

# CoroUniting Church Council Guiding Principles

A statement of the Church Council to guide our discernment  
and our planning - August 2010

**God is love. We hold strongly to an orthodox Trinitarian Gospel. The great salvation we have received from God conveys the joy of union, intimacy and richness of life that is ours as the Father's children in the Son, by the Holy Spirit. Our unity lies here.**

## LIVING IN CHRIST:

We give praise and thanks to the triune God

We bring people to Christ in newness of life

We encourage them to grow to maturity in Christ

We commission them for mission in Christ

## LED BY THE SPIRIT:

**We are a church which values the preaching of the Word of God and seeks to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. We intend to be constant in prayer and, led by the Spirit, we will:**

### ➤ Celebrate God's work in the world

- We will be intentional in seeking to bring people to faith
- We can foster kingdom living in God's world locally and globally
- We will encourage our people to live as 'salt and light' in their daily lives
- We can give people opportunities to share what the Spirit of God is doing in their neighbourhood or work place

### ➤ Encourage freedom in worship

- We value our past and current practice and values in worship, but we are not bound by them
- We will also encourage diversity, openness and adventurous worship

### ➤ Develop disciples within an intergenerational community

- We will nurture prayer and spiritual growth in the ministry team and in the congregation
- We place importance on children, youth and young adults' discipleship
- We seek to support families in discipling their children
- We will explore new ways of living in Christ

### ➤ Enhance responsive spiritual leadership

- Eldership and staff will seek to identify spiritual gifts within the congregation so that they may be nurtured to serve the body of Christ
- We believe that it is important for leadership to encourage and empower others and to be creative and adventurous

### ➤ Discern and follow the Spirit's leading

- We will seek to be empowered by the work of the Spirit and we will continue to seek God's will

## And in Christ we will remember that:

- It is God's church
- Salvation comes only through Christ crucified
- God is our provider
- We are a part of God's global community
- We are called to care for God's family