

Vision & Mission Statement



**Churches
of Christ**

in South Australia
and Northern Territory

A VISION

We have a vision of Churches of Christ in South Australia and Northern Territory as a dynamic, relevant and vital Christian movement, thriving on the implementation of new Testament Christianity in ways that make sense to contemporary Australians.

A MISSION

Our Mission, under the Lordship of Christ and with the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, is to make this vision a reality which will be attractive and accessible to the people of South Australia in all their diversity, will initiate and/or nurture their personal relationship with God, and will help bring hope, justice and renewal to our community.

AN IDENTITY

In fulfilling this mission we will give creative expression to these distinctive principles:

The centrality of the scriptures as our authority for Christian belief and practice

The basic nature of prayer within the whole of life

The mutual ministry of all Christian believers

The autonomy of local congregations

The cooperation between these local congregations that witness to their mutual dependence upon Jesus for life and sustenance

An expression of worship that has vitality, flexibility and cultural relevance to contemporary South Australians

The practice of weekly communion

The practice of believer's baptism by immersion

The acceptance of a diversity of Christian understanding, practice and belief through a focus on the essentials of the Christian faith

The affirmation that all who accept Jesus as Saviour and Lord are Christian, and a commitment to the unity of all God's people through an openness to cooperation with other Christians in worship, witness and service

A commitment to discipleship, extending the Kingdom of God through:

*A passion for sharing the good news of Christ;
A commitment to social justice, equality and the responsible care
of our environment and all God's creation;
an emphasis on service, responding generously to human need*