
UnitingWorld
connecting communities for life
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 2017 - JUNE 2018

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Clockwise from top left: Parvitra, Vivian and Elijah from our partner communities in North India, Kiribati and Papua New Guinea have received training to help them understand their rights, advocate for health care, education, water and inclusion in community leadership.
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GLOBAL IMPACT

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES 183,607

4,415 people benefited from **leadership training and/or institutional strengthening**

165,717 people benefited from our **Poverty Alleviation and Social Empowerment programs**

7 **emergency responses**

17 **countries** that we work in

12,995 people were **reached during emergencies**

55% of our beneficiaries are **women or girls** (DFAT funded projects)

1,710 people directly benefited from **Gender Equality programs**

18 **international church partners**

24 **projects**

4,026 **Facebook followers**

136 hosts of **Everything in Common gift stalls**

512 **Australian church partners**

$353,190 worth of **Everything in Common gifts** helped our partners earn a living, feed their families, support their communities

27 **volunteers and ambassadors**

445 **regular givers**

13,261 **donors**

21 **paid staff**

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THE PLACE GOD CALLS YOU TO IS THE PLACE WHERE YOUR DEEP GLADNESS AND THE WORLD'S DEEP HUNGER MEET.

FREDERICK BUECHNER

Names and identifying details have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals depicted in case studies and images.

Cover: Rosita can access health care thanks to the medical clinic run by our partner the Protestant Church in Timor Leste. **Photo Credit**: Market Lane Media.

Left: Thanks to the Church of North India's Education Project for Disadvantaged Children, Amrit's family is breaking the chains of poverty through access to education, employment and healthcare. **Photo Credit**: Market Lane Media.

WHO WE ARE

UnitingWorld is an Agency of the National Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA), mandated to drive collaboration with the global church.

Our purpose is to address poverty and injustice and help the church grow in faith and leadership.

UnitingWorld manages this two-fold mission through two distinct portfolios of work.

The Relief and Development Program is responsible for all development and humanitarian aid work; supporting our overseas partners to address systems that perpetuate poverty and enable marginalised communities to live healthy and well-resourced lives.

The Church Connections Program is responsible for programs in church leadership, advocacy and Christian discipleship; creating global connections that enrich life and witness through mutual learning.



Community health and infant nutrition programs run by the Protestant Church in Timor Leste, mean children like Frederique can access clean water, healthy food and toilets.
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VISION

HONOURING GOD THROUGH GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS WHICH BRING JUSTICE AND HOPE.

MISSION

IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S PURPOSE FOR THE WORLD AND ITS PEOPLE, TO CONNECT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA IN MISSIONAL COLLABORATION WITH CHURCHES OVERSEAS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH IN MINISTRY, AND TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF POVERTY, INJUSTICE AND VIOLENCE.

GOAL 1
UnitingWorld will nurture church relationships in the Pacific, Asia and Africa on behalf of the Uniting Church to build creative space for engagement, mutual learning and advocacy in line with our Mission.

GOAL 2
UnitingWorld will implement programs that have a strong theological and contextual focus which bring life and transformation to both partner communities and the Uniting Church in Australia.

GOAL 3
UnitingWorld will engage and inspire the Uniting Church and community to partner with us as active and committed supporters of our work through learning, praying, advocating and donating to our programs and mission.

GOAL 4
UnitingWorld will be a responsible and effective organisation, characterised by effective leadership, learning and continuous improvement.

VALUES

WE COMMIT TO LIVE AND SERVE WITH OVERSEAS PARTNERS IN GOD'S MISSION, VALUING:

PARTNERSHIP
We give generously and receive humbly, committing to long term change and growth.

FULLNESS OF LIFE
We believe the good news of Jesus means justice and hope for all, particularly for the oppressed and vulnerable.

MUTUAL RESPECT
We are sensitive to context, mindful of power imbalance; we recognise difference and embrace diversity.

INCLUSION
We actively seek equality for all, ensuring no discrimination due to age, culture, gender, disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or social or political affiliation.

INTEGRITY
We are ethical, accountable and open in our relationships and work practices.

SUSTAINABILITY
We care for creation and build resources for the future.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRS

The last year has been a significant one for UnitingWorld. We went through the very searching and demanding process of re-accreditation with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). We retained our full accreditation. This vote of confidence in UnitingWorld reflects great credit on both the National Director, Dr Sureka Goringe and her management team, and also on the governance of the agency.

For the past two years or so UnitingWorld has been working towards simplifying its complex governance structures by merging the two National Committees into one governing body. The two National Committees had been meeting as a combined governing body and, as a result of the evidence gained from this experiment, proposed that from July 2018 one governing body, the Board of UnitingWorld, be established with a new mandate. In November 2017 the Assembly Standing Committee approved a new Mandate. The President of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA), Mr Stuart McMillan, presided at a service of release for the two National Committees in June 2018.

The new Strategic Plan began to be implemented over the course of the last year. Of particular note is the commitment to fewer, but larger projects as activities have been consolidated. We continue to make a very significant difference in the lives of our partners, as they continue to offer us stories of hope, renewal and growth. At the core of what we do is the commitment to genuine, mutually beneficial relationship with our partners. We give, and we receive from each other. We are actively looking at creative ways in which the church-to-church connections between the UCA and its partners can continue to be fostered despite a significant reduction in our church funding for these activities. The agency continues to be grateful for the continuing support and prayers of its loyal supporters.

