

## **A Summary of Mission Service Tasks / Task Teams – The H.O.P.E. Project**

### **Administration (Ad – vancing Min – istry through gifts of Help)**

#### Administrative assistants

If possible, we would align administrative assistant tasks with receptionist responsibilities. Tasks like filing, document production & photo copying, personal assistance to minister(s), policy & procedure monitoring, secure storage and management of data entry / personal information; receipt and appropriate dissemination of prayer requests etc.

Let Heather know if you are happy to combine receptionist with admin assistant and we'll work it out from there.

#### Receptionists

We have tried to find enough people to open up the Hub reception more regularly in a previous season, but we only received responses from a couple of people, making it unviable to commence at that time. Our preferred approach is to have 2 people per shift time slot so as to ensure safety provide company. If you would like to be a Hub receptionist, doing tasks like opening up, displaying and updating any signage, general welcoming, answering phone & information/message distribution, monitoring bookings, facilitating bookings / helping host people using the facilities, helping people make appropriate appointments, merchandise supply monitoring and sales etc.

Let us know what days, half days, preferred times you might be available for and Heather will develop a workable roster if possible.

#### Management

Treasurer / Bookkeeper / Transactions - Relevant treasurer or bookkeeping skills and or experience is vital.

Meeting Minutes - Have you ever taken 'official' minutes for a meeting before? If you would like to, we have a number of opportunities available.

Finance and or Building – Do you have skills, experience and or more than a passing interest in developing or supporting/finance models for not-for-profits and or ministry supporting/community engagement facility development and or alignment; tradie experience or network connection.

#### WH&S / Compliance / First Aid / Child Protection Team

We have a number of policies and procedures to ensure the safety and well-being of all who engage with us at any entry point.

Some of these are directly related to our insurance coverage but all are required as our 'duty of care' to people we are engaged with both directly or indirectly.

In accordance with the law, we currently have an appointed Safety and Child Protection Officer, but this ministry arena should have a team working with her, especially as we connect an increasing number of activities and groups to the Hub.

So, if you have knowledge or certification in any of the listed areas in particular, please let us know if you believe God is calling you to support and help develop all that's involved with these policies and procedures in and through communities and programs across the wide frontier that our mission operates in.

### Gathering Coordination Team

There is a significant list of tasks associated with presenting a gathering (like Sunday AM weekly). At present one or three people cover the whole list which includes working with the music team to choose songs; allocating specific tasks within the meeting to appropriate people; preparing power point presentations effective for both 'in the room' AND online scenarios; ensuring the preacher has all they need; ensuring the full presentation team knows what's happening (run sheet); set up; pack up; security for various aspects of the meeting; any communiques that help guide and direct people with regard to specific aspects of the gathering; facilitating entry and exit covid protocols; hospitality provision; children's team support (sign in and out, child safe protocol compliance) and more ....

NB: Other gatherings may develop at different times in this new season – each as a stepping stone to gathering the harvest and each needing a coordination team ... interested?

### News & Information Production and Dissemination

It will be imperative in the new season to develop our news and information beyond what we are currently capable of. The story of the mission needs to be shared clearly and regularly. This will require a team of people who have close knowledge of what the body is doing across the mission field. Some research will be required and a commitment to produce the information in such a way that our Media and IT team can ensure it reaches as wide an audience as is possible.

'Rising H.O.P.E.' is our current news/journal and aligned to our kingdom responsibilities, perhaps this could reflect more of a kingdom wide mission story as we develop this work – if someone was inclined to help Graeme initially?

### Hosting and Hospitality Opportunities (Hub and Communities of H.O.P.E. )

Welcoming - Working with admin (might be an extension of reception opportunities) Ushers, stewards, information giving & referral of enquiries to the right person(s), monitoring gaps in care, communion preparation, development of a welcome lounge / space, use of naming badges and good signage so visitors can find things

Morning Tea / Meal Provision and or coordination - Morning Tea or Lunch Provision or Facilitation, Event Catering Coordination, Kitchen Usage, Clean, Supply. Given enough takers, these tasks could be rostered

Café Staff - Can you give time (maybe one morning or afternoon a week or fortnight or month) to making coffee/tea for guests & reception visitors OR coffee/tea & a 'safely prepared and provided' homemade style bites for community passer-by/drop-in opportunities that we are hoping to build engagement with-in our HUB neighbourhood more consistently each week? This opportunity comes with Barista training for those who would like it or for whom it could benefit more widely as an added, employable skill set. This team will require dish washers, customer service operators, supplies

Community Service & Care - Are interested in ANY aspect of the following?

