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UCA Community Life Return for 2021

Friends,

We have continued our journey as a people of God through another very challenging year. There are many, many stories of faithful, inspiring and innovative ministry and mission during this time; as well as many stories of gentle and steady life within our congregations even in the face of COVID restrictions and concerns.

Of course, many of our activities were significantly affected by COVID which makes information about your local community life as a UCA congregation or faith community important to identify.

From the information you share on the Return, we can discern some of the resources needed and identify and celebrate the trends and innovation in faithful and effective discipleship. It is understood that some responses sought in the Return will be difficult or impossible to answer in another year when meeting and gathering together in person was not always possible. Some missional activities were adapted, some ceased and many new ones initiated. Nevertheless, the greater the response, in both numbers and detail, the better the picture of our Church across Victoria and Tasmania will be.

I would therefore urge you to take the time to complete this Return and help understand and identify the diversity, strength and challenges that we experienced.



Some details regarding completing the Return

To complete the return you will need information on the following:

- Ministers or others in placement
- Number and type of paid staff
- What expressions of mission the congregation does and number of people involved
- Membership details including ages, female/male estimates
- Average number of people attending
- Church Council Chair and members
- Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Risk actions
- Safety and vulnerable people actions

You might consider printing the return and discussing the questions with other people in your congregation before completing.

The forms can be printed before completion (by clicking here (../Areas/UnitingChurch /Documents/Community Life Return.doc)) and once completed by clicking on the "print" button.

As always, we appreciate any feedback regarding the Return and its completion.

Helpful Hints

For additional information please download our FAQ from here (../Areas/UnitingChurch /Documents/2019/Community Life FAQ.pdf). The Training manual for the returns is also available here. (https://vimeo.com/426105459/b81c0d72ff)

- Where the question indicates to click a button to create an entry click the button and "enter" information for a particular person/activity and then click the "enter" button to record that entry. To create further entries click the create button again and enter the next line. The create button can be clicked as many times as necessary.
- Where the question asks for a percentage enter the number only (for example 10% is entered as 10). Where a question asks for a number enter the number as 10, not ten.
- Generally all questions require an answer.
- If you need to check your records at any point during the return, you can save your progress before continuing.

If you have any questions or need help in filling in the form please contact your Presbytery Office.

Adelaide Morse has taken on the role of administrator for the Community Life Return. Adelaide can be contacted on adelaide.morse@victas.uca.org.au (mailto:adelaide.morse@victas.uca.org.au)

We look forward to receiving your Return no later than Sunday, 15 May 2022

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Kind Regards

Jenny Byrnes

Executive Officer, equipping Leadership for Mission

Print Return

About You

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	A Organisation Name (Congregation, Parish, Cluster, Network or other Name)
	Glen Waverley
	B Presbytery Name
	Presbytery of Port Phillip East
	 C Is the congregation/organisation part of a cluster, network, parish, linked congregation or ecumenical partnership? * ○ No ○ Yes
	D Name of local contact person:
	David Morgan
	Are you the person to contact for questions? * If "No" please complete the following: No • Yes
	F Data entered by: *
	David Morgan Secretary to Church Council
b	Ministry & Leadership
	1. Did you have a Minister and/or lay person in Placement last year?No Yes

To add a Minister or Lay person, please click the 'Create Person in Placement' button located to the right, to add more people click 'Create Person in Placement' again.

Create Person in Placement

Minister or Lay person	Name	Full-time Equivalent (1, 0.5, 0.75 etc.)	Period in placement (e.g. June to Dec)	Comments	
Minister	Neil Peters	1.00	All year		~