UnitingWorld continues to be innovative in its approach, with a solid core of theological reflection behind much of its work. For example, its trailblazing work in theology and gender equality in the Pacific has attracted financial support from DFAT. This is a significant recognition that change processes must recognise the social, cultural and religious setting.

We know from our conversations with our partners that there are many needs. Our commitment is to increase the funding that we attract, be as efficient as possible and so enhance our capacity to respond to our partners.

The people who work with UnitingWorld do tremendous work and they, and our partners, continue to inspire the members of the National Committees. In closing, we would like to thank all the members of the National Committees for their committed, diligent and valuable work.



John Ruhle
Relief and Development National Committee Chair



Andrew Glenn
Church Connections National Committee Chair

MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

A brand new Strategic Plan is always an exciting way to start a year. Add to that a brand new National Director, achieving re-accreditation with DFAT and merging two governance bodies into one, and we've had an action-packed year.

The new plan reflects the significant changes in our context in recent times, re-shaping the agency to best match future challenges with available resources. We have maintained the clear distinctions between the Relief and Development program and the Church Connections program while bringing the management of these programs under two regionally focussed International Programs Teams.

Our partnership work, supported by two part-time theologians, has focussed on driving a theological dialog with our partner churches, aimed at developing articulations of faith that underpin all our collaboration. Connecting leaders from the UCA to our partner churches in critical conversation on the theology of climate change, gender equality and community development has been part of this work, moving the emphasis away from exposure visits and volunteer placements that have dominated in the past.

Regulatory controls and the demand for evidence of good practice are forever getting tougher in the international aid sector, and DFAT accreditation is our badge of honour, that after independent microscopic scrutiny, our programs do conform to the best sustainable development practices, safeguard vulnerable people and meet the highest standards of accountability and transparency. We are thrilled that with full accreditation for the next five years, our partnership with DFAT is on track, and we were able to end the year with two new grants from DFAT.

In line with our strategy to deepen the engagement of UCA members in our global mission, our small team of staff and volunteers have continued to visit congregations and supporters, complementing our communication and fundraising team's published materials. We have sought to build a closer engagement with our supporters, encouraging congregations to 'own' UnitingWorld as their link to the global church, and enrich their discipleship through committed connection with our partner churches overseas.

We continue to work with our church partners on programs that have a profound impact in their communities. Our programs in poverty alleviation, gender equality, climate change impact, emergency relief and leadership strengthening engaged directly with 183,607 people last year, with flow on impacts to their families and communities. We maintain our focus on addressing structural barriers that prevent human flourishing and building the capacity of churches to be effective in mission and ministry. We have continued to create opportunities for our partners to connect with each other through regional conferences.

We do not just manage programs or hand out grants. We seek to create meaningful connections between God's people, so we can learn from each others' strengths and care for each others' needs. The strong, vibrant, mutually respectful relationships with our partner churches is the bridge on which our collaborations progress. Because UnitingWorld has always taken this relational approach to working with church partners, our efforts have required much more in terms of people, time and money than the mere management of projects.

The most significant challenge for UnitingWorld in this triennium is to transition to a financially sustainable footing. The demographic trends in the UCA and precarious political attitude to international aid funding means that support for UnitingWorld's work in the future is at risk. It is in this context that I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the faithful and generous donors and volunteers without whom we could not do this work. My team and I are privileged to have your trust and we rely on your prayers. Thank you for your partnership in this vital work of the Kingdom.



Sureka Goringe | National Director







GROWING GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships are the lifeblood of how we work. We at UnitingWorld hold and nurture relationships with partner churches overseas on behalf of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) and strive where possible to connect leaders and members of the UCA to our partners to strengthen and deepen our global network.

We have had many discussions this year with UCA congregations about how they connect with overseas churches in life-giving and transformative ways. A number have already forged strong relationships over the years of supporting projects and learning from our partners' journey of being church in their context. We are continuing to explore creative ways to facilitate these connections.

BEING THE GLOBAL BODY OF CHRIST

We create opportunities for UCA leaders and our partners to grow relationships with each other. At our regional events, we celebrate achievements, share learning and establish collaborations. In this way we enable the body of Christ to work together more efficiently and effectively for change and offer our leadership in supporting and equipping these networks and partnerships.

"I use the local term "Aok Bian" to describe the depth of relationship. The term for "Others" in Meto language is "aok bian", literally means half part of one body. Philosophically it means for West Timor people that someone's life cannot be whole without life of others, because it just constitutes half of it. That is why we need to be in relationship with each other..... This could also be applied to the life of churches; one needs others to do God's mission together, as Christ's Body with many parts, working together to complete each other's mission." Rev. Dr. Mery Kolimon, Moderator of Gereja Masehi Injili Timor (GMIT)

By inviting the leaders of the Uniting Church to participate in these regional workshops, we have brought back into the Uniting Church the wisdom, experience and inspiration of God's work in the wider world.

