

**Killara Uniting Church  
Mission Plan**

**Killara Uniting Church's vision statement:**  
*Seeking to be a loving and inclusive Christian Community  
 committed to thoughtful worship,  
 service to our community and beyond,  
 and the encouragement of all people in their search  
 for faith and person growth*

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<b>WHERE ARE WE:</b> <i>What do we notice and see is happening in our context?</i>	<b>WHO ARE WE:</b> <i>What are our strengths and weaknesses?</i>	<b>WHAT CAN WE BE:</b> <i>Objectives</i>	<b>POSSIBLE ACTION</b>	<b>INTENDED ACTION AND TIMELINES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multicultural community: growing proportion of ethnic Chinese</li> <li>• Greater proportion of older or school age youth than national average</li> <li>• Suburban</li> <li>• Affluent</li> <li>• Well educated</li> <li>• Professionally employed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share premises with Korean Congregation, now admitted to UCA (Sydney Seoul Uniting Church) – hence a sister UCA church</li> <li>• Some multicultural diversity in existing Killara congregation</li> <li>• Predominantly an older congregation, providing financial viability</li> <li>• Cohort of people in the community who have some connection with KUC and return for baptisms, marriages, etc.</li> <li>• Bella Blue monthly lunch invitations</li> <li>• Ongoing discussion with</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further explore and implement cooperation/ collaboration with the Korean Congregation</li> <li>• Intentionally pursue further cooperation/ collaboration with other Uniting churches in the area</li> <li>• Explore ways of involvement with local multicultural community</li> <li>• Plan for ongoing property expenses</li> <li>• Examine if there is a need to follow up on families with loyalty to KUC but not attending</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More joint services with Sydney Seoul UC</li> <li>• Stage community social events open to all</li> <li>• Use the future electronic signage to advertise events or to provide thought-provoking comments</li> <li>• Examine fundraising suggestions submitted to Church Council (yet to be discussed)</li> <li>• Establish joint discussions with Lindfield U C re planning of social activities</li> <li>• Special baptism anniversary service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over the next 12 months we will actively seek to increase interactions with the Sydney Seoul congregation:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand the quarterly Killara Connection publication to include articles/information from the Sydney Seoul congregation</li> <li>• Encourage interactions between the KUC &amp; Sydney Seoul Church Councils with 2 combined events</li> <li>• Arrange 3 joint services and/or social/intergenerational activities with Sydney Seoul UC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Move towards a joint Church Council with Sydney Seoul &amp; Killara congregations over the</li> </ul>

	<p>Gordon, Pymble and Lindfield Uniting Churches re cooperative activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involvement with Lindfield 'Open House' program</li> <li>• Some younger families</li> <li>• Attractive, well maintained premises: active Property Committee</li> <li>• Close to public transport</li> <li>• Regular Sunday services</li> <li>• Some social activities</li> <li>• Strongly support local and overseas charities</li> </ul> <p><b>Weaknesses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Because of the preponderance of older members, it may be expected that the number of active members will diminish over the next ten years. Affects financial support</li> <li>• Buildings require regular repair and maintenance and requisite expenditure</li> </ul> <p><b>Strengths:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average 9 new people per year (over the last 5 years)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue joint activities with Uniting Village</li> </ul>	<p>next 3-4 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with Lindfield Church Council to explore mutually beneficial relationship and activities over the next 6 months</li> <li>• Given the recent merger of Gordon and Pymble congregations, KUC will continue to explore mutually beneficial activities with 'The Village' over the next 1-3 years</li> </ul>
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**Committed to thoughtful worship**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Busy people questioning the relevance of church/faith/God in their lives</li> <li>• Some seeking social contact or community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning worship incorporating visual images and printed liturgies</li> <li>• Participation of congregation members in service: Bible reading and prayer</li> <li>• Family services 6 times per year</li> <li>• Kids’ talk included in each weekly service</li> <li>• Small Worship Committee</li> <li>• Special Anzac service</li> <li>• Visiting musicians to enhance worship</li> <li>• Kids’ Church as-required; monthly youth Bible study</li> <li>• Pulpit exchange with Gordon and Pymble UC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand Worship Committee to work with Minister on creative worship services</li> <li>• Intentionally recognise people from CALD background when planning services</li> <li>• Provide sermons online and/or in print form for ‘shut-ins’</li> <li>• Continue collaboration/pulpit exchange with other churches in locality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occasionally say the Lord’s Prayer in another language</li> <li>• Have occasional services where music and song predominates</li> <li>• Widely promote other events in locality to enhance spiritual growth or other opportunities for fellowship e.g. Roseville-Lindfield-Killara services for Lent and Advent, World Day of Prayer, Youth Fellowships at Roseville and Turramurra Uniting Churches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote and increase involvement with the Worship Committee to work with the Minister to provide input for special services, such as creative and multicultural worship services over the next 12 months</li> <li>• Explore and expand website services and access over the next 6 months eg. provide sermons online and/or print form for ‘shut-ins’</li> </ul>

