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Attentive to the Spirit.
Fueled by prayer.
Discerning together.

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SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH

Act2 has the potential to be the most transformative change project the Uniting Church in Australia has been involved in since the Basis of Union.

It focuses on discerning and deciding on our future together centred around four workstreams across three phases. The project involves our whole Church, and we need your voice.

PHASES



EXPLORE

Broad listening for ideas and imperatives
Feb-May 23



DISCERN

Deep discussion of directions and options
Jun-Nov 23



RECOMMEND

Develop and recommend a way forward
Dec 23-Jul 24



17th
Assembly

IMPLEMENT
Implement over 3-6 years
Jul 24 onwards

WORKSTREAMS

1



Structures and practices within the Church that enable life-giving communities of faith and discipleship

How can we do more to help and less to hinder life-giving communities of faith?

LOCAL COMMUNITIES OF FAITH & DISCIPLESHIP

2



Clarity on role, value and resourcing of national identity and national work

What is most valuable about being a national church and how do we resource it?

NATIONAL IDENTITY

3



Governance structures which enable ministry and mission, increase capability, unlock resources and meet our obligations

How do we order our life and distribute our resources to support our ministry and mission?

GOVERNANCE & RESOURCING

4



Sustainable set of institutions and practices to support our theological culture, diverse ministries and enable discipleship

How do we enable a sustainable set of institutions and practices that cultivate a vibrant theological culture?

THEOLOGICAL CULTURE & EDUCATION

CORE COMMITMENTS

THE COVENANT WITH CONGRESS

A MULTICULTURAL CHURCH

OUR ETHICAL, LEGAL & SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS

TIMELINE

BROAD ENGAGEMENT

Seeking input from every local community of faith, presbytery, church council and local leaders, synod, Assembly, agency and expression of the UCA's life

FEB-MAY 23

Focus groups
National forums
Theological culture papers
Data and information
Current state investigations
Workshops



MAY-JUN 23

UNITING IN PRAYER
Every expression of the life of the Uniting Church praying for one another, sharing and discerning our future together



COLLECTIVE DISCERNMENT

As we move to specific options we will engage more specifically, particularly with key leaders and synods and presbyteries in session and other bodies

JUN-NOV 23

Synod and Presbytery discernment
Governance and resourcing frameworks
Collective workshop on national framework for theological education
Internal and external advice



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

Integration of recommendations and report to ASC (Mar) and 17th Assembly (Jul) to enable vital decisions for the future of our Church

MAR-JUL 24

DEC 23-MAR 24

Finalise and further refine options
Consolidate suite of integrated recommendations and implications
Seeking expert internal and external advice



Exploration and design of options



Detailed design of preferred options

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