- The global Church's role in **combating poverty, promoting inclusion of minorities, gender identity, and climate change** were explored at our **South East Asia Regional Conference** in Kupang, West Timor. It was attended by **39 representatives from 6 partner churches** and UCA President Stuart McMillan and our Northern Synod Moderator, Rev Thresi Mauboy.
- The connection between **violence against women and children** and biblical interpretations regarding gender equality were explored at **2 Pacific regional conferences**; one for church leaders and another for women's fellowship members. These were attended by **37 participants from 11 organisations or partner churches**. Participants left with tools and skills to be able to lead discussions on this topic in their communities and churches.
- We reached beyond our partners in April 2018 when we facilitated a **forum with 19 Pacific civil society organisations, faith-based organisations and tertiary institutions** to identify ways that we can work best together. The focus was particularly on how secular organisations can better work with Churches.
- The **care of the elderly in communities** and the theology of social service was the main focus when UnitingWorld, National Assembly and UnitingCare staff met with the **China Christian Council leadership** and their social services leaders in China.

We attended synod meetings and assembly gatherings and collaborated with other faith-based organisations working globally, both with our partners, and in the regions where we work. We are grateful to connect with the global body of Christ, sharing our knowledge and experience with each other.

WHOEVER IS KIND TO THE POOR LENDS TO THE LORD, AND HE WILL REWARD THEM FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE.

PROVERBS 19:17



PROGRAMMING APPROACH

Our partners are local churches across the Pacific, Asia and Africa; the local expression of the global church. They are smart, resilient and capable women and men of God, deeply rooted in their communities, with a first-hand understanding of their context. Responding to God's call, they create change that is lasting and meaningful. We work with and through churches, but our programs include all people regardless of their faith, sexuality, ethnicity, ability or gender. We seek out the marginalised and the vulnerable. We listen to the voices of the poorest.

All of our projects are implemented by our church partners. We have two Program portfolios:

1. Our Relief and Development work addresses the structural barriers that prevent human flourishing. Depending on context, these barriers include access to education, health, capital, peace and human rights.

Our programs work towards lasting change. We focus on building the capacity of our overseas partners and their communities to address their own needs. We program towards behaviour change and peacebuilding, where appropriate, to enable safety and fullness of life for the most vulnerable.

We contribute our capacity as an accredited development agency with strong church connections to facilitate ongoing multi-lateral dialogue on community development, gender equality and climate justice.

Our Relief and Development work is supported by Australian Aid from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as well as from Australian individuals, organisations and churches.

2. Our Church Connections work builds the leadership and institutional strength of the global church and provides a foundation for our broader work.

The Church Connections projects offer training to church leaders to equip them for leadership and to promote peace and justice in their communities. It brings leaders from different countries together to learn from each others' experience and creates networks of friendship and mutual support. Training programs range from community organising and government relations through to theology, counselling, child protection and institutional governance.

Our Church Connections work is made possible by the generous support of Australian individuals and churches.

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND PRAISE YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN."

MATTHEW 5:16

Our five Programming Areas are:

- Poverty Alleviation
- Leadership
- Gender Equality
- Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction
- Emergency Response

Right: Angel is a proud leader of change in her community in Papua New Guinea. As part of the Safe Water Campaign, she volunteers to support the local community health worker, educating Mother's groups and Men's fellowship groups about the importance of hygiene and clean water to prevent disease. **Photo Credit**: Market Lane Media.

POVERTY ALLEVIATION
RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

We have worked with our overseas partners to address the complex and multifaceted dimensions to poverty.

Our programs improve access to services such as quality education, financial services, health care and clean water. They also seek to improve people's skills and knowledge, so that they can continue to lead change in their own communities.

A TRANSFORMED LIFE

Wayan is a husband, and father of two children. He completed elementary school, and is an unskilled labourer. His family lives in a simple house, which consists of a bedroom with a small verandah. The land on which his house sits was given to him by his uncle, and is in a village in the mountains of North Bali.

UnitingWorld's partner, Maha Bhoga Marga (MBM) has worked with 20 villages in Bali to advocate for the rights of poor families and to improve their access to local services.

Wayan said,

*"Before joining the economic empowerment project, I never understood the importance of having legal ownership of my simple house. Now, **I have a legal right over my house** and understand the importance of taking care of the family residence.*

*Since joining the project, I have also been provided with funds to **purchase two pigs.** I have **built a toilet** with support from MBM and UnitingWorld and am also able to get **clean water** from the village.*

*I have **received knowledge** about **saving money, reproductive health and the rights and obligations of citizens.***

I attend the village development meetings, and more recently my wife has become involved in the project. Recently there was a meeting on waste management in the village and my wife volunteered to be the Coordinator of the program. I am surprised, but proud. She used to be shy, but now she has become bold."

608 Balinese families that have been directly involved in the village activities with UnitingWorld and MBM are no longer categorised as poor, according to Indonesia's classification. *

FIGURES FOR CHANGE

IN SOUTH SUDAN, 23 MIDWIVES continued their training, helping to **reduce** the rate of **mother and infant deaths at birth**. *

IN INDIA, 13,292 PEOPLE have experienced improved **quality of life** through access to education and health services.**

IN INDONESIA, 143,894 PEOPLE were assisted with access to **water and housing, rights education, peace- making activities, agricultural training and increased food security.****

IN TIMOR LESTE, 2,631 PEOPLE now have **improved water, sanitation** and **hygiene behaviours**.

