

VISION STATEMENT OF THE SYNOD OF NEW SOUTH
WALES & THE ACT

Moving with God Transforming Communities

To achieve this the Church will be
Courageous, Inclusive and Generous

The mission

To transform the community, we will

- share our faith in Jesus Christ as our hope and unity now and in the future;
- recognise all who are appropriately gifted, theologically equipped and practically skilled for the variety of leadership roles the church requires;
- build on our strengths in community service, social justice and reconciliation of all peoples;
- strengthen our faith, spiritual and leadership development;
- be generous in spirit and with God's gifts to us;
- promote responsibility for the caring of God's earth;
- support both rural and urban communities by developing new approaches to church;

- celebrate and praise God in inclusive and alive worship that is accessible and relevant to the community;
- recognise that missional communities may or may not require church-owned facilities as the regular model of church;
- strategically organise our property assets to best serve the mission of the church, including
 - locating for the best regional contact with all members of the community,
 - combining resources, training, activities and community services for the development of faith communities and small groups away from regional centres rather than in church buildings, and
 - strategic sales of existing real estate in favour of funding new and varied ministries;
- work together with the community and other denominations and faiths;
- acknowledge traditional ownership of the land by Aboriginal people and walk in friendship and partnership with them;
- engage in continued theological reflection and formal mission research; and
- need more streamlined permission-giving processes, empowering local missionaries, faith communities and congregations to participate in mission.

Our guiding values

We value God's love and

- our commitment to Jesus Christ;
- the leading of the Holy Spirit;
- the inspiration of Scriptures;
- the challenge of the Gospel;
- that all people are made in the image of God; and
- God's creation.

