

## DRAFT - Strategic Plan for the Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia for 2017-2019

The Presbytery must know the congregations and love them; ensuring they are fed by Word, nourished by Sacraments, built up through Pastoral Care, and connected to the life of the wider church. Davis McCaughey *Commentary on the Basis of Union 1980*

### Vision Statement

The vision of the Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia is to enable congregations to use their God-given gifts in walking with their community in the ordinary paths of life. We acknowledge our call to care for all, as *water* in this wide red land.

### Ministry Priorities for the Presbytery

Goals	Initiatives
<p><b>1. PPNA will continue to develop empowering relationships and partnerships with NRCC</b></p>	<p>Encourage and resource;</p> <p>1.1 an action plan based on the UCA Covenant Documents (life giving theological conversations, congregationally based projects),</p> <p>1.2 opportunities for congregations to know the history of the land they worship on (website story, story sharing),</p> <p>1.3 conversations around sovereignty and treaty in the presbytery and in congregations,</p> <p>1.4 shared events and activities (including combined youth leaders event and regional ministers and pastors retreats).</p>
<p><b>2. Give focus to ministry in remote and isolated areas.</b></p>	<p>Work with PR&amp;PC and PPNA Executive to;</p> <p>2.1 ensure dynamic leadership in all congregations (equipped ministers or pastor in each congregation),</p> <p>2.2 provide training and continuing education (intentionally focusing on ministers, pastors, church councils and lay preachers),</p> <p>2.3 provide continuing education around UCA values, polity and ethos (Presbytery Minister offers workshop for congregations during the 2018 visits to congregations)</p> <p>2.4 facilitate sharing amongst congregations (provide intention opportunities at presbytery events)</p>
<p><b>3. Support Chaplaincy and its connection with congregations</b></p>	<p>3.1 Map the involvement of congregations in all 'streams' of chaplaincy (school, prison, hospital and others)</p> <p>3.2 facilitate oversight of chaplains supported by the Uniting Church (recognition and continuing education)</p> <p>3.3 enable a non congregational ministry focus at presbytery (teachers and chaplains share stories about their ministries)</p>