IN ZIMBABWE, 1,865 PEOPLE benefited from access to **newly constructed toilets** and participation in **health and hygiene education** programs. *

IN THE PHILIPPINES 369 FAMILIES have strengthened **agricultural food production** and now have a reliable source of **regular food.**

IN SRI LANKA, 874 WOMEN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES benefited from **education and income generation** opportunities.

In **PAPUA NEW GUINEA, 669 PEOPLE** now have **improved water** and **sanitation facilities** an understanding of **healthy hygiene practices** to share with others. *

*Supported by the Australian Government **Some activities supported by the Australian Government



Wayan's family in rural Indonesia received training in livestock breeding from our local church partner and now sells goats and chickens at market, as well as supplying goat manure for fertiliser to the nearby coffee plantation.
Photo Credit: Market Lane Media

LEADERSHIP
RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

The Papua New Guinea (PNG) Church Partnership Program (CPP) is a collaboration between 7 church agencies in Australia and their 7 partner churches in PNG, the Australian Government and the Government of PNG.

Through the CPP, our partner the United Church in Papua New Guinea (UCPNG) has demonstrated improved governance and leadership in promoting Gender Equality and social inclusion, improved education and health services, and enhanced financial inclusion. It has also helped to build peace through engagement in sports and built resilience through engagement in collective responses to disasters.

BUILDING FINANCIAL FREEDOM IN PNG: SHERIE'S STORY

Sherie, from East New Britain is married to Jeffery from West New Britain. They have three children. The eldest daughter has just completed her first year of studies at university while the two younger children are in secondary and primary schools.

Sherie was living in a semi-permanent house with her children while her husband worked for a mining company. Her husband sent money for the family but this didn't cover their needs.

Training in financial inclusion helped her to develop a budget for the family which she shared with her husband. This budget helped them as a family to open bank accounts which they now use for their daily needs and for Sherie's project. Training in daily money management has enabled the family to meet their daughter's university fees in full and helped them to meet other cultural obligations without having to borrow. They have completed building their permanent house and are very happy. Sherie has gone into printing and selling lap-laps. Life has improved for this family.

FIGURES FOR CHANGE

3,715 PEOPLE benefited by participating in our partner's **peacebuilding, disaster risk reduction, gender equality, health and education** activities.

Left: Community members in rural Papua New Guinea identify local areas of need as part of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project. **Photo Credit**: Michelle Abel

GENDER EQUALITY
RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Across the Pacific, over 95% of people identify as Christian; however, up to 68% of women and girls experience violence in their homes and communities. In response, UnitingWorld's partners have continued to lead the way with localised and innovative approaches to advancing gender equality in the Pacific.

In the Pacific, churches play a central role in determining what is socially accepted in communities and families. A single church leader advocating for gender equality has the ability to lead their whole community towards reduced rates of gender violence. We work with church leadership to initiate systemic change.

To support church leaders to take up this issue, we engage our partner churches in Biblical conversations. We bring together Pacific theologians and resources with influential church leaders to inspire them to become advocates for change.

We produced a second volume of theological resources, focusing on addressing gender inequality and violence from a Pacific, biblical perspective. The project operates through regional meetings and training for clergy, women leaders and church members as well as in-country training in Vanuatu and PNG.



RAISING MALE ADVOCATES: SELA'S STORY

Sela attended a gender of theology workshop, where there was reflection and analysis of the Biblical equality of men and women. This led to her reflecting on the way things happened in her family.

Sela has four children, one boy and three girls. Her husband has always helped at home with the chores but it was a different story with her son, the youngest. She says that the only expectation of her son was to take a shower and the rest of the chores fell on her daughters. "Actually, I was treating my son as a king", she remembers. During the workshop, Sela realised:

"If I wanted this gender equality to be successful, I had to start off with my son. So when I went back home, I started changing everything. I started teaching him to do his own washing. Teaching him how to cook. Teaching him to pitch in with his sisters to do the chores."

Sela reflected, ***"It really was an effective seminar, because it changed my perspective of how I should be bringing up my son."***

Sela's son now embraces chores as something he does because he is part of the family. In fact, she recently received a text message from him saying that school would be cancelled due to heavy rain, but it was "good" because then he and his father "could finish the washing" before she got home.

Above: UnitingWorld Pacific Programs Officer Naomi Navoce speaks on disability inclusion at a Gender Equality Theology workshop in Fiji, 2017.
Photo Credit: UnitingWorld.
Right: Thanks to the Pacific-wide Partnering Women for Change project Marjorie has received training in Gender Equality Theology and Project Implementation, and advocates for women's representation as part of the Gender team with the Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu.
Photo Credit: Market Lane Media.



FIGURES FOR CHANGE

IN VANUATU, 1,704 WOMEN, MEN AND CHILDREN participated in **Gender Equality** awareness and training from a biblical perspective, from the level of leadership right through to the community level.

IN PNG, EACH OF THE 7 MAINLINE CHURCHES sent representatives to be trained in **Gender Equality Theology**, and to form a Community of Practice with theologians from UnitingWorld's Gender Equality Theology network.*

26 MEN AND 33 WOMEN LEADERS from **Pacific churches** attended regional workshops in **gender equality theology**.*

Regional gender equality theology events included representatives from **21 REGIONAL FAITH-BASED AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS** and **12 NATIONAL CHURCHES** from across **9 PACIFIC COUNTRIES.***

*Supported by the Australian Government

CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Climate Change is increasing the frequency and intensity of natural hazards across the Pacific. Our Pacific Church partners suffer from cyclones, rising sea levels and/or protracted drought. When our partners' communities are better prepared for natural disasters, this results in reduced suffering during these events.

