



To Daz Farrell and Fresh Hope Conference Executive,

I am writing to formally express the desire of BASIC Church Network to affiliate with Fresh Hope NSW/ACT at the 2021 AGM.

BASIC Church Network was planted in 2016 by Merridy and Steven Hodgson with a team of 9 young adults from across the Fresh Hope Network. Our desire is to be a community of disciples on mission, and growing missional expressions of church through multiplying disciple-making communities in a variety of places. BASIC commenced meeting as a house church in 2017 and established meaningful missional connections in the Parramatta LGA through Chaplaincy at Western Sydney University and through partnering with Parramatta City Council in establishing a community initiative for new fathers called the Dads Cooperative.

BASIC was the first pioneering expression of mission with the Fresh Hope Pioneering ministry and we have enjoyed a close relationship with Fresh Hope throughout our journey.

Over the past 5 years we have had the privilege of seeing people come to faith, believers disciplined and some who had fallen away from faith find a deeper journey with Jesus. We have welcomed many people into our community, as well as sending people into new ministries with two of our core team taking on roles as Youth Pastors in other churches, and training and releasing interns into other Fresh Hope ministries. We have established a vital ministry to students at Western Sydney University which has seen multiple expressions of Discovery Bible Study Groups undertaken both on the Campus, at the Student Village and in the community as well as a fortnightly community meal running at the University Village since April 2017. We have experimented with missional communities seeing the implementation of a Creative Community, a House Church in Merrylands and a House Church in North Parramatta, Dad's Groups and Mum's Groups, The Table Project (Food Ministry), as well as running a BASIC Food Support program for during 2020.

In July 2019, BASIC Church Network officially registered with the ACNC as a Religious Group and Community Charity. At the end of 2020, BASIC's formal partnership with Fresh Hope Pioneering came to a close. As the core team prayed through and discerned the future of BASIC Church Network, we feel that our next step is to seek formal affiliation with Fresh Hope. We strongly align with the values of Fresh Hope and would love to continue to be a part of the Fresh Hope family into the future as we seek to follow Jesus, make him known and start creative-transformational communities wherever life happens.

Yours on behalf of BASIC Church Core Team,

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Pioneering Leaders

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