- food pantry / freezer stock & monitor
- food provision to those in need
- join the 'food for life' team so you can be rostered when most suits your timetable for provision of food hampers off a truck between 10am and 11am any Thursday at North Dalton Park (just down Pioneer Road from the Hub, next door to and on the same side of the road as the Surf Leisure Resort)
- monitoring needs (initiating responses, appropriate welfare & referral)
- emergency or short-term accommodation (The Safe Couch Project)
- Student Tutoring  
(you can just sit and support someone or help with actual study)
- Skills Tutoring  
(you have trade or business or domestic work skills that you could mentor someone at either rudimentary levels OR as a support to their study program)
- JP services (are you a recognized JP and could give an hour a week?)

- Coffee/Tea and Chat groups (could you help facilitate a time to provide social support to those who might benefit from it)

#### Custodial

- lawns
- gardening
- cleaning (normal & covid specific)
- bins
- maintenance (handy person things)
- consumables monitor
- event teams – set up and pull down
- security monitor / key register

### **Mission Development Technologies**

#### Audio & Visual Team

Do you have a proven expertise AND OR a willingness to be taught basic sound assistance, PA set up and operation, projection, TV, media, lighting design; all or any one of the afore mentioned so you can join a regular roster or help facilitate worship services, functions or events at the Hub OR in an increasing variety of venues? Sign up for our AV team and any training opportunities.

#### Media & IT

Do you have a proven expertise AND OR willingness to be taught what it takes to help us communicate appropriately, ethically and with inclusive care to our church family and network partners, engaging in marketing & promotion on all online platforms (social media/web) and current offline opportunities? (see also News and Information Dissemination)

Can you help us develop our presence and brand in an acceptable and palatable way? Do you have graphic design skills at any level? Join our Media and IT team.

### **Music Ministry and other Presentations through Worship and or Performance**

#### Worshippers / Instrumentalists / Vocalists

Music ministry and developing worship that honours God and creates a safe place for people to encounter God in an authentic way is a given for us.

1. If you have proven skills or experience as a worshipper, and or as an instrumentalist or vocalist, contact us now so we can work out how we might partner with you in this ministry area.

2. If you have never been involved in such a team but think the Lord is speaking to your spirit about having a go, then please alert us to your reality so we can set up a time to determine with you what might be possible.

Our current team has a combined worship and music ministry experience of over 150 years but any one of them would be the first to say that if God isn't the audience and if it's not about creating a worship experience for OTHERS, then it's not something we should keep doing. We all have to start somewhere, whenever that is, and there is plenty of experience here for you to be supported, blessed, encouraged and equipped.

If enough people are interested, we are equipped to produce **choirs, ensembles and bands** for all sorts of gatherings AND mission/outreach opportunities, including serving other churches with the abundance God has provided us and working specific functions for pre-evangelism and tent-making. (including helping people write, produce and record music)

Our ethos is service, however big, small or seemingly important an occasion.

We will also need 'missionary' worship people to service other Hubs and Communities of H.O.P.E. as they are established and or accompany mission teams to various locations and spheres of life.

### Music and Music Technology

We can provide tutoring in a number of music streams – some to a low but usable competency and others to a reasonable level of proficiency. Vocal coaching, instrument learning, sound engineering and recording all possible if we know people are **genuinely interested**.

### Readers

If you believe that God would have you make yourself available to read publicly more often. Contact us for ways to proceed.

### Drama, Dance and Drawing/Painting

We have access to a number of gifted and experienced people in the fields of the creative arts, so if you would like to have a go in one of these fields, let us know.

### **'Professional' Presentation and Communication**

We use the word professional, not to describe a level of presentation as much as a presentation that is more associated with 'a profession' (e.g. minister, keynote speaker, radio announcer)

### Preaching and Story Telling/Motivational Speaking

Believe you are called to preach, present stories or inspirational oratory? If you are prepared to go on a journey that all public speakers go on (to one degree or another), let us know and we can have that prayerful conversation.

### Life Celebrants

We are in the process of re-launching our provision of Infant, Marriage and Funeral Celebrants for engaging with a broad sector of the community. If you would like to be equipped to conduct Life Celebrations either as a mission tool and or professionally, let us know.

### Public Announcing / Media

If you believe you have the raw material from God to record radio quality spots or podcasts, audible books, narration and the like; as with the preacher/speaker arena, we partner with people who can coach and mentor you in a wide variety of these skillsets.

### Training Course Delivery – Class and or Unit Teachers

When our college kicks into top gear later in the year, we will be looking for people to teach, tutor and journey with students as they learn and grow. Let us know if this is something you'd like us to talk with you about at the appropriate time.