The role of the churches in disaster risk management is both practical and spiritual. The importance of integrating people's faith and understanding so their practical response is resilient and hopeful is increasingly acknowledged by government and donors.

THE CHURCH AGENCIES NETWORK – DISASTER OPERATIONS (CAN-DO)

During 2017-18, our Climate Change/Disaster Readiness work grew exponentially in scale as we joined forces with seven other Christian agencies and their church partners.

Our Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations (CAN-DO) was successful in getting Australian Aid funding through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership Program, kicking off the 'Disaster Ready' program involving over 25 Church Partners across four countries. The program will work across the Pacific region, integrating practical disaster preparation and theological teaching on disaster response.

The past year saw us establish the working mechanisms of CAN-DO, begin the collection of baseline information across four countries, and develop the foundations of theological resources on disaster preparation.

We are thrilled that the small UnitingWorld investment has resulted in partners accessing and participating in a much bigger opportunity.

Right: Children attending a health clinic in Timor Leste run by Fusona Foundation, part of the Protestant Church in Timor Leste, working to reduce Tuberculosis and Diarrhoea as the leading causes of death.
Photo Credit: Market Lane Media.

FIGURES FOR CHANGE

$1 spent in **PREPAREDNESS**
SAVES $15 in **RESPONSE**

As part of the Church Agencies Network for **Disaster Operations Disaster Ready project**, we have a collective reach of

OVER 25 CHURCH PARTNERS
ACROSS 4 COUNTRIES

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

We continue to respond when disaster strikes, when our partners are directly impacted or through our partnership with the ACT Alliance.

Last year we supported our church partners in Tonga after Cyclone Gita struck, and supplied emergency kits to families affected by floods in North India. The most complex response involved supporting our partners in PNG after the devastating earthquake in the Highlands, where we worked together with other Australian church agencies to help co-ordinate a multi-church response in PNG through the Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations (CAN-DO). This response will continue into the next year, also supported by DFAT and the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. We also completed the last phase of our support for our Fiji partners recovery from Cyclone Winston.

Through ACT Alliance we supported refugees from Myanmar and Syria, as well as communities affected by famine in South Sudan and Zimbabwe.

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK: CYCLONE CHAPLAINS IN TONGA

Back in 2015, we assisted the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga (FWCT) in establishing the Tongan Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network as part of our work in disaster risk reduction.

This network was put to the test when Category 4 Tropical Cyclone Gita struck Tonga in February 2018. It was the worst cyclone to hit the island since 1983, causing extensive hardship to the people of Tonga. Houses, churches and schools were badly damaged. Power remained out for a long period of time, and food and safe water supplies were limited for many communities.

After the cyclone hit, Chaplains worked tirelessly to support those affected by the disaster while conducting local assessments at the same time. This enabled them to identify the communities most in need of support, instigating the Church's distribution of water, food and other vital resources. UnitingWorld supported the debriefing and further training of these Chaplains in the aftermath of the disaster and increased the number of chaplains trained and deployed.

The Tongan Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network is just one example of what can be achieved when Churches prepare in advance and work together for their communities' wellbeing. UnitingWorld is continuing to work with the FWCT to strengthen their recovery and be stronger and better prepared for future cyclone seasons.

"ON BEHALF OF THE FREE WESLEYAN CHURCH OF TONGA, I THANK YOU (THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA) FOR THE EXPRESSION OF YOUR LOVE, PRAYERS AND PARTNERSHIP WITH US IN THIS TIME OF BRINGING LIFE BACK TO NORMAL...YOU REMIND US THAT WE DO NOT BATTLE ALONE."

REV. FINAU P. 'AHIO, PRESIDENT OF THE FREE WESLEYAN CHURCH OF TONGA



Below Left: In the aftermath of Cyclone Gita, Uniting Church in Australia ministers Rev Dr Stephen Robinson and Rev Nau Ahosivi were invited to Tonga to help debrief and support the Tongan Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network (TDRCN).
Photo Credit: Courtesy Rev Dr Stephen Robinson.

FIGURES FOR CHANGE

11,710 PEOPLE IN 11 COMMUNITIES most affected by the PNG Highlands Earthquake **received water, sanitation and hygiene kits and temporary community shelter.***

IN FIJI, 6 VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRES were **repaired** back to full use complete with **community gardens** to improve local food security.

IN TONGA we provided **Chaplaincy training for 20** new **local Ministers and Theological Students**.

IN SOUTH SUDAN, our support could provide a **monthly supply of oil** for **332 PEOPLE, water purification tablets** for **400 PEOPLE**, **138 mosquito nets** and **190 blankets** for people experiencing extreme famine.

IN BANGLADESH, we contributed funds to provide approximately **873 ROHINGYA REFUGEES** in Cox's Bazar with **WASH kits**, **shelter, food, latrines, nutrition, health** and/or **psychosocial support**.

POVERTY ALLEVIATION CHURCH CONNECTIONS

This year, we supported three of our church partners to strengthen their capacity in leading local initiatives that bring hope to the families in their communities, ensuring their children receive a quality education.

