



'Regenerating the Church: 2021'

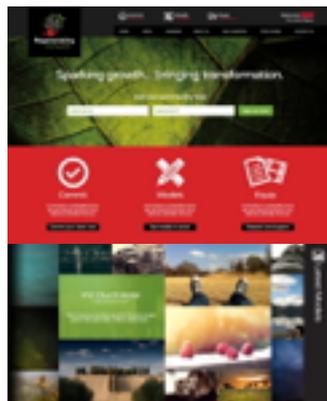
a strategy for the Port Phillip West

Communications and Information

The Presbytery of Port Phillip West developed a strategy 'Regenerating the Church' in 2013. This has continued with the 2021 Strategy. These strategies sets out our commitment to embracing and nurturing new contextual expressions of church and renewing the mission of existing communities. For this strategy to be effective, it must be communicated, understood and engaged across the Presbytery. For this purpose, there are a range of communication sources in the Presbytery to assist you to engage the 2021 Strategy.

The website

The website is designed as the communications hub of the 2021 Strategy. It has videos, resources and learnings to help people understand what new contextual expressions of church are, ways of engaging in mission, education opportunities in the Presbytery and ways to engage in the 2021 Strategy.



Presentations

One way of engaging your congregation in the 2021 Strategy is have a special presentation. This could include introduction to changing church and a changing world, examples of different models of church, introducing fresh expressions or ways to engage your community. We can personalise the presentation according to your local needs.

Facebook

Facebook is a way to stay connected with latest news, opportunities and stories.

The Logo

The 'regenerating the church' logo appears on many Presbytery materials and in presentations. It captures in a simple way the message of the strategy, and helps us to keep our attention focused on our vision.



The dove represents the fire of the Holy Spirit, and recalls the Pentecost stories where God's people were empowered for mission. The dove also lets people know that this strategy is a part of the work of the Uniting Church in Australia.

The blackened tree recalls the theme well known to Australians of 'bushfire'. This highlights the fact that this vision was born in and is distinctive to Australian culture. It will differ from visions for mission in the UK or USA. The tree is bare and burnt - bushfire brings pain and loss. These feelings also exist in the Church as it faces the loss of its former way of life.

Green leaves remind the viewer that bushfire also brings regeneration. It is the fire of the Holy Spirit that continues to regenerate the Church. It is in this that the Presbytery puts its trust.