**Strategic Priorities 2019-2021**

Affirmed at Church Meeting 20190602

**DISCIPLESHIP**

**Investing in the Next Generation**

*Placing a priority on children and young people in allocation of resources, mentoring, leadership development and giving them a voice into the life of our church.*

**Connect Group ministry**

*Promoting a growing participation in our Connect Group ministry and developing the discipleship, prayer, leadership development and pastoral care taking place within them.*

**COMMUNITIES ON MISSION**

**Community engagement**

*Pursue new community engagement opportunities, embracing both word and deed, going off-site more in our regular activities and including the possible opportunity with the BaptistCare social housing development.*

**Clear mission focus**

*All significant communities and ministries in our church will identify a clear mission focus to shape and guide their activities.*

**UNITED**

**A** **cross-generational & cross-cultural weekly Sunday gathering**

*Develop an English language service that intentionally celebrates and values diversity and replaces the existing 10.15am English service.*

Develop and grow our:

* **Celebration Services**
* **Hospitality & social opportunities**
* **Diversity in teams**

*\*\*some strategies have relevance across the categories*

Prayer: none of this will come to anything if we try to do it in our own strength. We will be looking to raise our engagement in prayer as a priority undergirding our strategic efforts.

Implementation: is the responsibility of the Church Council including pastoral staff and reporting will need to address these Strategic Priorities. However, much of this will not be able to happen unless we are willing to step up and take responsibility together as a church.

Expressions of Interest: these Strategic commitments open up new areas for our church to grow and we’ll need to do this together. If you believe God may be prompting you to help promote any of these Strategic Priorities, we would love to hear from you. A handout inviting expressions of interest will be distributed in the near future.