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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

I am writing to share some significant news. For some time, I have been aware of an increasing desire in myself and others in the churches of Christ family to be clearer in our identity as a network of churches whose story is drawn from the stream of historic restorationist movements.

As you know, a team of leaders from our network gathered last year to do some work around our ethos. Their mission was to re-engage with who we are together, and I believe they brought even greater clarity around the value of being more truly who we are – for the sake of the gospel and our future generations.

So, with the blessing of Conference Executive, I am pleased to announce that for the church-facing ministries of what has been known since 2006 as the Fresh Hope Resourcing Centre, we will be returning to our name churches of Christ in NSW & ACT.

My hope is that this return to our historic identity will call us to a deeper connection with the themes and values that are foundational to our call – to unity, restoration and life. And that we would be drawn together as a network of churches, under the name and Lordship of Jesus, whose life, death and resurrection is the source of these things.

In addition, our return to identifying ourselves as churches of Christ will give us greater alignment with the broader body of churches who share this history and name – both in Australia and internationally. This change will mean that we will no longer use Fresh Hope to identify our network. However, excitingly, the name Fresh Hope will find its continued life among us in other ways – so watch this space!

For churches who have Fresh Hope in their name or mission statement, please note that you are free to continue to use this name.

Over the next few months, we will be relaunching our website, and returning to the nationally-recognised churches of Christ logo. This will also mean a change in our email addresses for the conference leadership & resourcing team known as Mission & Ministry.

We always welcome your feedback so please don't hesitate to contact us.

Shalom

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