As well as funding the project, local church leadership for all these projects received training in participatory community planning, project management and child protection.

FIJI

People from remote Fijian islands seeking work in Suva, have ended up living in 'informal' settlements, in cobbled-together housing with no municipal infrastructure.

While education is free in Fiji, children in informal settlements still miss out because basic school supplies are unaffordable. Education for children in these settlements is important, as it breaks the poverty cycle. In partnership with the Methodist Church of Fiji, in 2017/18, we supported the families in one such community by providing a school uniform, school badge, a school bag and a pair of school shoes to 100 children.

NORTH INDIA

In India, the Dalit caste is the lowest within the Indian caste system, many of whom are politically powerless and living in poverty. Girls are more disadvantaged than boys in terms of access to education, as poor families will often choose to pay for the advancement of male children.

In partnership with the Church of North India, we support a girls' hostel, enabling girls from disadvantaged communities to access high quality education, accommodation and care during the school term. They maintain close family links and spend as much time as possible in their home communities during school breaks. Our support also includes training in planning, management and child-protection.

EASTERN HIMALAYAS (INDIA)

The foothills of the Eastern Himalayas are steep jungle-covered terrain, with families mostly eking out a subsistence livelihood. To get to school, children may have to walk up to four hours through jungle tracks. The dropout rate is very high, especially amongst girls, and contributes significantly to human trafficking.

Previously we supported our partner church to build a small school in a remote mountain village, enabling boys and girls from neighbouring hills to access good and affordable education. This year, we have continued to support this school to provide affordable education to families, train teachers and pursue government accreditation.

Over the past year, we supported 300 children enrolled in this school between grades 5 and 11 (year 12 to be added during the second half of 2018) and provided funding for teacher training.

Australian individuals and supporter groups are helping our partners to address these various issues by strengthening the school and local services through their kind support.

Right: Families like Carly's can access affordable education thanks to the work of our partners in remote communities across Asia and the Pacific.
Photo Credit: Market Lane Media.

FIGURES FOR CHANGE

In **FIJI, 100 CHILDREN** living in an 'informal' settlement were provided with a **school uniform, school badge, a school bag and a pair of school shoes** to ensure their attendance at school.

In the **EASTERN HIMALAYAS, INDIA**, we supported **300 CHILDREN** to **access schooling** in a remote region.

In **NORTH INDIA, 30 GIRLS** from disadvantaged backgrounds were provided with **accommodation, education support, and nutrition** to enable them to succeed in their schooling.

"EDUCATION IS NOT JUST FOR A PRIVILEGED FEW, IT IS FOR EVERYONE. IT IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT."

Ban Ki-Moon



LEADERSHIP CHURCH CONNECTIONS

We aim to strengthen the ability of churches to serve their communities both spiritually and practically. Together with our overseas partners, we have trained Church leaders in counselling, pastoral care, child protection and governance. We have provided avenues to equip women for ministry in the Pacific. We have also invested in training and peace building workshops for young people, our future Christian leaders.

The Ministers that we support are often serving large constituencies across expansive geographical areas. We provide training for existing and new pastors, as well as lay leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary to run the church and provide the care that is needed. Pastor Suresh is one such leader who has received this support.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP IN INDIA: PASTOR SURESH'S STORY

In rural India, almost 30% of the people struggle to secure the minimum requirements of life—food, shelter, clothing—and many children are unable to attend school because of where they were born. Here, our local Church partners are providing **education** and **shelter** for children, pastoral care and hope. We believe that to make sustainable change, strong Christian leadership is key.

In the Eastern Himalayas, our partner set up a Church Leadership Project to equip pastors in some of the most remote and difficult areas of India. Pastor Suresh is one of our ministers who travels to these remote communities to offer prayers, counselling and practical assistance to help struggling families thrive. Pastor Suresh said;

"Since 2016 I have been working with a small tribal community of 26 families, mostly daily wage earners living on the fringes of the forest land. With help I have organised a medical camp to provide check-ups and free medicine, distributed blankets and mosquito nets to all the families, repaired a broken hand pump and installed a new one."

Pastor Suresh is such a great example of the way our global Church leadership programs are equipping leaders to care for people in holistic ways – not only offering pastoral care and the good news of Christ, but helping people live life to the full.

He faces many challenges, including hostile religious fundamentalists who are suspicious that the Church is attempting Christian conversions in the region. A father to three-year-old Hardev, Pastor Suresh lives with the daily fear that negative reports about his activities could lead to his arrest. However he holds on to God's word and it encourages him to be hopeful when life is difficult. *"I am also encouraged and hopeful because there are communities all over the world who are praying and supporting us,"* he wrote.

"I am thankful to the people of UnitingWorld in Australia for their support to our leadership program as it has helped me be what I am today. It has expanded my vision and my commitment to the community in a way I never thought possible."

FIGURES FOR CHANGE

In **ZIMBABWE, 110 YOUTH** completed **resilience training**, and **64 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** were trained in **child protection and care**.

In the **PACIFIC, 6 WOMEN** across three partner churches have started or continued their theological studies.

In **CHINA, UnitingCare trained 100 MINISTERS** and managers of aged care facilities.

