

A call to action.



UNITING ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER
CHRISTIAN CONGRESS

Covenant of Hope: Our journey began with a covenant between the Uniting Aboriginal Islander Christian Congress and the Uniting Church, highlighting a commitment of self-determination for First Peoples and their right to control over their own affairs.

Acknowledging Shortcomings: Despite this, parts of the Uniting Church have failed to honor the uniqueness of First Peoples ways, spirituality and cultural richness, though this does not reflect the whole Church.

Confronting Injustices: We continue to face the painful legacies of colonisation and injustices.

Calling for Recommitment: We call on the Uniting Church to recommit to the covenant, dismantle oppressive structures, and pursue justice and reconciliation.

Concrete Actions for Reconciliation: Reconciliation requires more than symbolic gestures; it needs concrete steps, accountability, and genuine partnership.

Reaffirming the Covenant: Together, we revisited and reaffirmed the covenant, celebrating those who walk with us in solidarity and respect.

Sharing Stories and Perspectives: We shared our stories and invited the Uniting Church to integrate First Peoples' perspectives into its practices and policies.

Sacred Trust: Our journey revealed a sacred trust to protect our lands, cultures, and languages, which the Uniting Church must honour through action.

Future Accountability: Moving forward, we must continue to hold the Uniting Church accountable, confront systemic injustices, and advocate for truth, healing, and restitution.

Beacon of Hope: Our journey aims to guide the Uniting Church towards a future where the covenant is a lived in reality, fostering justice, equality, and unity for all.