

CHURCH PROFILE

Together Church is a place to belong.

As a network of missional communities (also known as micro-churches) we eat, learn, serve and pray together across the suburbs of Hobart, seeking to make disciples who make disciples.

We are missional at heart and passionate about reaching people with the love of Christ.

Rather than own a building or run a church service, we see ourselves as a family on mission. Being lightweight and adaptive, we are called to create spaces where people belong, explore belief in Jesus, and become more like Him over time.

Our community life is organised around rhythms (most Sundays and mid-week in micro-churches and one Sunday a month as a collective group), supported by centralised governance, leadership structures, financial processes and organisational frameworks.

Together Church is affiliated with the Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania, and has been influenced by the Forge Mission Training Network and 3DM / Catalyse Change.

OUR VISION

To bless and renew the suburbs of Hobart by making disciples who make disciples, leaders who train leaders and communities who birth communities.

OUR VALUES

The life of our community is shaped by three convictions, expressed as predictable patterns:

- Faith (UP)
- Community (IN)
- Mission (OUT)

OUR BELIEFS

We value and affirm the centrality of the scriptures as our authority for belief, identify and practice.

We subscribe to the Nicene Creed and Lausanne Covenant, an ecumenical statement of belief adopted by various churches around the world. We hold a traditional theological view on social issues and express our beliefs in a charismatic, missional and evangelical way.



OUR HISTORY / DNA

Together Church was planted / re-birthing as a church community in March 2019 with a vision to reach people who do not yet know Jesus.

Prior to this, the group had operated as a missional organisation called Third Place Communities (established in September 2001). This group met in Third Places, which are social spaces like cafes, pubs and parks, with many iterations over a decade. Our church culture of hospitality, authentic relationship, and incarnational mission formed during this time.

Following a discernment process, Together Church was re-planted as a church community in March 2019, with a fortnightly church service led by minister Daniel Sih. The service grew numerically in the first year, but struggled to maintain momentum in the wake of COVID-19.

Counter-intuitively, 2020-2021 was extremely fruitful with God using Together Church to launch an online evangelism training program called Hope Groups, leading to new baptisms and church plants around the world. But we struggled to grow momentum locally. We had no stable venue for our church service. Our leaders also felt stretched leading a church service and micro-churches.

In addition, we have observed that the world has changed, bringing opportunity. Many people are seeking a simpler, more relational, spirit-filled expression of church. They desire church that is light-weight and low maintenance. Like many groups, we have found ourselves at a crossroad, and our decision to return to a house-based model is both practical and missional. Made in early 2022, this move has increased our energy and aligns better with our founding DNA.

In the words of Brian Sanders (Founder of the Underground Network): *"This vision for the church (smaller and more networked) is not born from crisis but from theological commitment, contextual analysis and apostolic hope. Yet it is very much accelerated by the dynamics of this current crisis. So to all my brothers and sisters who feel nervous about what might be coming next, maybe you could take some comfort from those of us who see the church not just surviving but shining, not just reluctantly adjusting but prophetically re-forming in the days to come."*

In this 'new' world, we believe that Together Church is uniquely placed to grow and lead the way, because as a group of missionaries who love Jesus, we have more than two decades of experience leading micro-churches. For us 'new' is 'old' and we have something to contribute.

As such, we are seeking a Ministry Team Leader who is passionate about multiplying a network of small churches – to develop leaders, launch new missional communities, encourage volunteers, provide pastoral care, teach and provide oversight within our large and small Sunday gatherings.

Might God be calling you to lead a network of micro-churches, working alongside us to transform the suburbs of Hobart with the love of Christ? If so, please contact us for a conversation.



MINISTRY PROFILE

We are seeking a Minister to lead our church into this next season, working alongside a group of volunteer leaders as we seek to transform the suburbs of Hobart together.

The person we are seeking —

- Will be a committed disciple of Jesus with a lifestyle of prayer, scripture, and listening to the Holy Spirit.
- Will be a collaborative, emotionally secure leader with relational skills.
- Will be someone with a maturity in personal and spiritual leadership formation exhibited by self-awareness, humility, vulnerability, compassion, honesty and courage.
- Will have a missional posture, able to engage in culture and lead unchurched people towards faith in Jesus.
- Has theological training and beliefs that align with the historic body of Christ (refer to our theological beliefs on our website).
- Will be organised but adaptable, able to lead people through the five-fold ministry lens (Ephesians 4:11-13).
- Will be capable of thinking strategically and leading a diverse network of micro-churches (rather than speaking at a service or running programs).
- Will be a good listener and communicator.
- Will become a good cultural fit for our church community, learning our language and rhythms to sustain an atmosphere of belonging, believing and becoming like Jesus.

The appointed leader will—

- Have undertaken formal theological education and leadership formation;
- Embrace a bi-vocational, part time role (that may grow over time);
- Invest in healthy rhythms of self-care, including Sabbath rest;
- Promote and nurture the mission and discipleship culture of Together Church;
- Provide spiritual oversight, accountability and pastoral care for micro-church leaders, support staff and volunteers.
- Develop current and future leaders to make disciples and birth new communities.
- Prepare and teach content that is biblically based and relevant to people's lives, and equip others to do the same;
- Be hospitable, building meaningful relationships across our church community;
- Oversee a safe places culture, where children and vulnerable people are safe.
- Conduct or supervise weddings, baptisms, funerals and other rite of passage events.
- Be aligned with the beliefs and practices of Churches of Christ and accredited with (or willing to be accredited with) Churches of Christ in Vic/Tas.

Contact Carolyn Hynes to begin a conversation – caz@togetherchurch.com.au or 0422 388 386.