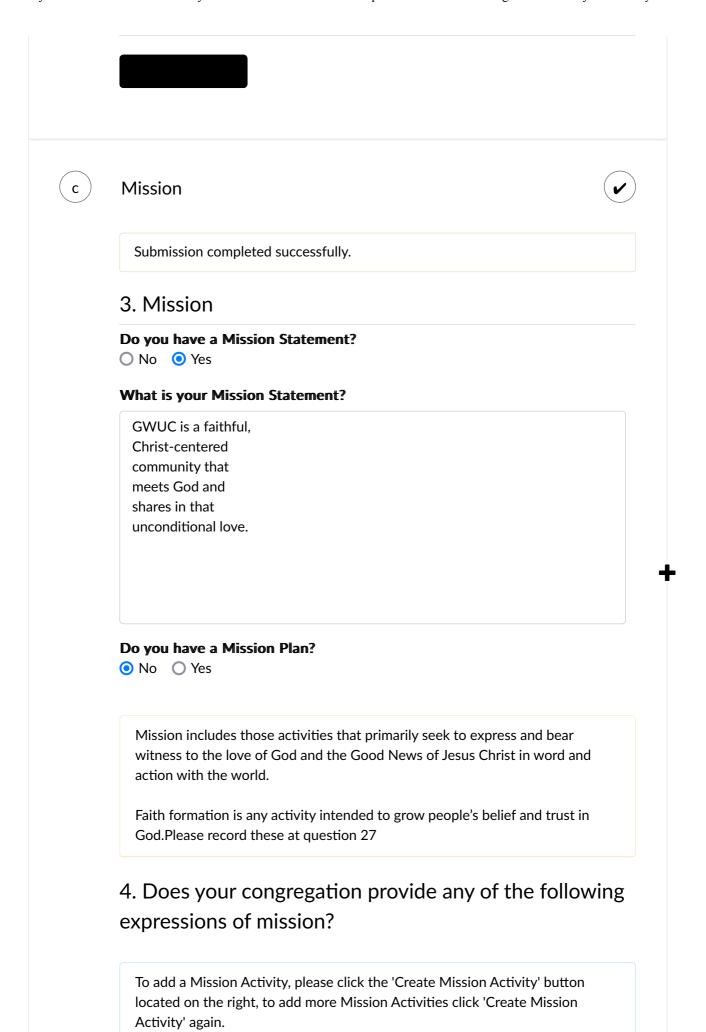
2. Did you have other people exercising ministry roles?

O No O Yes

To add a Ministry Role, please click the 'Create Ministry Role' button located on the right, to add more ministry roles click 'Create Ministry Role' again.

Create Ministry Role

Roles ↑	Paid/Volunteer	Number	Comments (If Other please specify)	Period in role	
1. Children & families ministry roles	Paid	1	Alanee Hearnshaw, now a Pastor, but that is not in the list.	All year	•
9. Pastoral care roles	Paid	1	Di Paterson part time	All year	•



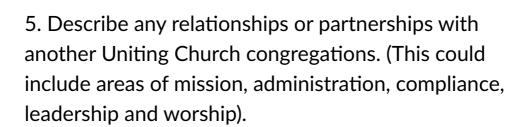
COVID meant many things had to change in 2021. Please answer as you can, online services can be included in a further question.

Please note the list of provided is not exhaustive and there will be other expressions of mission that are not included. Please enter these as Other and provide details.

Create Mission Activity

Types 🕇	No. Groups	Av. number attending	Frequency	Participants	Comments
Children's programs	2	10	Weekly	Mostly within congregation	
International engagement	1		Other		Partner church with "Riedel" Congregatio in Manado, Northern Sulawesi, Indonesia. Largely suspended due to the pandemic.
Men's groups	2	15	Weekly	Mostly within congregation	Monthly men's group largely suspended during the pandemic. Weekly GOMER group has met on line and intermittent in a park for walk and coffee.

Types 🕇	No. Groups	Av. number attending	Frequency	Participants	Comments
Music Together	2	35	Weekly	Relatively even	Free Spirit continued, including on line. Uniting voices merged with Free Spirit. Choir of Hope for women who have experienced emotional struggles, domestic violence and isolation me outdoors when required.

