand. Rhema Media have 3 radio stations (Rhema, Life FM and Southern Star) one TV channel (Shine TV) and the Word for Today all sharing the gospel in various ways to the full cross section of NZ society. There are many testimonies of lives changed, hope renewed and purpose in life.

Marty Scheib – OAC

During this past year Marty has continued his very effective work of brining the message of Jesus to children and adults through open airs, school assemblies, prisons, church programmes and other outreach programmes.

Based in Christchurch, he presents at many schools and churches in Canterbury region but also travels to Quinney's Bush and recently went to Fiji along with a team from OAC.

Pip & Paul Etherington

Pip & Paul have been Bible translating for the Nggem people in Papua for many years. Pip grew up here at Unite and trained as a nurse. After marrying Paul they felt Gods call to missionary work in translation with Pioneers New Zealand. They have been through difficult times but are seeing lives changed once the people hear God's word and love for them.

Elders Outreach

The Board have been able to provide support to those in the church and community as an unexpected or urgent need arises.

Mission Support going forward

The Leadership have reviewed who we support and why. Some have been supported for a long time but don't relate now to Unite Church and is partners. From 2020 these are the groups and individuals we will be supporting.

- Zimbabwe Pastor Support: \$200/mth
- Vanuatu NZ
- Vanuatu 2 (Kiwilink)
- Mission Dev (CCNZ Revolution)
- Thorpes (ISMNZ)
- Paul & Grace Burton
- Bridge Valley
- Elders Outreach

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

Unite Church
Statement of Income and Expenditure
Year Ending 31 December 2019

	2019 Budget	2019 Actuals
Income		
Tithes and Donations	192,400	203,170
Rents Received	20,700	23,061
Other	2,000	3,871
Total income	215,100	230,102
Less Expenses		
Staff Costs	129,832	128,932
Admin and Utilities		
Manse Rates	2,426	1,874
Manse insurance	1,400	1,459
Church Electricity	6,500	6,245
Church Water Rates	300	1,844
Church Insurance	5,500	5,665
Telephone/Internet	1,728	1,983
National Association Levy	3,432	3,283
External Mission	17,160	19,755
PTB Interest	2,208	361
Total Admin and Utilities	40,654	42,468
Ministry Expenses		
Sundays		
Hospitality	2,637	3,593
Communion	110	73
Care Team	789	535
Worship	507	677
Sunday Services -extra	2,295	1,411
Total Sundays	6,338	6,289
Next Gen	4,148	4,176
Next Steps/Pathways	1,233	174
Kingdom Teams	2,117	2,359
Life Groups	298	51
Guest Speakers	1,020	1,217
Seniors (Third Age)	212	87
C.A.P.	306	-
Marketing (via Volta Contract)	-	3,406
Other Ministry Expenses		
Leadership Training		
Consultation	7,800	4,946
Conferences	-	3,662
Total Leadership Training	7,800	8,608
Other Expenses		
Capital Items	1,530	1,231
Manse Maintenance	340	2,486
Equipment Maintenance	850	2,586
Church Maint.	2,975	291
Cleaning & Rubbish	1,870	2,256
Admin Stationery	850	1,763
IT	791	840
Total Other Expenses	9,206	11,454
Total Expenses	203,164	209,221
Surplus (Deficit) from Operations	11,936	20,881
CEPTB Loan principal repaid	14,000	14,078
Surplus (Deficit) per Budget presentation	(2,064)	6,803

FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT

**Unite Church
Statement of Financial Position
As At the 31 December 2019**

	31 Dec 2019	
Current Assets		
ANZ Bank Acct	14,750	
Petty Cash	200	
ANZ Trust - Savings -02 a/c	31,416	
NBS	17,149	
GST Receivable	1,403	
Total Current Assets	<u>64,917</u>	
Term Investments		
NBS Investment	10,000	
PTB Investment - BNZ	625,514	
Total Term Investments	<u>635,514</u>	
Fixed Assets		
Plant & Equipment	51,403	
173 Rutherford St	1,650,000	
Total Fixed Assets	<u>1,701,403</u>	
Total Assets		2,401,834
Less Liabilities & Provisions		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	15,235	
Holiday Pay Provision	14,444	
Total Current Liabilities	<u>29,679</u>	
Elders' Discretionary Outreach Funds	20,961	
(includes balance of Extravagant Giving)		
Committed Outreach Funds Held in Trust		
Pastor Support	1,141	
Outreach - Vanuatu2	6,379	
Outreach - Vanuatu	652	
Outreach - Rhema	326	
Outreach - CCNZ Revolution	652	
Outreach - OAC, M. Scheib	326	
Outreach - Etherington	326	
Outreach - ISM NZ J&M	652	
Total Trust Funds	<u>31,416</u>	
Total Liabilities & Provisions		<u>61,095</u>
Total Assets less Liabilities & Provisions		<u>2,340,739</u>
Represented by - Church Family Equity		
Current Year Retained Earnings	20,881	
Accumulated Fund	909,345	
Capital Gain Reserve	460,513	
Revaluation Reserve	950,000	
	<u>2,340,739</u>	

ACCOUNTING POLICIES STATEMENT

Basis of Preparation:

Unite Church has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

Goods and Services Tax (GST):

All amounts are recorded exclusive of GST, except for Debtors and Creditors which are stated inclusive of GST.

