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**Regeneration Ministry:**

The Surf Coast could proceed straight towards exploring a Regeneration Ministry. A small task group could be established by the Linked Council to explore models for a Regeneration Ministry and then present these to the congregations. Strong support across all congregations would be required to proceed to a Regeneration Ministry.

**Conventional Ministry and Mission Planning:**

A combination of calling someone into placement and include as a key ministry priority assisting the congregations to explore future directions with a clear time line included in the profile. This could be combined with Presbytery support with the mission planning.

**Status Quo:** Continue the existing ministry model and linked relationship in the Surf Coast.

**4. Towards a profile for a future minister**

The following qualities of a future minister were considered priorities by those who attended the Mission Study Meetings:

- . Nurturing people in their faith spiritual development, and capacity to share faith with other
- . Engaging new mission initiatives beyond traditional structures
- . Leadership of worship and proclamation of the gospel
- . Fostering mission and service in the local community.



Aireys Inlet

Anglesea

Bellbrae

Torquay

**Summary of Findings from Surf Coast Linked Congregations Mission Study and Options for the Future**

Drawn from report written by Rev Dr. Adam McIntosh, Presbytery Ministry Mission and Education July 2017 The Rev Dr Adam McIntosh writes:

**1. Comments**

Looking at the Surf Coast congregations, my assessment is that there are many opportunities for mission development and developing diverse expressions of Christian community that connect with people who currently are not connecting with the church.

I encourage fresh thinking and responses to what it means to be the people of God in the Surf Coast.

I would encourage a thorough examination of the opportunities for diverse expressions of church across the Surf Coast, exploring ways to link together and avoid duplication and to explore stronger linkages across the Surf Coast.

I would encourage an overall vision and strategy for approaching the growth areas of Torquay with an integrated approach to mission and expressions of church. Key questions include: Who are we currently connecting with outside of the church? What opportunities are there for meaningful and transforming spiritual expression and exploring the Christian faith? What is the connection between the worship expression and the mission focus? Who are the mission focus groups?

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## TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday the 26th  
of August 6-8pm

Come enjoy a night of food and trivia.  
\$35 per person at the Sea Eyes Café,  
Anglesea. Price includes a meal.

Funds help the Baptist Camping  
Victoria Interns to have the experience  
of a mission trip to Thailand.  
For tickets please contact:  
chaseg@baptistcamping.com.au or  
0431 258 320



**Today**

Anglesea 9.00  
**Rev Bernie Long**  
Aireys inlet 10.30  
Torquay 9.30  
Bellbrae 11.00  
**Worship Teams**

**Bellbrae Bric-A-Brac and Book Stall**  
Sorting each Tuesday 1pm – 4.30pm  
**helpers are very welcome.**  
Opening times Thur. & Friday 10am-4pm  
Saturday 10am-1pm

**Next Week**

Anglesea 9.00  
Aireys inlet 10.30  
**Jean Murray**  
Torquay 9.30  
**Rev Ron Manley**  
Bellbrae 11.00  
**Rev Bernie Long**



**SHARE WINTER APPEAL**

Winter is certainly here now. Winter is also a time of real need for many families and individuals who are forced to seek assistance for food, warm clothing and meeting power bills. The Share Winter Appeal enables the Uniting Church through its agencies to help meet this need.

Envelopes for the Winter Appeal are available at each of our churches. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or mailed directly to SHARE.

**A message from the Editor**

It has been a struggle to keep this newsletter going during this period without a minister, perhaps you have something going on in your church that is going well. Please share it with the other churches. I am sure that we would all love to hear your story.

**The next Anglesea Congregational Meeting will be held following the Service next Sunday 27th Aug.** Where options for our future will be high on the agenda.

**There has been good news from the Uniting Church Technical team.**

By the end of this month they should be ready with the new responsive website theme, and they would be happy to have our congregation on board as an early adopter for a fresh new website. I will keep you informed

**24th August 2017 “ The orthodox Christian Church. 'Back to the future' OR 'How communities of Faith Can Survive'.”**

Australian Scholar, and retired Uniting Church Minister, Rev John Smith will present and lead a discussion at 1:30pm at Western Heights Uniting Church, 31 Douglass Street, Herne Hill, Geelong. John is an invited speaker of the Geelong Section of the Progressive Christian Network of Victoria which meets monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month. We are a non-denominational discussion group who seek to understand Christian beliefs and doctrines in the light of current scientific knowledge and modern biblical scholarship. We warmly welcome visitors and new members. For further information, please **contact Heather Dennis M:0409176319**

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**2. Regeneration Ministry**

The response to Regeneration ministry was mixed. There were three broad responses:  
a significant group who see Regeneration ministry as critical to the future of the Surf Coast congregations;  
a group who are uncertain about Regeneration Ministry mostly because it is unfamiliar;  
a group who don't want to change the shape of ministry.  
My estimate of the numbers is that the majority of people support or are interested in further exploring, Regeneration Ministry.

NOTE: To gain a better understanding of what Regeneration Ministry might mean in practice read the Presbytery's report to VicTas Synod 2017 at <http://www.regeneratingthechurch.org.au/our-report-is-out-there/> or ask your Linked Council representative for a copy.

**3. Options for the future for congregations to consider with the Presbytery.**

**Intentional Interim Ministry:**

This is a ministry of short-term duration, usually for a period of twelve months to two years. It operates when a Presbytery determines that particular issues are to be addressed or new directions developed before proceeding to call to "normal term" placement.

*The advantage of this would be to give the Surf Coast space to work through a range of issues around future directions and shared ministry options. The Pastoral Relations Committee of the Presbytery appoints the Intentional Interim Minister.*

Prior to approaching any Minister, the Presbytery determines with the Congregation the principal issues to be addressed and responsibilities to be exercised by the Interim Minister. These should include the following:

- . Profile of the Congregation(s) (this may be interim)
- . A statement of responsibilities to be exercised and issues to be addressed
- . Proposed starting and finishing dates, as agreed with Presbytery, the Minister and the Linked Council
- . The arrangements for regular consultation and review involving the Minister, Presbytery and Linked Council
- . Remuneration provisions
- . The relationship with any liaison person(s) appointed by Presbytery.

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