## **Prayer, the Prophetic and the Didactic (Teaching)**

### General Prayer, Strategic Pray-ers - Prayer Partners – Intercessors

- Prayer network where we pray for people's needs shared with us by general text or email

- Prayer partners – intentional and regular meetings with someone to pray for each other as an encouragement and support, as well as praying together for aspects of the mission

#### - Personal and Strategic Intercessors

- For facilitating leaders – an intercessor prays in confidence for specific (deep, personal, ministry) needs for one or more mission facilitating leaders

- For the mission – an intercessor prays as they are led to pray for the strategic needs of the mission as a whole. In our context they will be supported by key prophetic leadership in order to help position, interpret and frame what God might be saying to us as we move

forward. Specific opportunities to be in intercessory teams will include praying for and during / throughout church family gatherings; in preparation and during events E.g. a prayer team that intercedes for souls and interaction during say, the Carols event

- Prayer Walking – preferably with a partner or partners, prayer walking is about praying whilst walking strategically and regularly around a sphere or field of mission, listening to God as you meet people, see situations unfold or identify things that might be significant for advancing the kingdom of heaven on the earth

- Prayer Warriors – we need to develop and equip teams of strategic/prophetic prayer people to support all mission / ministry teams for breakthrough and advance – requires some prayer walking AND spiritual mapping of locations and situations to support evangelism efforts, for the breaking through and down of strongholds in individuals, homes, localities, cities, regions and nations.

- Corporate Prayer Coordination requires a person or persons to coordinate opportunities for prayer as a whole church community (representatively and or actually) at various times and as directed and supported by facilitating mission leaders  
E.g.'s. say a weekly church wide prayer focus at a scheduled time where people can gather for prayer and those who can't can send and receive prayer points etc. OR the creation of a prayer lounge which is accessible for people to come anytime and pick up updates prayer points and mission needs for prayer in the location or elsewhere ...

- Public Praying for those who would like to be encouraged or even learn how to pray confidently in public settings; in particular, being called upon to pray in an impromptu way for people and situations or praying over people as you seek the heart and purpose of God for them and so on (see also prophetic activation)

- Praying One on one with people DURING public gatherings or community meetings

- In ONE-ness Accord (see kingdom mission responsibilities)

### Prophetic Activation

Extra to developing the prophetic heart of most of the previously mentioned prayer ministries, we believe God wants us to intentionally equip people to bring words of challenge and encouragement from God during worship gatherings, events, and in other Community of H.O.P.E. harvest gathering settings - in appropriate and accountable ways, recording and monitoring prophecies for appropriate ongoing use, developing and implementing

resources and processes to support and equip the prophetic long term and more ..... Interested?

### Teaching Activation

We are being intentional about NOT prescribing the teaching ministry that this new season will birth so we don't just rely on one to one, group and the organized shapes of teaching that we've grown accustomed to over many years. Do you sense a calling to be trained to DISCIPLE one or many in ways that help them grow to their full potential in Christ and or to equip them to DISCIPLE others who can disciple? You will learn to engage in things like .....

- multiplying strategic mission prayer
- multiplying word-based access points and opportunities
- facilitating kingdom conversations
- facilitating bible discussions that DON'T rely on you answering questions or 'being the teacher'.
- building a movement rather than a static group
- sharing your story to encourage others to share theirs
- leading workshops and electives that anyone can access
- developing and monitoring library (incl. online) resources specific to the needs of the H.O.P.E. Project and its progress
- and more ..... sound like you?

### **Ground-breaking, Planting, Watering, Gathering and the apostolic**

#### Church Planting / Community Building – H.O.P.E. Taskforce Team (Summit)

Join an apostolic summiting team that will intentionally reach out and gather the harvest. Be equipped & empowered to operate like a chaplain or an ambassador to your spheres of involvement or influence, whether that's a multi-faceted, multi-layered, multi-generational, cross-cultural or cross-sub cultural group or sphere, OR a more single focused or targeted mission field like a specific gender or age group or particular sub-culture.

We believe God wants Jesus to build His church around you and others.

Be a part of a team assigned to think tank about how to advance the kingdom of Heaven through Community engagement, a team that does it and trains others to do it.

Be equipped to engage in one, some or all from the following .....

- Simple Faith Sharing\_– tell your story in the context of the whole gospel story whilst teaching others how to engage their story and tell IT
- Identifying Your Spheres of involvement or influence and or your

passion for a targeted mission field like Men or Youth or Surfers or the Disadvantaged or a so-called Minority etc. \*\*\*\*\* (see below)

- Looking at the Unclimbed Peak you/we face through God's Word
- Praying Intentionally and Regularly for People on your path who need rescue
- Casting and re-casting a vision for your climb
- Aligning and re-aligning the vision with 'what it's going to take'
- Peer training for intentionally being amongst and reaching the lost
- Seeking Divine Appointments every day
- Finding Persons and Communities of Peace
- Living an intentional Shema Lifestyle for the purpose of reaping a soul harvest
- Work as teams to gather the harvest into 'Communities of H.O.P.E.' (C'sOH)
- Work as teams to establish Hub-sufficient C'sOH that multiply themselves as teams to keep moving to the next frontier.

**NB:** Some of these will remain extensions of the work of the Hub and still others might become Hub's in their own right over time.

E.g. The Sanctuary (Jono & Nicky) this couple and any team that develops around them are seeking God for the right location to plant, intentionally working towards becoming a church hub for mission to an unreached sub-culture alongside a geography that isn't largely churched.

Hub Leaders / Church Planters like Jono and Nicky (who have believed they have received the call of God to do this) WILL emerge as part of, and beyond the summit team. This might be you?

- Establish ongoing coaching so that every appropriate task on this overall Hub task list is able to be empowered and released in as many C'sOH as is helpful.

\*\*\*\*\* Some Targeted Ministries might be established as part of the current community development associated directly with the Hub, for example, Children's Ministry ..... Use the example of a potential children's ministry support team here below, to help you see the potential for tasks and task teams similarly aligned with OTHER targeted ministries like Men or Youth etc. – ALL with the expressed goal of supporting the gathering of the harvest mission, whether that ends up feeding people who are being disciplined into the 'Community of H.O.P.E.' that operates in gatherings at the Hub facilities' location, OR, a planted and established COH in ANY other sphere or location.

**Example 1:**

A Currently initiated Targeted Ministry designed to build people into the life of the church that should also be used to train and export trained task teams into planted C'sOH across the mission frontier

Children's Ministry Support team (CCCKids / H.O.P.E.4Kids)

- creche facilitation (ages 0-3)
  - Support for parents with Babies
  - Infant care partnership
  - Reading stories
  - Play mates
  - toy monitors
- support children's coordinator (ages 4-11)
  - pray for kids & their families
  - numbers in the room
  - individualized care
  - help kids stay focused and engaged
- general
  - set up, pack up, cleaning
  - provide resources (books, videos, music)
  - sign in and sign out monitor
  - meet and welcome

**Insert HERE any other Targeted Ministry Support Teams that YOU believe you are being called to .....**

Pastoral Care Agents

- Will be trained to monitor and follow-up an agreed to number of people and to encourage/support their connection & engagement with ANY entry point/activity of the Hub (incl. support of gathering and planting efforts in the mission field – as part of teams establishing Communities of H.O.P.E.)
- determine and be a conduit for care & prayer needs,
- partner with administration to follow up care requests
- respond to shut-ins (people isolated for one reason or another) by offering prayer or communion, visits where appropriate, become beverage buddies, deliver care meals ... etc

### Online Community Pastors

(we are currently building ways to minister to our committed online patrons as potential Communities of H.O.P.E.)

- be trained to offer care, prayer, support and engagement to members of our growing online community

### H.O.P.E. College

(listed here for your information BUT you might want to help establish it)

Throughout this summary we have repeatedly referred to training or equipping. Obviously, this will happen in close quarters with those people who are facilitating equipping ministries on behalf of the church and or with those who are leading task teams.

That being said, we have chosen to establish a framework for community equipping, because having such a framework will open many more doors for effective training in-house and across the region (kingdom service and collaboration), as well as to ensure that we can sustain and reproduce equipping for the long-term.

We are in partnership with Vision College, an internationally renowned training provider and registered training organization in the context of nationally accredited training package provision. This partnership will enable us to deliver recognized ministry and theological study certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas and even online graduate and post graduate studies whilst WE supplement equipping resources with our own mission training requirements.

Developing the non-prescriptive ideas espoused in the Teaching Activation section above, we can strategically shape the discipling methods of Jesus into a contemporary training flow, an example of what a framework like the college can facilitate.

Things like Journaling and Blogging, Daily Sitrep and Devotional resources, Life Connect options like Kingdom conversations in situ, Hothousing wherever people are, Mentoring and Apprenticing the John's, James', Mary's, Martha' and Peter's and Interning missionaries are ALL more possible and infinitely more scalable and measurable if provided in a community equipping platform like the college. Ask about college opportunities in your response .....

### **Kingdom Mission, Justice and Advocacy Responsibilities**

As mentioned previously, all tasks are designed to be worked on in the context of anchoring the Hub(s), the Summit team(s) AND for Kingdom advancement through service and collaboration.

There are some Kingdom specific tasks that we are currently engaged in that we believe God wants us to continue to partner or support and another few being refined and or initiated. You might believe God is calling you to be involved in some way.

**NB:** We will describe these with some detail because we are aware that some of you may not have any understanding of what these opportunities are.

### **Northern Illawarra Scripture Board (NISB)**

The church is an active member of the NISB.

The NISB is responsible for providing professional scripture teachers and selected, appointed volunteers for Bulli, Woonona, and Corrimal High Schools. It facilitates the cross-authorization of the teachers to teach, with the full support of its combined denominational church members, so that there is ONE provider to the three high schools under a oneness auspice rather than being fragmented by denominational stakeholders.

The NISB performs a hands-on pastoral support function for the teachers and an advocacy role with the organizations legally engaged with the teacher's employment; chiefly, Generate Ministries.

The board coordinates and oversees the raising of the FULL amount of money annually required to employ these teachers for up to 4 days a week (currently over \$100 000 per year) through procuring regular donations from individuals and member churches and by up to 5 fundraising activities each year.

We also financially support ONE chaplain at Corrimal High School currently. We are responsible for a third of the support pie which equates to \$7000 per year on top of what's raised for scripture. The board also performs a fiduciary support function for public school scripture which is provided by volunteers.

The ministers of each of the member churches are constitutionally appointed as delegates to the board but in most cases, they appoint up to two proxies to act as delegates who attend board meetings and volunteer their time to stage and support fundraising and promotional events on behalf of the member churches.

Corrimal Community Church's current involvement includes donating \$1100 per year from our mission budget (which we'd like to double in the next financial year).

We provide only ONE appointed delegate, Heather Rowles, who also records meeting minutes for the board and our Senior Minister operates as the Chair of the Board.

It would be good to add another delegate, at least whilst Graeme is the Chair.

We are keen to mobilize more of our church team to serve in various ways (Covid notwithstanding) AND we are hoping to utilize this Northern Illawarra Churches platform as a launching pad for kingdom advancing prayer initiatives due to the strong relationship and collaborative potential that has been built in this sphere.

### **Serve 2 Bless**

Is the descriptor we attach to the opportunities we have taken and will continue to take to serve other churches and or community organizations that God opens us up to build relationship with.

At present we have sister churches in .....

#### West Wyalong NSW (about 450km west)

We have been involved with pastors Cameron and Helen Webber and the West Wyalong Community Church as we've been able.

We have served this church, particularly through the recent years of drought.

We continue to share prayer points and more. And will send mission teams at intervals as Covid restrictions allow)

#### Port Kembla Baptist Church

We are of course in relationship and partnership with the Baptist churches throughout the region and on occasions host their fraternal meetings.

We are hoping to add some of our leaders (who are available at appropriate times) to begin relating with the others ASAP.

Meanwhile, we have an official Memorandum of Understanding with Port re. Gordon's ministry to that body, and we exchange ministries when needed so as to bless Gordon, Helen, Mike, Garry and the team there.

#### River Church Dapto

David, Andrew and Jacki have continued offering service to the church that May planted in Koonawarra and recently we opened the door further and we should have some opportunities to mission with these lovely people soon.

#### Calvary Family Church QLD

We have had a close relationship with this church for a long time. It is Karen's home church and the church family that provided us with Caleb and Georgia Angilley for 2020. We are continuing to build this partnership.

You might be hearing God's voice about serving other churches both in this region and beyond OR you might like to join a team on a mission trip when they are offered?

### National Day of Thanksgiving

Pre-covid and hopefully again soon ...

This is a publicly gazetted official day of thanksgiving, usually around the last Saturday of May annually.

It provides a great fit opportunity to express our 'generously serve the community' and 'shema lifestyle' goals and in recent years we have taken a team very early on the Sunday morning of the Thanksgiving weekend, to cook and serve breakfast to the big shift change at the Wollongong Police Local Area Command Centre.

This is done at no cost to the police and we also provide certificates of thanks to the officers on duty (night shift Saturday/day shift Sunday) – simply to say thank you to some first responders who risk their lives to protect and serve the city and we do it ON BEHALF OF the whole community, not ourselves.

Maybe you'd like to help organize such a thanksgiving exercise to some deserving people in our community. We choose the one shift change (about 40 people) so it is achievable and effective. Pray and think about other achievable and effective targets for our thanks.

### Biggest Morning Tea

We have had people in our church family interested in either hosting an event for the Cancer Council in late May each year, which we have done, OR supporting a local one.

Recently, we discovered some Augusta Street neighbours who have been connected to this event over a number of years, and they asked us to host events on their behalf.

Let us know if you'd like to help us do this whenever it comes around each year.

### H.O.P.E.4Kids

This is something that Graeme has connected to his music ministry so that any merchandise sales are always helping someone in need as well as paying his production bills.

Graeme hopes that the HOPE4Kids brand might become the umbrella for all our associated children's ministries but for now, there is usually an annual event (previously 24-hour Table Tennis Marathon, 24 Hour Drum-a-thon, 6 Hour Backwards Walk and various big concerts) to raise awareness and funds

for children with rare childhood diseases – children we actually have a relationship with.

‘Saving Chloe Saxby’ was the cause AND relationship that we began this journey with. We have decided to continue to support the Saxby family (who are still mourning the loss of Chloe) in their quest to keep raising awareness and funds to fight ‘Vanishing White Matter’ disease.

We will continue to support for now, Beau McClinton (Ohtahara Syndrome) and Michael Bereznai (Neuroendocrine Hyperplasia) and we are always on the look out to serve and bless any other children **we come into relationship or have relationship with** who are suffering terribly.

Would you like to help us develop this work.

### Operation Christmas Child

We have for many years (pre-covid and hopefully again soon) supported the ‘Operation Christmas Child’ appeal each year. Christine has been our point person for this. From about July to October each year we encourage people to create a simple shoe box filled with items (there’s a suggested list) for either a girl or a boy in need somewhere in the world. We gather them and send them to be sorted and sent to children. You might want to help Christine make this a bigger effort once it returns to being possible.

### Gideons

The church has been a Gideons International member for many years. We ask Gideons to make an annual deputation to report their work to us, at which time we offer a monetary gift from the mission fund.

You might like to help make our relationship with Gideons more tangible?

### Baptist Association

(see the first paragraphs of this Serve 2 Bless section, about sister churches)

### **In One-ness Accord**

This work is in its infancy and you’ll remember it flowed out of the Holy Spirit’s leading from February this year when the door seemed to open for us to play a role in supporting multiplying prayer efforts FOR THE SALVATION OF THE REGION AND BLESSING OF CHURCHES across the Illawarra region.

*<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. JOHN 17:23*

There is no doubt that this has been a vision that God has put on our hearts for some years now and when this year's National Day of Prayer and Fasting (Illawarra Chapter) failed to find a host for the day of prayer event, we were asked to do it and since that time we have reported what God was doing with all of that, particularly in partnership with our own 24 hours of prayer and fasting (solemn assembly) only 6 or 7 weeks ago.

We would love a team of people who believe in this kingdom responsibility to gather occasionally to think tank ways forward so please let us know if that might interest you.

Meanwhile, in this early stage, we CAN identify some of the efforts we are already involved with, that might be useful platforms for launching something more comprehensive in the time to come.

#### Northern Illawarra Combined Churches (see NISB above)

This network partnership that God has asked us as a church to serve significantly, might be a powerful arena for multiplying 'In One-ness accord' level prayer scenarios.

#### Baptist Minister's Fraternal

As previously mentioned, this group currently meets monthly, specifically to pray. Let's ask God how we might utilize this for kingdom advancing purposes.

#### Crosslink Christian Network International

Graeme is the Secretary of the Board of Directors for this church relationship network. There are a number of Crosslink churches across the Illawarra and just beyond. Pray with Graeme for an opening to utilize these relationships as a platform to inspire ONE-ness.

#### World Day of Prayer

Corrimal Community Church has been a previous host for the World Day of Prayer which occurs on the first Friday in March annually. Formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer, this opportunity tends to bring an ecumenical connection of churches that don't normally show up at more demonstrative or charismatic prayer events. Not a criticism just an observation. Our team members Judy and June have negotiated for us to host the 2022 event on the 4<sup>th</sup> March next year so let's work together towards this opportunity being part of a strategy to build oneness across the kingdom in this region.

### National Day of Prayer and Fasting

We have hosted a flexible, 'come when you can, leave when you must' venue in partnership with the National Day for 7 years. This year we were asked to host the official Illawarra event. The relationship we build with the NDOPF team will be crucial towards facilitating multiplying prayer scenarios in the 'Together Illawarra' space.

Over to you .....

### **Graeme's Spheres of Kingdom and Community Involvement**

I share these involvements with you, simply to encourage you to respond to **any passion that God has planted within you**, to become involved with a community organization or a cause for the purpose of building kingdom relationships ..... hopefully to open doors for harvest gathering.

Whether that intention is able to be pursued or not, this sort of service is still important to do, if for no other reason than to serve and bless people generally OR to be more of Jesus to people that wouldn't normally come anywhere near an established church.

For example .....

Sharon and Robert have a life-long relationship with the region's scouting movement.

Judy is engaged with the U3A (University of the Third Age) movement.

The Rowles' have had a long-time connection with local soccer clubs and business networks,

Jono has a long-standing relationship with the motorcycle culture of the region and more specifically with people seeking help from Jesus to beat a variety of addictive lifestyles and

Mindy is heavily engaged with indigenous groups, causes and activism.

There are many more I don't know enough about to share with you, but all of these opportunities 'could' be stepping stones to harvest gathering and Community of H.O.P.E. building – which we here at CCC see as opportunities for people to experience the favour and life transforming grace of heaven ON earth.

We understand that converting causal opportunities into harvesting won't always be the case but whilst it's an open door, God can do anything with desire and availability.

Here are some that I am involved with and the idea is to encourage us to see something we might like to engage ourselves or be reminded of something else we each know or have connection to, that we might be able to ask God to open up for us.

#### Micah Australia (formerly 'Micah Challenge')

Micah exists as an electorate focused campaign to help end global poverty by keeping the Australian government accountable for its responsibility to OTHERS. It is to all intents and purposes, the Christian coalition within the worldwide 'Make Poverty History' campaign. I have previously been on the Oz development and event coordination team and still represent (as best I can) the campaign in some southern NSW and ACT electorates.

#### End Modern Slavery & Trafficking (Formerly 'Stop the Traffik')

This campaign is self-explanatory and I've been an active member for 10 years.

#### Reconciliation Australia

I have been an active member and regional coordinator for the Reconciliation Australia effort since 1999. My personal beliefs shift a bit around the political position that this organization takes BUT I have a firm gospel belief that revival in Australia is intrinsically connected to first Australians' stewardship of the land and their restoration to that purpose.

There are a few others that are currently dormant whilst I determine if God wants to re-ignite them.

If God is speaking to you about engaging community spheres (work places, study places, community causes and or recreational involvements), when you respond to Heather, let us know of your interest or passion focus so we can pray together towards seeing how the church might be able to make it a whole body/family response or at least an, on behalf of our church and other churches response.

**Insert HERE any other community spheres that YOU already believe you might be being called to, to serve and bless or even to use as a stepping stone for The H.O.P.E. Project; gathering the harvest into 'Communities of H.O.P.E.' or funnelling people you are discipling into existing opportunities for further nurture and growth .....**

## **Facilitating Leadership Framework – Ministry Formation**

The following is important information for any of you who might believe God is calling you to train for some specific ministry service i.e. a facilitating leadership function that oversees a mission area or people performing ministry/mission tasks or performs pastoral or equipping ministry service.

We believe that the local church is the most effective place to equip and train people for voluntary, casual, part-time and or full-time ministry service. We have established H.O.P.E. College to help us develop and manage this effort strategically and with integrity for our own mission work AND for accredited ministry opportunities beyond our church's mission.

On this accredited ministry training issue, H.O.P.E. College is NOT about removing us from supporting established denominational colleges. We will collaborate for appropriate training as a kingdom advancing reality, however, Jesus disciplined His followers with a specific mission mandate in mind and we can do no less; playing our part and providing training with a practical focus on the mission we have been called to, whilst ensuring that the training program allows for trainees to be recognized beyond our parameters.

### How do we train and appoint ministers?

Corrimal Community Church has a written policy and procedure for developing facilitating 'serving' leaders. The non-negotiable is that we pray about people whom we agree express an anointing for specific leadership functions and if it is good to us and the Holy Spirit, they are appointed.

The Church Constitution in partnership with the Policy and Procedure, outlines the way this all happens AND the bottom line is that anyone who seeks to train for a specific function, proceeds with the knowledge that as a church, we are desperate to operate as much like heaven i.e. as much like something that Jesus would shape as a human organization can achieve.

We will make many mistakes in pursuit of this but we WILL make those mistakes in the honest attempt to look more like Jesus.

Ministry appointees will not operate in a structure that supports hierarchical authority nor democratic processes as both of these structures a human focused. We see Christ as the genuine head of the church that He himself is building and as such we expect our facilitating leaders to uphold the sort of definition of submission that Paul describes in Ephesians 5.

This looks something like an intentional mutual accountability, respect and honour for each other and the calling and gifts that we each have been given; gifts and wisdom that we clearly recognise; a commitment to voluntarily submit to each other out of humility and a desire to lift each other up; an interdependent co-operation that operates confidently and comfortably in the knowledge that none of us have all the answers and we desperately need each other to achieve this mission calling AND a relational connection with each other that looks more like a good functioning family that respects each other's space and unique attributes whilst supporting each other to be the best we are each called to be.

With all the above paragraphs representing the ideals and values that we are seeking to engage and reproduce .....

A basic framework or corporate plan designed to make it easier to achieve it, is described as follows .....

### **The Crowd**

The crowd represents the 'harvest' that like Jesus we look upon with compassion, engaging, respecting, honouring and loving them with the love of Christ them right where they are and for who they are, in the midst of the spheres of their life, work and play. They are the 'others' we deny our 'self' for. They are those we impart the kingdom gospel to when we discern in the Spirit that their hearts are soft and open to receive something from heaven, and they are loved by Jesus whether they are potential disciples and kingdom advancers or not and therefore, so do we.



### **Covenant Partners - (Advancing Heaven On Planet Earth)'**

The Church OR 'Community of H.O.P.E. OR the body of Christ in community OR a weapon that Jesus builds to crash down 'gates of hell', where hearts together under the kingdom rule of God form Heaven's embassy in ANY and ALL the spheres where we live, work and play.

It is followers of Jesus gathered AND scattered; disciples who follow the commander Jesus, becoming more like Him every day and who are engaged in missionary tasks and or ministering to the family – whether in small missional outposts OR larger inspirational equipping and celebratory meetings.

It is the Holy Spirit empowered and led continuation of Jesus' ministry on earth towards completing His primary purpose. Disciples maturing whilst discipling new disciples / followers.



### **Facilitating Servant Leadership**

EVERY group of Jesus' followers was encouraged to acknowledge the grace apportioned by Jesus, to celebrate the gifts and skills that the Holy Spirit configured amongst them, affirm their calling to particular tasks of ministry facilitation and to commission each one by the laying on of hands (i.e. to impart and empower by the Holy Spirit)

- These apprentices will be '**covenant partners**' and will be mentored and equipped whilst serving just as Jesus' disciples were.
- Oneness is the leadership model in the kingdom of heaven and so these commissioned servants 'might' become deacons, and/or elders, and/or apostolic equipping ministries. (cf. Romans 12)
- As was true in the developing early church, once elders, deacons and apostolic equipping ministries start being affirmed, they should set aside 'covenant partners' (i.e. leaders already affirmed in some capacity) to function as a \*\*'council' or 'board' to monitor and review processes to ensure the priorities of the mission to the crowd AND the ministry to the body are BOTH being fulfilled. (see policies and constitution)

At Corrimal Community Church, people who are Facilitating Servant Leaders are functioning as Deacons, Ministry Interns and H.O.P.E. Taskforce (communities of H.O.P.E. & targeted ministries) leaders.

Generally, and in accord with the Church Constitution, all facilitating servant leaders can be appointed at any time by the apostolic leaders and ratified by the 'covenant partners' as soon as is practicable.



### **Apostolic (Strategic & Foundational) Leadership**

- Typified by their actions that is, tirelessly 'serving the servants of servants', these fellow workers will visibly exhibit some combination of the apostolic, prophetic, evangelistic, pastoral and or teaching functions; that is, the equipping ministries which represent the fullness of Christ. (cf. Acts 1-13; Ephesians 2-4)
- They will be '**covenant partners**' who express both the fruit and some expression of the equipping ministry gifts of the Holy Spirit
- They will be recognizable for generating enthusiasm in the midst of all those around them and for helping others commit to the campaign for advancing God's kingdom rule on the earth.

- They will all the while, represent, demonstrate and as far as possible model an operational framework identified by mutual accountability, voluntary submission, interdependent cooperation and relational autonomy (see introductory information above)
- These leaders are the ‘sent ones’, that is, they are the pioneers who equip disciples who can equip the saints – to a varying degree of generations. They align the church with heaven AND the harvest, they are affirmed by the body and set apart to blaze the missionary trail that the growing body, indeed bodies, fully represent and support.

At Corrimal Community Church, the servants of the servants who are Apostolic (Strategic & Foundational) Leaders, are functioning as Elders, Associate Ministers, Associate Senior Ministers and Senior Ministers

Seeing as the Apostolic (Strategic & Foundational) Leaders form the direction giving leadership for the whole church, according to the Church Constitution these leaders are ‘recognized (in some cases accredited) ministers’ and as such need to be affirmed by the ‘covenant partners.’



### **Kingdom (Leaders) Partners for Mutual Accountability**

Aligned with the development of a more heaven looking leadership framework, is the mutual accountability and voluntary submission that happens at EVERY stage and aspect of it.

This was true for Jesus. He voluntarily submitted to the Father and He was mutually accountable and interdependently cooperative with the Holy Spirit and His disciples at times.

We are therefore committed to the idea that EVERY leader indeed EVERY group of leaders (the church), needs to be encouraged to have a ‘coach’ like mentor who has the freedom through an intimate relationship with that leader, to speak into their lives intentionally and on a regular basis.



### **The Crowd**

In Corrimal Community Church’s process, ALL leaders, whatever maturity, experience or qualification should always be engaged with ‘the harvest’ right where they live, work and play and not be separate or in some humanly devised way, removed from it.

**NB:** We could depict this framework diagrammatically by using concentric circles, where each circle is a part of the circle that surrounds it. Imagine then,

Christ, the cornerstone in the centre circle. The next circle represents the apostolic and prophetic foundations (senior leaders / kingdom advisory group), the next circle the facilitating leaders, the next the church and the next the crowd which encircles everything.

### **Final Thoughts and Reminders**

Thank you for wading through this descriptive document. We hope and pray that it gives you enough information, that as you pray and seek more revelation from the Holy Spirit as you read the suggested scriptures, you might find a place of peace about what God might be asking you to do; what responsibility or responsibilities for the H.O.P.E. Project mission that He might be asking you to share, by playing your part alongside others.

We encourage you to re-read the practical hints in Part 2 from last week which will help you engage this process.

### **Please Make Your Response**

When you believe you would like to register your interest in something or somethings, please leave a voice message or text Heather on 0410654807 OR email her via [secretary@corrimalcommunitychurch.com.au](mailto:secretary@corrimalcommunitychurch.com.au) and let her know what tasks/teams you believe God is sparking your interest in and PLEASE be as specific as you can about what part or whole of task you are responding to. DON'T FORGET to let Heather know if God has shown you somebody else other than you, that you believe might be anointed for a particular task or tasks and also, PLEASE let Heather know if you are interested in training for ministry (beyond the task you are interested in) as per the final (Facilitating Leadership) section of the document because during the second phase of this process and as the Holy Spirit leads, we will undoubtedly be contacting various people that we believe God might be setting apart for apostolic (strategic and foundational) leadership as described, for this new season.

God bless you my brothers and sisters as you submit to the word from heaven FOR YOU.

Love IN Christ,

Graeme