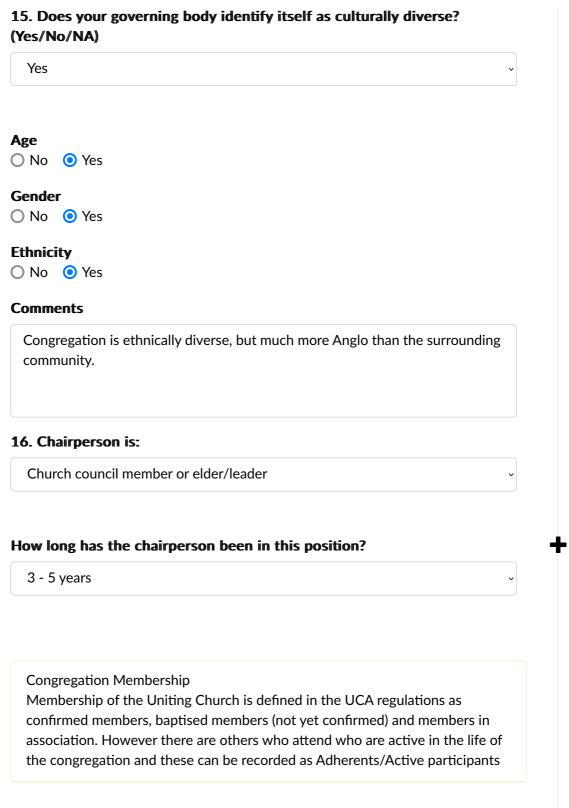


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		Create Relationship
Relationship, Partnership or Working Partnership? ↑	Congregation	Description of Relationship
There are no records	to display.	
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7. What new mission		congregation been actively
A vision update was k /gwuc/FleshingOutTl	pegun in 2021. http://wil	ki.gwuc.org.au
Have any Missional A	Activities ceased?	
s your Congregation No Yes	Involved in Expressio	ns?

Governance & Members
Submission completed successfully.
Church Council information
10. How are you governed? *
1. Church Council
Comments
11. Frequency of governance meeting
2. Monthly
If Other, please specify:
12. Number of members regularly attending meetings *
9
13. Number of elders/leaders
Elders or leaders are those appointed by the congregation to assist the minister in spiritual oversight.



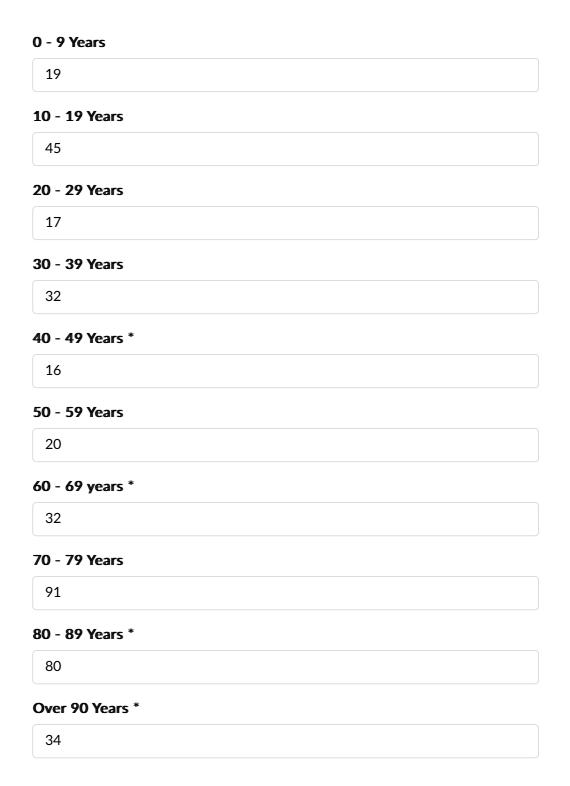
17. How many people are in each of these categories?

407	
Baptised members *	
118	
Members in Association *	
23	
Adherents\Active participants *	
70	
Average number attending worship *	
135	
Yes	
∖ ge	
Age O No O Yes	
No • Yes	
No • Yes Gender	
No • Yes Gender No • Yes	
No • Yes Gender No • Yes Ethnicity	
Sender No Yes Sender No Yes Ethnicity No Yes	

19. How many of the following took place in the last 12 months?

Confirmations or reaffirmations *	
0	
Baptism - Children *	
0	
Baptism - Adult *	
0	
Transfers in *	
10	
Transfers out *	
6	
Funerals *	
17	
Marriages *	
0	
20. Number of your people who participate in active run by your church? Frequently *	vities
185	
Occasionally *	
82	
Infrequently *	
250	

