



***PROPOSED WODEN VALLEY UNITING CHURCH  
VALUES, VISION AND MISSION***

As followers of the Way of Jesus, within a Uniting Church congregation, we strive for a church community which is:

- Welcoming and hospitable to all regardless of race, sexual orientation, gender, age, circumstance or cultural background.
- Loving, compassionate and steadfast in our relationships with each other, supportive in pastoral care and offering encouragement for active participation and lay leadership.
- Honest and accountable to each other and to the communities we serve.
- Inclusive and creative in worship which nurtures faith and strengthens connections with each other, the sacred and the world.
- Serious and honest in our exploration of the Christian faith, respectful of the Bible and informed by contemporary Biblical scholarship, while allowing room for questioning and doubt.
- Open to learning from other faith traditions, scientific revelation and contemporary thought.
- Active in our support of our local communities.
- Fearless in advocacy and energetic in action in support of social justice, reconciliation, peace and wise environmental stewardship, locally, nationally and globally.
- Acting ecumenically with other churches and other faith groups.

**VISION**

- A vibrant community of faith living out God's love and acting for the common good to build a just and compassionate community.

**MISSION**

- To be a welcoming, inclusive, progressive and outward looking Christian community that nurtures spirituality and faith and encourages service.

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