

We are the support hub for a culturally diverse Union of Baptist churches, faith and missional communities, agencies and affiliates



VISION

To be a union of flourishing churches with Christlike followers, that redeems society



MISSION

To encourage, equip & empower our local churches to advance God's Kingdom

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

With Mission at the centre, our plans are developed around **four Strategic Focus Areas**, through the **Innovation, Cultural, Digital** and **Younger Demographic Lenses**.



OUR GOALS & ACTIONS

MISSION

Support churches to participate in a shared vision for mission

- Foster the creation of 100 communities of faith by 2024
- Inspire missional imagination and practice through shared stories
- Provide best practice missional training
- Promote discipleship training
- Encourage our churches to be a blessing in their neighbourhoods and communities
- Advocate for love, justice and mercy in our society

LEADERSHIP

Develop the capacity of people to lead flourishing churches

- Provide systems that encourage resilience and responsibility in pastoral leaders
- Encourage and support churches to intentionally develop leaders
- Promote and empower women in leadership
- Raise the cultural intelligence of leaders
- Provide resources to support and develop the practice of fruitful leadership
- Increase the pool of interim pastors
- Equip church leaders to discern the mind of Christ, personally and congregationally

RELATIONSHIP

Encourage churches to support, pray for, collaborate, and pool resources for shared mission

- Engage collaboratively with agencies, denominations and partner organisations
- Explore and empower intercultural engagement and inclusion
- Encourage mutually respectful relationships across the diversity of our union
- Encourage groups of local churches to explore collaboration and synergies
- Facilitate connections to networks of shared interest and support for leaders

HEALTH

Provide effective processes to support our churches to be flourishing

- Implement the Flourishing Churches survey/assessment tool
- Resource our churches around spiritual disciplines and reflective practices
- Promote systems of empowering governance that are appropriate to church size and culture
- Implement intervention processes for declining churches as directed by Assembly
- Implement Creating Safe Spaces training
- Resource churches to address mental health issues
- Resource our churches in crisis recovery