21. Number of members/adherents:



22. What approximate percentage of members/adherents are:

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Female *	
63	
Male *	
37	
Indeterminate, intersex/	unspecified
23. Approximately	how many new people regularly
participated in wo	rship services last year?
·	cord, please click the 'Create Participation record' ht, to add more records click 'Create Participation

Create Participation record

Reason 🕇	Number	Comments	
3. Transfer from another denomination	10	Unknown numbers due to extensive on line presence	•

24. In the past year how many of your congregation members no longer attended due to:

Transfer to another congregation or denomination *

6

No longer active in church of any description *

1

Death *

15

nable to attend worship due to COVID Other No data kept on this. Being "unable" is usually a short term thing. Many chose not to attend because of Covid. This is ongoing.
Other No data kept on this. Being "unable" is usually a short term thing. Many
25. How is information from church council or other codies of the church communicated?
Announcements in worship or meetings
O No O Yes
Church Publications e.g. Crosslight No • Yes
Email No • Yes
Websites ○ No ○ Yes
Newsletters/Bulletins/Pew Sheets No • Yes
Noticeboards No • Yes
Social Media (Facebook, Instagram etc.) No Yes
Other Specified - Communication



26. When and where were worship services held?

To add When and Where are worship services held, please Click the "Create Worship Services Item" button located to the right, to add more Worship Service Items click "Create Worship Services Item" again.

Create Worship Services Item

Day ↑	Time	Style (choose the option that works best)	Туре	Average attendance	Frequer
Sunday	8am	Contemplative/Reflective	In Person	20	Weekly
Sunday	9:15am	Multi-age/Family	In Person	24	Weekly
Sunday	10am	Multi-age/Family	In Person	90	Weekly

Sunday 11am Traditional Hybrid 55 Weekly

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27. Did you have any groups for worship, faith formation or other spiritual practices? Faith formation is any activity intended to grow people's belief and trust in God.

To add a group, please Click the "Create Group item" button located to the right, to add more groups click "Create Group item" again.

Create Group Item

Day	Time	Туре	Average attendance	Frequency	Language	By Whom/For Whom
Monday		Bible Study	10	Fortnightly	English and Bahasa Indonesia	