In **CHINA 135 MINISTERS** have been **trained for ministry** in a context where **1 PASTOR SERVES 18,000 PEOPLE.**

In the **EASTERN HIMALAYAS, INDIA OVER 75 CHURCH AND LAY LEADERS** were trained in pastoral support, counselling, and/or training in awareness of government services.

In **SOUTH SUDAN, 130 THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS** completed or continued their studies, which include **peacebuilding.**

Below: Rev Albino Da Costa leads worship at Ekeristi Church, Dili, Indonesia. **Photo Credit**: Market Lane Media.



LEARNING AND GROWING

UnitingWorld is committed to continuous learning, and to ensuring that our activities are effective and address the most relevant issues for our partners and donors. Therefore, in 2017, we established a Design, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning working group (DMEL) across the program teams, with responsibility for developing evaluation tools, and reviewing all evaluation Terms of Reference.

Through regular monitoring, reporting and evaluations, we can assess progress in the communities with which we work. Qualitative and quantitative indicators measure changes in community attitudes, behaviours and circumstances. This data helps us and our partners to make decisions about the usefulness of programs and the types of activities to prioritise going forward.

We share our learnings with partners at regional workshops and within the Australian development community at conferences. We have also partnered with the Church Agencies' Network (CAN) Performance Effectiveness group to examine evaluations for lessons in collaboration and to share learnings within CAN network.

EVALUATION OF WASH PROJECT IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA *

We evaluate our projects when a particular phase of work is completed or when the project is concluded. Australian Aid funded projects are evaluated every three years.

Three years ago, the 'Safe Water Campaign' project in PNG had been reviewed and the water supply and sanitation systems project had been modified to include a behaviour change component around hygiene and hand-washing. The 2018 external evaluation covered the past three years of this transition and found that:

- Communities expressed high support for the campaign and appreciate the health benefits of having hand-washing facilities in each household.
- Other communities not currently included in the activities have observed the benefits and want it to be held in their areas.
- Since the hand-washing campaign, the number of cases of diarrhoea and stomach pains have reduced.

The following recommendations were made:

- Revise the campaign toolkit to provide ideas and activities to reinforce positivie messages and achievements in handwashing.
- Develop a revised campaign tool kit for local champions to be able to replicate the campaign in a simple way in neighbouring villages.
- Integrate teaching on hygiene and sanitation practices in schools.
- Build Gender and Social Inclusion activities and monitoring into the design of the next phase.
- Build strong relationships with other PNG-based community WASH implementers.

The recommendations and learnings from this evaluation will inform the new design for the project, being developed during 2018-19.

*Supported by the Australian Government.

"HEALTH WAS A PROBLEM TO US, BUT NOW ... THERE IS LESS SICKNESS, LESS PEOPLE COMING TO THE HOSPITAL. NOW THE OUTER ISLANDS ARE ASKING US TO HELP THEM IMPROVE THEIR SITUATION WITH WHAT WE ARE USING IN MY VILLAGE TODAY."

Quote from one of the community change agents in PNG



We also have regular partner feedback processes, and in 2017-18 we found that:

96% of partners **feel UnitingWorld values their opinions and ideas**

92% of partners **think UnitingWorld's project design tool is useful**

93% of partners **understand UnitingWorld's protection policy requirements**

96% of partners are **satisfied with their partnership with UnitingWorld**

FIGURES FOR CHANGE

Above: Thelma participated in the Rural Health and Sanitation training on the importance of good hygiene, clean water and soap; she now promotes best practice in her rural community in Papua New Guinea. **Photo Credit**: Michelle Abel

OUR PROGRAMS AND PARTNERS

1. PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- Church Partnership Program – United Church in Papua New Guinea (UCPNG)
- Safe Water Campaign – United Church in Papua New Guinea (UCPNG)
- Southern Highlands Earthquake Response – United Church in Papua New Guinea (UCPNG)
- Pacific Climate Change – through CAN-DO Disaster Ready Project (CAN-DO)
- Women in Ministry – United Church in Papua New Guinea (UCPNG)

2. FIJI

- Cyclone Winston Response – Methodist Church in Fiji (MCIF)
- Partnering Women for Change (Regional) – Methodist Church in Fiji (MCIF)
- Pacific Climate Change – through CAN-DO Disaster Ready Project (CAN-DO)
- Women in Ministry – Methodist Church in Fiji (MCIF)
- Fiji Informal Settlement – Methodist Church in Fiji (MCIF)

3. VANUATU

- Partnering Women for Change (Regional and In-Country) - Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu (PCV)
- Pacific Climate Change – through CAN-DO Disaster Ready Project (CAN-DO)
- Women in Ministry – Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu

4. KIRIBATI

- Partnering Women for Change (Regional) - Kiribati Uniting Church (KUC)

5. TONGA

- Tropical Cyclone Gita Response – Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga (FWCT)

6. INDIA

- Durgapur Social Empowerment and Education – Church of North India (CNI)
- Amritsar Social Empowerment and Education – Church of North India (CNI)
- Sarenga Floods Response – Church of North India (CNI)
- Eastern Himalayas Education - Church of North India (CNI)
- Eastern Himalayas Leadership Training – Church of North India(CNI)
- Amritsar Education for Girls – Church of North India (CNI)

7. BANGLADESH

- Myanmar Rohingya Crisis - ACT Alliance

8. SRI LANKA

- Supporting People with Disabilities – Methodist Church in Sri Lanka (MCSL)
- Peace Building and Conflict Resolution – Methodist Church in Sri Lanka (MCSL)

