



# Chinchilla Uniting Church 2024

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## CONSULTATIONS ON LIFE AND WITNESS OF A CONGREGATION

### Regulation 3.1.4

- (a) Consultations on the life and witness of a Congregation shall be conducted by the Presbytery with the Congregation including any Ministers, Youth Workers, Pastors or Lay Pastors serving in placements in the Congregation and any Community Ministers serving in the Congregation.
- (b) The purpose of the consultation shall be to strengthen the life and witness of the Congregation, to assess future ministerial and lay leadership needs, and to review the records of the Congregation.
- (c) A consultation shall normally take place every five years at the discretion of the Presbytery regardless of the duration of any current placement.
- (d) The Presbytery may conduct a consultation at any time on its own initiative, or at the request of the Church Council or of a Minister serving in a placement in the Congregation.
- (e) The persons appointed by the Presbytery to undertake the consultation shall:
  - (i) consult with such bodies and persons within the Congregation as it determines;
  - (ii) report to the Presbytery and the Congregation; and
  - (iii) make such recommendations regarding the life and witness of the Congregation (including matters relating to placements and property) as they think fit. Life and Witness Consultation

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## CONGREGATION SURVEY

Thank you for participating in this survey as part of a Life and Witness Consultation.

Your responses to each of the following questions are strictly confidential, and will be only read by members of the Pastoral Relations Committee.

No response is compulsory. However as much information as you can supply will help the process.

Do not spend too much time on each question. Usually your first response is closer to your true feelings on the matter.

This Survey should only take less than 20 minutes.

Please pray for this process that the Holy Spirit will guide us all as we discern God's plan for the future of this congregation.

If you have any question or would like to speak to someone about this survey please contact:

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(Members of Pastoral Relations Committee, Presbytery of The Downs)

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## Section A: General Questions

Please answer the following questions by placing a tick in the appropriate box.

A1. What is your gender?

- Female       Male       No Answer

A2. What is your age group?

- Under 20 years  
 21 - 40 years  
 41 - 60 years  
 61 - 70 years  
 71 - 80 years  
 over 80 years  
 No Answer

A3. What is your cultural background?

- First Nations  
 European  
 Pacific Island  
 African  
 Other  
 No Answer

A4. How long have you been a part of this congregation?

- 0 - 1 years       1 - 5 years       5 - 10 years  
 11 - 20 years       over 20 years       No Answer

A5. How often do you attend worship?

- Weekly       Fortnightly       Monthly  
 Special Occasions       No Answer

A6. Do you attend other churches in the community?

- Yes       No       Sometimes       No Answer

If so, which one?

A6. Why is this the pattern of your worship?

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**B8. Any other comments about Communication in your congregation?**

**B9. Community - Within & Beyond**

	Don't Know	No	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
The variety of people represented in our church are valued and included	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our Church is actively involved in ministry to people with different needs within our local community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our church is actively involved with people wanting to know more about Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have a good understanding of the people in our local community and of those groups we are best equipped to reach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We promote our church to people who live in our local community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newcomers experience generous hospitality in our church and worship services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities exist for people to build healthy community in our church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B10. Any other comments about engagement with the community?**

**B11.**

**Future Ministry and Mission Goals**

**What are 3 mission objectives you think your congregation could address in the next 2 to 5 years.**

*For example: specific areas, locations, age groups, situations, new ministry possibilities (Please give a brief outline – more details can be provided during the consultation process)*

1.

2.

3.



**B12.**

**Concerns or Challenges**

**What are 3 concerns or challenges you think your congregation will be facing now or in the next 2 years?**

*(Please give a brief outline – if you would like to talk with a member of the consultation team about these concerns please make contact and arrange a time to meet)*

1.

2.

3.

**B13.**

**Do you have anything else you would like to share with the team?**