

## Chinchilla Uniting Church 2024

## 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

## **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)

Section A: General Please answer the following qu		tick in the appropriate box.
A1. What is your gender?	,	
Female	Male	○ No Answer
A2. What is your age gro	up?	A3. What is your cultural background?
Ounder 20 years		First Nations
<ul><li>21- 40 years</li></ul>		<ul><li>European</li></ul>
<ul><li>41 - 60 years</li></ul>		Pacific Island
O 61 - 70 years		African
→ 71 - 80 years		Other
over 80 years		No Answer
O No Answer		
A4. How long have you b	een a part of this	congregation?
0 - I years	) I - 5 years	
O II - 20 years	over 20 years	○ No Answer
A5. How often do you at	tend worship?	
O Weekly	Fortnightly	O Monthly
<ul><li>Special Occasions</li></ul>	○ No Answ	ver ver
A6. Do you attend other	churches in the c	ommunity?
○ Yes ○ No	<ul><li>Sometimes</li></ul>	○ No Answer
If so, which one?		
A6. Why is this the patter	rn of your worship	p?





# Section B: Your Opinions

Please answer each question by placing a tick in the box that best describes your opinion.					
Question: To what extent do the following statements de	escribe you and or your Congregation?				
B1. Worship / Prayer Life					
The congregation offers bible study, fellowship a support					
Personal concerns are listened to and prayer is encourage for one another.	ged				
There is a variety of opportunity given to grow in personal relationship with G					
Worship services enable me to experience the presence G	of od				
All people in the congregation are encouraged participate in worsh					
Our worship incorporates various styles and times suital to the needs of our commun					
congregation?  For example are there areas of worsh	hip and the prayer life of your congregation that could be developed further?				
B3. Vision / Direction					
People are encouraged to identify and use their spirite gi	Don't Know No Rarely Sometimes Often Always ual fts				
Our church's mission statement is known and accept	ted				
People are encourage and mentored to develop the spiritual gi					
People are encouraged to share the God's love with other	ers				
There are opportunities to grow people in disciplesh	hip				
Our church helps us find meaning and purpose in li	fe				





B4.	Any other comments about Vision and Direction in your				
	<b>congregation?</b> For example, are there ways to develop and enhance the vision and direction in your congregation?				
B5.	Leadership	relate to those who are Elders and those who are on the Church Council			
	These questions i	Don't Know No Rarely Sometimes Often Always			
	I feel well equipped to be a disciple of Jesus	Silon Nately Solutions Silon Analys			
Peopl	e receive training to equip them for their ministry and witness in the world				
Our lead	dership encourages, supports and mentor others to participate				
Decision	ons made are communicated effectively and goals are monitored				
Our	r leadership inspire the congregation through their joyful witness and service				
	People have a high level of trust in one another				
B6.	Any other comments about Leadership	in your congregation?			
B7.	Communication				
		Don't Know No Rarely Sometimes Often Always			
I experi	ience the presence of God's love through others in our church				
	People in the church feel cared for				
We are	kept informed about things that are happening in our church				
I fe	el that my opinion is appreciated and heard in my church				
	It is easy to raise concerns in our church				





B8.	Any other comments about Communication in your congregation?		
B9.	Community - Within & Beyond		
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T	he variety of people represented in our church are valued and included	Know No Rarely Sometimes Often Always	
Our Chu	arch is actively involved in ministry to people with different needs within our local community		
Our	church is actively involved with people wanting to know more about Jesus		
	ve a good understanding of the people in our local unity and of those groups we are best equipped to reach		
We p	romote our church to people who live in our local community		
	ners experience generous hospitality in our church and worship services		
Opportu	nities exist for people to build healthy community in our church		
B10.	Any other comments about engagemen	t with the community?	
B11.			
	Eutura Ministry and Missian Coals		
	<b>Future Ministry and Mission Goals</b>		
	What are 3 mission objectives you thin address in the next 2 to 5 years.	k your congregation could	
For exa	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	y possibilities (Please give a brief outline – more details can be provided during the consultation process)	
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#### **Concerns or Challenges**

e 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)
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•	Do you have anything else you would like to share with the team?