

Knapdale Waikaka Presbyterian Church

Dated August 2017

Plan for the next 5 years!

Preamble: At our elders/Session Retreat on May 13, 2017 we worked on the following:

- We looked at the prophetic words given to the church over recent years and tried to discern what The Lord was saying to us through them.
- We tried to identify the 'culture' of our parish. We recognized the pain of recent disunity and people needing healing.
- We discussed how we could proceed into the future.

The following is a summary of observations from that Retreat.

- *In consultation with the wider elders we believe we should begin the process of calling a fulltime/Parttime minister.*
- *We saw a picture of a river (A word brought by Lynne Hall) and represented in this painting by Fiona Johnston) – the river is the flow of the kingdom of God-His presence.*
- *We saw that we have a number of tributaries flowing toward that river.(This is all the wonderful and sacrificial work/ministries done by **individuals** in our parish.)*
- *We saw that we were working hard, but in an individual sense rather than a united sense.*
- *We saw that there was a WAKA/Canoe on the river that we all need to climb into and paddle in the same direction.*

Conclusion and direction:

We need to have a '**UNITY of PURPOSE**' while still celebrating our unique gifting and personalities.

As Elders we would work to encourage **loving unity** (Not uniformity) among the members by:

- Encouraging everyone to be part of a small group.
- Creating an environment for participation in our Sunday Services.
- Setting more Communion Celebrations. (Every two months)
- Establishing more opportunities to share food together/ work together (Finger food lunches every two months - Working B at Camp Columba on November 4,2017)
- Publically celebrate all that is done by individuals as having great value.
- Listening to the voice of our younger members who will most likely be the future leaders of the church.

Our Mission: Love God and Love People

Our Vision *Imagine a ragtag collection of surrendered and transformed people who love God and others passionately. They are mesmerized by the idea that this is not about them, but all about Jesus. They are transfixed by His story and His heart for their community.*

Knapdale Waikaka Presbyterian Church

Dated August 2017

Plan for the next 5 years!

They are seed-throwers and fire-starters, hope peddlers and grace-givers, risk takers and dreamers, young and old. They link arms with anyone who tells the story of Jesus. They empower the poor, strengthen the weak, embrace the outcast, seek the lost. They serve together, play together, worship together, live life together. Their community will change because God sent them.

They are us.

We Will Be:

A diverse, celebratory gathering of missional, disciple making small groups in every neighborhood.

A relational network strategized on reaching the Knapdale/Waikaka community.

Current Community Activities by our members:

Bible in schools, Home groups, Meals on wheels, Chapel services at Rest Homes, Gypsy Day outreach, Camp Colomba, Federated farmers, Wymok, Waidale missionary Trust, Wider Presbyterian Councils, Anzac Day Celebrations, Spring Fling Dinner Event, International Christian Chamber of Commerce, Community Networking Trust, Afternoon tea events with neighbors, 4 Wheel Drive Club, Offering employment on farms, Rotary, Lionsand the list goes on!

Possible Future Activities both local and over seas:

After School Clubs, Alpha Marriage, Alpha Youth, Affinity groups (4 Wheel Drive/Mtn Biking) Budgeting help/Investment Advice, Parent help, Mainly Music for preschoolers, After School Tuition/Child care – wherever a need is identified.

Goal One: To have 5 small groups running by December 2018

Goal Two: To offer an ALPHA course to the community for Winter 2018

Goal three: To plan a significant Mission Experience event for 2019/20

Goal Four: To plan and begin an after school club in the Waikaka area by 2020

Goal Five: