**People with Disability Advisory Group**

The Uniting Church and its agencies created the Disability Royal Commission National Task Group in response to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.

The National Task Group consists of representatives from the church and its agencies and mets at least five times a year.

**People with Disability Advisory Group**

The National Task Group has created the People with Disability Advisory Group to provide guidance on:

* providing information to the Royal Commission
* responding to what the Royal Commission says
* issues affecting people with disability
* what makes people with disability safe.

The Advisory Group will have up to 15 people with disability from the church and services across Australia.

**Diversity**

We want the Advisory Group to be as diverse as possible. We encourage people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; cultural and language diverse communities; gender diverse communities; and from all age groups to get involved.

**Meetings**

It is expected that the Advisory Group will have its first meeting in March or April of 2022. The Advisory Group will meet between two and five times each year. The meetings will be online.

We will meet the access needs of participants. For example, we will provide live captioning, Auslan, or language interpreting. A participant can have a support person help them participate in meetings. However, support people cannot take part in the meetings.

The first meeting will be casual. Participants will meet one another and decide on how future meetings will happen. Participants can use this meeting to decide if joining the Advisory Group is right for them.

The second meeting will be a week after the first meeting.

**Application Form**

We encourage anyone interested in being part of the Advisory Group to apply by completing the attached application form.