Income Tax:

Unite Church is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

Bank Accounts and Cash:

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Changes in Accounting Policies:

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the financial year (last year - nil)

LAST YEAR'S AGM MINUTES

Location:

Foyer, 173 Rutherford Street

Meeting Started:

13 March 2018 6:30pm

Apologies:

Rebecca Velluppillai, Helena Dondunski, Paul Burton, Becky Pannell

Partners Present:

(31) Laura Ward-Thomas, Scott and Danielle Montauban, Elijah and Karen Burton, David and Kirsten Burr, Damian Velluppillai, Jocelyn Fawcet, Paul Montauban, Meredith Thorpe, Sarah Fawcet, Brian Munro, John and Sue Cunningham, David and Beverly Todd, Rebecca Hardiman, Pat Todd, Gary Sawyer, Coral Haussmann, Barbara Strang, Beryl Burton, Grace Burton, Ruby and James Hodgeson, Mike and Jenni Ball, Jean Coyle, Nathan and Josephine Gillette

Guests Present:

(24) Shaun and Celeste Coles, Kath Pringle, Vince Wilkenson, Suzie Olive, Joy Gutschlag, Mary Hodgeson, Mike Chapman, Caitlin Clementson, Sam Lawrence, Dan and Kelly Estes, Ruth Sinclair, Joshua Allan-Johns, David Lee, Tim Hardiman, Marriet Vos, Brooklyn Hardiman, Anna Sawyer, Mikey, Gary Sawyer, Adan Soroka, Nick Priest

Minutes:

Annual General Meeting - 2019 (13th March 2019)

- Evening began with acoustic worship, Grace shared a testimony, Karen lead communion
- Damian Velluppillai (Chair) welcomed partners
- Coral Haussmann honoured Grace Burton, gave a gift
- No comments received prior from partners
- **Partnership:** New partners welcomed - Mike Chapman, Ruth Sinclair, Mary Hodgson, Alex and Siobhan Thompson (absent on the evening). Prayed over the partners
- **Reports (past)**
 - Damian moved that the previous meetings be accepted, and David Burr seconded.
 - David Burr (2018 Chair) pulled out highlights from each of the ministry and mission partner reports in the AGM document from previous year.
 - David acknowledged all reports and thanked those involved in their preparation. Asked them to stand to be honoured.
 - Acknowledged the deficit in last years financial statement. Pointed out that \$140000 of it is loan and there was a significant dip in tithing. Also acknowledged that part of the speeding up of Paul's resignation was a recognition that we were not able to afford two full time pastors.
 - David Burr moved that the AGM reports were received, and Nathan Gillette seconded this motion. Carried.
 - David Burr moved that we adopt the financial statement of 2018 and recognition of the deficit. Jocelyn Fawcet seconded this motion. Carried.
- **2019 Vision Casting**
 - Elijah led us through worship and sing "I exalt thee."
 - Spoke into obedience, and learning to love and "let your walls down" to be vulnerable with people who you "struggle with."
 - Spoke into our mission statement. Called to transform and shine: "Unite Church is a home built on Christ,"
 - Take what people say, and take it to Jesus and His word.
 - Intimacy with Christ.
 - Believing to see impossible change in us, and in each other.
 - Living a life of worship: Romans 12:1
 - We are first about God, and we are about each other.
 - For the church to flourish, we must play our part.
 - The church is His bride.
 - We build each other up.
 - We have a heart for people in this world (the lost)
 - What does it mean, and what will it look like when we really love each other?
 - Deepness with God and with one another requires sacrifice and us to lay down our life.

- **Questions received:** Nil
- **Reports** (future)
 - Damian Velluppillai spoke into our transition; thankful to God for walking us through that.
 - Pointed our attention to the accompanying pages at the back of the annual report, and highlighted the Chairs' cover letter, the organogram, and the board portfolios. Welcomed questions and comments (after the AGM) regarding all these.
 - Acknowledged Scott Montauban as a new board member holding the Business/Income and Buildings Portfolio, and running the Future Facilities sub-committee.
 - Acknowledged Dani as board secretary.
 - Also pointed out the Associate Leader and Senior Leaders job descriptions detailed in the annual report.
 - Brought attention to the budget and pointed out the "wish list" at the end of the budget to explain it.
 - Damian moved that we accept the proposed budget, David Todd seconded this motion. Carried.
- **Closing:** Karen led prayer



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