<b>Service to our community and beyond</b>				
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families in stress – time poor, financial stress (large mortgages) emotional/relationship tension</li> <li>Social isolation – high security fences, older people in units, people from CALD backgrounds</li> <li>The wider community – drought, famine and refugees, needs in Australia and overseas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong support of Lindara program (to counter homelessness) and fundraising markets</li> <li>Wide variety of charities supported or promoted, including Lent Event, Christmas Bowl, SDN Aboriginal Early Childhood Scholarship Scheme, Biggest Morning Tea Cancer Council Fundraiser</li> <li>Food collections each month (Communion Sunday) distributed on a rotating basis to five missional/community service organisations</li> <li>An active Dementia Support Group which has already had one public meeting and is planning further</li> <li>A member of Killara District Christian Education Association – providing Scripture to Killara High School</li> <li>Monthly chapel services at Lourdes Retirement Village</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open in-house social events to community where possible</li> <li>Continue to invite guest speakers from charities</li> <li>Promote the charities more widely within the church and beyond</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advertise Killara U.C. Book Club and Wrap with Love sessions on community noticeboards in libraries</li> <li>In conjunction with Lindfield U.C. make the work of Lindara known more widely by brochures left in libraries</li> <li>Create community events in our Church Hall – celebrate some community event - Soccer World Cup, Chinese New Year – anything. Free food</li> <li>Community engagement proposals currently before Church Council, e.g. Community Garden, Farmers’ Market, hire facilities to music teachers, engagement with local schools in musical performances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore and monitor the support capabilities of the Dementia group in the community beyond KUC over the next 5 years</li> <li>Organise 2 public events/meetings over the next 12 months to engage community members on conscience issues/issues of concern</li> <li>Consider community engagement proposals currently before Church Council</li> <li>Promote a closer identification among KUC members with Lourdes Retirement Village ministry and pastoral care outreach over the next 12 months</li> <li>Reactivate KUC prayer ministry using available technology eg. telephone, emails, SMS over the next 3 months</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasingly secularised community, questioning relevance of God to their lives</li> <li>• Growing number of other religions</li> <li>• Spreading influence of social networks on Internet</li> <li>• Some seeking meaning to lives</li> <li>• Some seeking social connection with others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many long-term church members; some newer members, some newer to faith</li> <li>• Strong pastoral care network</li> <li>• Many have involvement with other community groups</li> <li>• Welcoming church</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek ways to connect with community</li> <li>• Equip members to be confident in voicing their faith</li> <li>• Encourage deeper connection between older established members and those new to the faith</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further develop Internet site: sermons, blogs, engaging images</li> <li>• Increase hospitality, e.g. tables of 8</li> <li>• Small groups: e.g. Bible studies on specific topics, discussions on other faiths</li> <li>• Mid-week Taize type meditation services – publicize in community</li> <li>• Engage UTC speakers for public meetings</li> <li>• Public meetings on conscience issues/issues of concern</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further develop KUC website to include sermons, blogs, engaging images over the next 12 months</li> <li>• Promote 2 small group/bible study/faith study series over the next 12 months</li> </ul>