



What is the Uniting Church?

The Uniting Church in Australia was formed in 1977 from the union of
the Methodist Church in Australia,
the Congregational Union of Australia
and some Presbyterian Congregations.

According to the Basis of Union, the foundational document by which the Churches united, we are a gathering of God's people on a pilgrim journey, who:

- * trust in Jesus Christ as the unique revelation of God and the living Head of the Church (Para 1, 3)
- * share Christ's love and truth with all people across barriers of race, gender, and class (Para 1, 2)
- * seek unity with the whole Christian Church, and partnership in ministry and mission with other Christian Churches (Para 2)
- * know that the Church can survive only as Christ is present through the Holy Spirit (Para 4, 18)
- * hear Christ through the Scriptures, which nourish, guide and regulate our life and teaching (Para 5)
- * celebrate Baptism and The Lord's Supper, in which Christ includes and feeds all who trust in Him (Para 6 – 8)
- * affirm the faith of the whole Christian Church as expressed in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, and in the Confessions of the Reformation (Para 9, 10)
- * welcome new insights from the faithful scholars and Bible teachers of our time (Para 11)
- * believe all members of the Church have gifts, and all gifts lead to service, to build each other up in faith (Para 13 ff)
- * entrust decisions to elected Councils which listen to each other under the authority of Christ, who wait upon God's Word, and obey His will (Para 15 – 17)
- * are on the way to God's promised end, and invite you to journey with us (Para 18)

*Belrose Uniting Church
A Reformed, Evangelical and contemporary Church for our Community,
and a member of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations
within the Uniting Church in Australia*



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