

UNITING CHURCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STRATEGY 2026–31



Our Vision: Uniting in Christ

Flourishing Faith – **Thriving Communities** – **Liberating Justice**

Cultivating our theological culture

We will deliver national resources for theological, discipleship and worship renewal.

Reviving our Covenant commitment

We affirm and will enact in our law and life the sovereignty and self-determination of Congress.

Accompanying the global church with purpose

We will purposefully deepen our relationships with the global church.

Ordering our life for God's mission

We will change our internal structures to better serve the mission of the church.

Promoting mission from the margins

We will listen to and make our churches more inclusive for all cultures and ages.

Speaking prophetically in the world

We will create a unified advocacy voice which is stronger and more impactful.

STRATEGIC MEASURES

A. 90% of strategic initiatives are completed or on track

B. Increasing response to "We are a truly national church"

C. Increased engagement with strategic communications

E. On track to reach net zero by 2040

F. One Church wide advocacy activation per annum

STRATEGIC GOALS, INITIATIVES & WORKING GROUPS

GOAL 1: FLOURISHING FAITH

We extend the table to everyone, inviting them to follow Jesus with courageous faith.

1. A redesigned and revived Covenant with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (Secretariat)
2. Reach rural & remote communities (Frontier Services)
3. Deepen collaboration on theological education (Secretariat)
4. Theological culture work on mission, evangelism, discipleship and diaconal communities (Secretariat)
5. Liturgy renewal of our authorised services (Secretariat)

Revival of the Covenant Working Group (1)

Act2 Stream B (4 & 5) transition from Standards for Ministries

Support Continuing Witness Task Group (5 & 6)

GOAL 2: THRIVING COMMUNITIES

We work together so that we can be a truly national church and local communities can thrive.

1. Improving local regulatory environment for communities of faith (Secretariat)
2. Feasibility of 3 or 4 council model and other ways of deepening collaboration (Secretariat)
3. A contemporary standard for ministry agents (Secretariat)
4. Purposeful and strategic international engagement with the global church (Secretariat)
5. Strategic change communications to leaders (Secretariat)
6. Building strategic and productive collaboration between Assembly, Synods & Agencies (Secretariat)
7. National and international discipleship opportunities for building young leaders (Secretariat)

Act2 Stream A Communities of Faith Reference Group (1)

Act2 Stream C Governance, Resourcing and Administration (2)

Code of Ethics Review Reference Group (3)

Ecumenical Relationship Review Task Group (4)

GOAL 3: LIBERATING JUSTICE

We use our voice and our actions to confront injustice in Australia and the world.

1. Gain stature as influential player in faith-based climate adaption (UnitingWorld)
2. Extend engagement and support from UCA and adjacent communities (UnitingWorld)
3. Advocacy for justice for First Peoples (UnitingCare)
4. Advocacy for ageing to our full potential (UnitingCare)
5. Advocacy for economic equality & inclusion (UnitingCare)
6. Advocacy for Remote Australians (Frontier Services)
7. Reduce carbon emissions to Zero by 2040 (Secretariat)
8. Assembly wide Advocacy (Secretariat)
9. Becoming an anti-racist Church (Secretariat)

Net Zero Steering Committee (7)

Working Group on COP31 Community Organisation (8)

National Justice Network(8)

VALUES

HOPE

JUSTICE

COMPASSION

RESPECT

INTEGRITY

INNOVATION