



## Dear Friends,

In 2024, RPC's elders (Session) decided to set aside its usual monthly meeting a few times during the year and instead meet with ministry team leaders and staff to get their input on major issues relating to our future direction. We called this team the Ministry Leaders' Group (MLG).

Session recognises the wisdom in consulting widely when making important decisions and believes we will benefit greatly from the input of mature Christian leaders in our congregation.

Last year, the MLG formulated statements about RPC's identity, purpose, mission, and values.

**Who we are:** RPC is a welcoming community saved by the grace of God through Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit. We are a local Bible-believing church that is inter-generational and multiethnic located in the heart of Randwick.

**Why we exist:** RPC exists to glorify God by proclaiming Jesus Christ as the way to God and by loving and caring for each other and serving our neighbours in Randwick and beyond.

**What we are called to do:** RPC's mission is to reach the lost, disciple the young, grow followers of Jesus, build a caring community, and show mercy.

**What we value:** RPC values the Bible as God's authoritative word for our beliefs and life, prayer to talk to God, church as holy community, and growing and training God's people for gospel service.

### RPC's Main Priorities

The MLG also recommended to Session three main ministry priorities to focus on over the next 3-5 years. The ministry priorities approved by Session are:

1. To develop leaders
2. To reach out to, connect in, and welcome new families
3. To train church members and in doing so, develop the next generation of children and youth

### MLG in 2025

Session will continue with the MLG in 2025. Our goal is to work with the MLG to devise ways to make these priorities happen in practice. Why has Session set only three main priorities? A church can do many things. However, it's hard to do all those things well. So, Session decided to choose the best things from the many possible good things to do – so that we can concentrate our efforts and resources on these priorities and do them in a sustainable manner that has an enduring impact for the gospel.

The MLG meets on Tuesday 11th March. Please pray with us that the Holy Spirit provides wisdom and guidance to the MLG to make good choices about how to enact these priorities. We are already doing this. For example, Session recently nominated a new elder, Matthew Kim for election in line with our first priority to develop leaders. Session also decided to hold a Family Fun Day on 30th March in pursuit of our second priority to reach new families.

I am excited about what God is already doing at RPC to glorify his name as we preach Christ, love and care for each other and serve our neighbours in Randwick and beyond. I also look forward to what God may do through RPC in the months and years ahead to reach the lost, disciple the young, grow followers of Jesus, build a caring community, and show mercy.

God Bless,  
Mark Adams