28. What approximate percentage of your worship services are led by:

Ordained minister

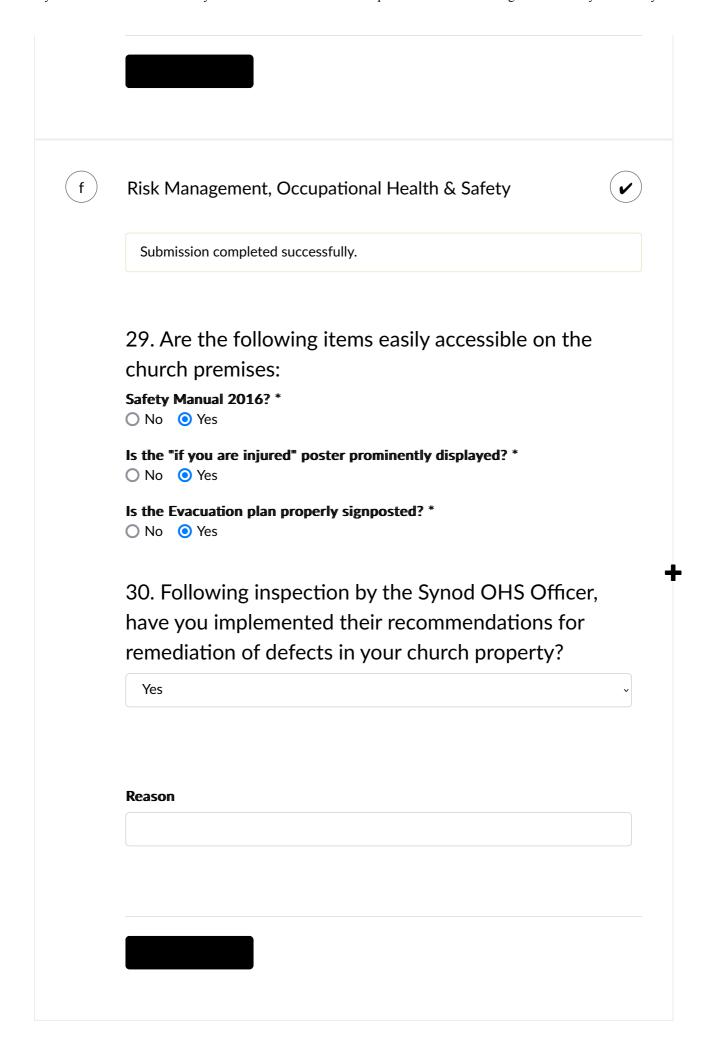
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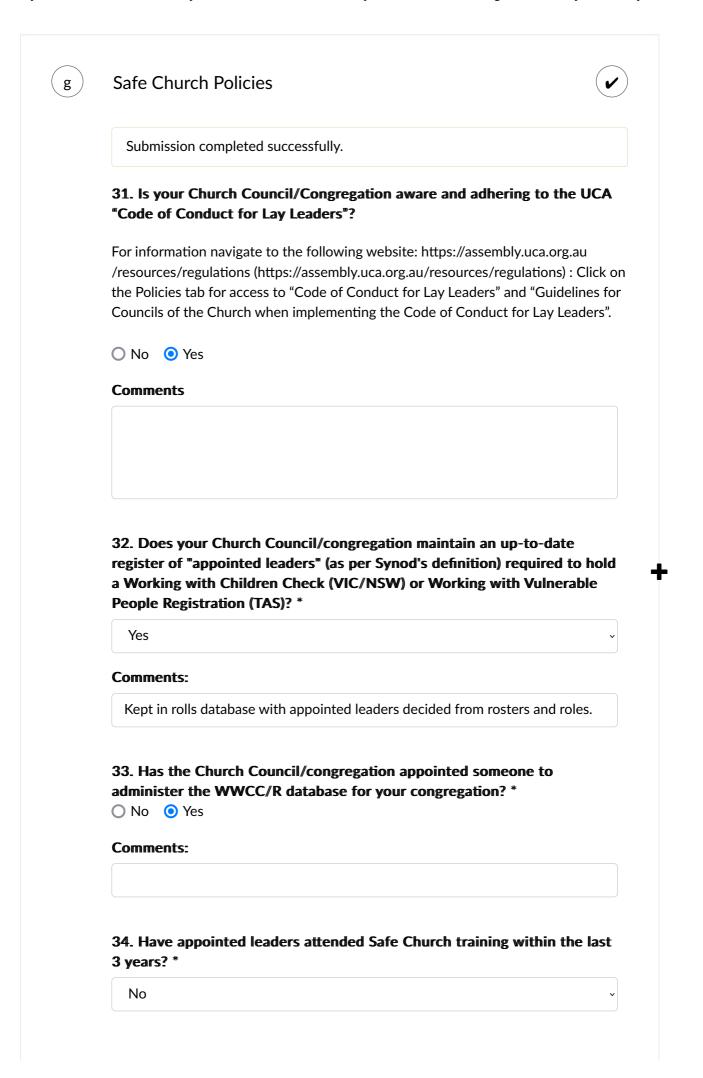
Pastor

80

Lay leader(s)

10





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	Comments:			
	Feedback			
	Thank you for completing the return. The information you have provided will			
	better inform the Synod and presbyteries on the wider life of the Church			
	community. Your information is treated with respect and will not be shared wit			
	third parties outside of the Synod.			
	Submission completed successfully.			
	How easy was this survey to complete?			
	4 - Difficult			
	How many people needed to be contacted in order to complete this survey?			
	A few (We needed to contact a couple of people with specific roles e.g. Cultu			
	Have you been made aware of any use of this information?			
	No			

ny of the questions could not be realistically answered during a pandemic. ere was no "typical" week.
ou have any comments you would like to make about this survey or rocess?
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