



## What is 'Regeneration' ministry

In 2013, the Presbytery of Port Phillip West adopted the strategy 'Regenerating the Church' and in 2016 it adopted the Regenerating the Church 2021 Strategy. Its vision is to be a network of increasingly vibrant, diverse, contextual and disciple-making communities of Christ participating in and witnessing to the wonder of God's mission.

Regeneration ministry refers to ministry placements that intentionally gives priority and focus to supporting congregations or faith communities to develop contextual expressions of church or new mission initiatives. This has proved an effective way to connect with and serve our local community and make space in Christian community for those who are not part of any Church and who are unlikely to visit a traditional Sunday gathering.

The Presbytery recognises that particular skills, character and calling is needed for ministers placed in congregations and places of ministry who are

committed to exploring and developing fresh approaches to mission and fresh ways of being church. These may include a sense of call to pioneering ventures and to mission, an ability to discern God's leading in mission, courage in risk taking, perseverance in hard times and so on.

### What does a Regeneration minister do?

A Regeneration Ministry placement may:

- Develop a new model of Church beyond or within the existing congregation
- Maintain a congregation AND develop a new model of Church
- Help an existing congregation to become a new model of Church
- A Regeneration Ministry placement will always help a local community envision and develop mission initiatives

### Support of the Presbytery

An important part of Regeneration Ministry is the support of the Presbytery. The Presbytery works with the person in placement to support him/her and the congregation in their mission development. The support may include coaching, mission consulting, mission planning and visioning, mission pioneer education, mission learning communities and seed funding of initiatives.

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