



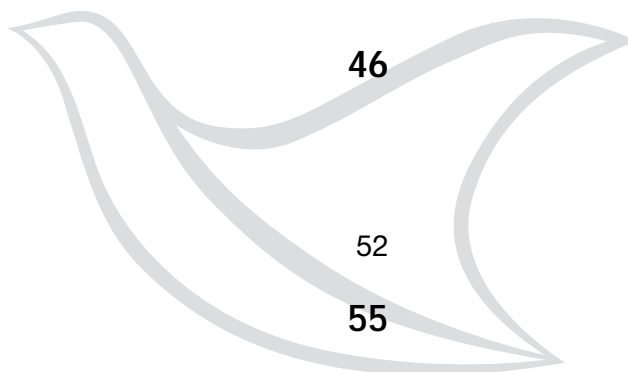
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On the Way Together

Priorities

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Introduction – remembering a journey

For the past two years, the various councils, commissions, boards and agencies of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania have engaged in the *On the Way Together* journey.

Styled as a pilgrimage – an intentional journey through which we may rediscover our way ‘towards the promised end’ - many people in diverse places and times have taken time to join in the journey. It’s been a time of intentionally walking together.

Like all pilgrimages, there have been times of intense involvement as well as times of rest from the journey. On the Way Together people have recounted their experiences of God, told stories of encounters with God, been re-remembered repeatedly by Jesus Christ, and listened intently for the guidance of God’s Holy Spirit.

Our two year *On the Way Together* journey has involved four major movements:

- INQUIRE
- IMAGINE
- INNOVATE
- IMPLEMENT

INQUIRE led to the *On the Way Together REPORT*, delivered to the 2008 Synod meeting. This is now available on www.onthewaytogether.org.au in five separate pdf files for download and copy. INQUIRE produced five life-giving themes:

- Encountering Christ in community
- Living God’s transforming story
- Spirited listening, giving voice
- Engaging diversity
- Liberating stewardship

IMAGINE led to various councils, commissions, boards and agencies of the Church developing proposals for their respective ministries, equipping God’s people for their callings to God’s mission in their neighbourhoods and further afield. For the most part, proposals have been developed within the life of each Church body.

On the Way Together publications supported the *On the Way Together* process that contributed to the proposals. These publications are all available in hard copy and as pdf files from www.onthewaytogether.org.au for download. They include:

- *MAP* – a ‘next steps’ to engaging with the five life-giving themes

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- **FIVE LIFE-GIVING THEME POSTCARDS** – a series of postcards that provide an initial experience of the themes
- **ENGAGE** – a practical workbook offering 3 one hour workshops to assist groups in the application of REPORT and the five life-giving themes; and also providing guidance to leaders
- **INNOVATE** – a practical workbook offering 3 one hour workshops to assist groups with IMAGINE and developing proposals
- **IMPLEMENT** – a practical ‘manual’ for leaders seeking to develop detailed action plans by which they will put the proposals into action on the ground

The website also supports a number of short videos that can be used to inform and guide anyone wanting to get involved with the *On the Way Together* journey.

INNOVATE led to *On the Way Together PRIORITIES*. These were adopted by the 2010 Synod meeting.

This book provides two practical ways to get to grips with *On the Way Together PRIORITIES*. These resources will also be available via www.onthewaytogether.org.au