9. INDONESIA

- Bali Village Development – Gereja Kristen Protestan di Bali (GKPB)
- West Timor Microfinance and Village Development – Gereja Masehi Injili di Timor (GMIT)
- Maluku Peacebuilding and Women's Empowerment – Gereja Protestan Maluku (GPM)
- West Papua Community Livelihoods – Gereja Kristen Injili di Tanah Papua (GKI – TP)
- West Papua HIV Clinic – Gereja Kristen Injili di Tanah Papua (GKI- TP)

10. TIMOR LESTE

- Community Health Clinics – Protestant Church in East Timor (IPTL)

11. PHILIPPINES

- Agriculture for Indigenous Communities – United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP)

12.CHINA

- Theological Education – China Christian Council (CCC)
- Aged Care Training with UnitingCare – China Christian Council (CCC)

13. SOLOMON ISLANDS

- Pacific Climate Change – through CAN-DO Disaster Ready Project (CAN-DO)

14. SOUTH SUDAN

- Midwifery Training- Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS)
- Famine Relief - ACT Alliance - Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS)
- Peacebuilding and Trauma Healing – Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS)

15. ZIMBABWE

- Sustainable Livelihoods – Methodist Church in Zimbabwe (MCZ)
- Youth Resilience Training – Methodist Church in Zimbabwe (MCZ)

● Relief and Development Projects
● Church Connections Projects



Above: Ni Luh and granddaughter pictured above were participants of the Bali Village Development program.
Photo Credit: Market Lane Media.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

This year, for the first time, we present a consolidated set of accounts for all of UnitingWorld. We do this to improve clarity and give our stakeholders a wholistic view of UnitingWorld's financial status.

Historically, the Relief and Development and Church Connections operations have had two separate financial statements produced and audited, a reflection of the legacy of two older agencies. The consolidation of the finances, carefully retains the distinctions between funds given to and expended for different purposes, and reflects the new streamlined operation of the Agency.

A tough fundraising environment in FY2018 resulted in a lower than target donations revenue. However, in line with our long-term strategy, we have maintained our investment in growing our supporter base, and deepening our relationships with existing donors. We are incredibly grateful to our donors for their continuous generosity and commitment to our work. A heartfelt thanks to the volunteer Ambassadors of UnitingWorld and all other volunteers for their time and effort rendered to further the mission of UnitingWorld.

On the other hand, we had strong support from Australian Government grants, highlighted by $1.2M through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and $1.1M through the PNG Church Partnership Program. We also became eligible for three new Australian Aid grants, which, as they apply programs in FY2019, are shown as deferred income in the Balance sheet. These are $426,408 for the Pacific gender equality program and two grants via the Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations (CAN-DO) consortium of $167,670 for Pacific disaster preparation and $123,757 for the PNG earthquake response.

We spent a total of $4.328M on international programs; with $3.9M Relief & Development programs, $0.428M on Church Connections programs and $0.252M on emergency responses. This reflects a much smaller spend on emergencies compared to previous years where Cyclone Pam and Cyclone Winston resulted in major emergency projects. Our core expenditure remains focussed on long term sustainable development and institutional strengthening. Program expenditure in Africa saw a decrease this year in line with our planned completion with two major projects.

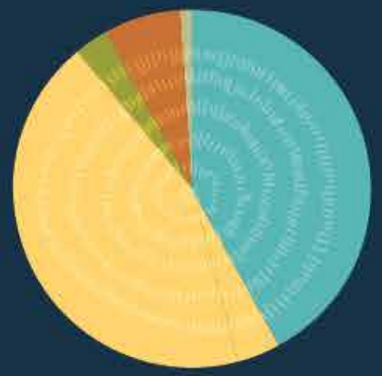
We also spent $219,939 on community education in Australia, working with schools, congregations and other Uniting Church groups to raise awareness of global injustice and good development practices.

We will continue to focus on building an efficient, effective and sustainable organisation. The investment in bringing together our financial structures, our governance bodies and management teams is expected to pay dividends in reduced costs in the coming year.

The full financial report for the year ended 30 June 2018 is available on request or on the UnitingWorld website at www.unitingworld.org.au. The summary financial information that follows has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct. UnitingWorld Relief and Development Program is committed to full adherence to this code.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

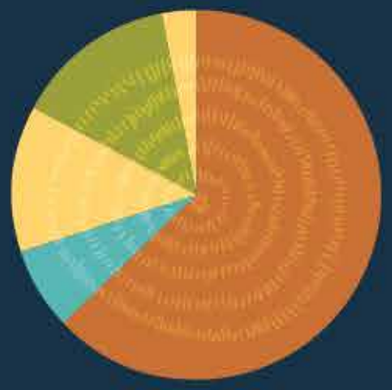
YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2018



- **42%** DFAT Grants
- **4%** Synod Contributions
- **43%** Donations
- **3%** Bequest and legacies
- **7%** Investment Income
- **1%** Other Income

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2018



- **63%** Relief and Development Programs
- **7%** Church Connections Programs
- **13%** Accountability and Administration
- **14%** Fundraising Costs
- **3%** Community Education

2017-2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2018

Revenue	30 JUNE 2018	30 JUNE 2017
Donations and gifts		
Monetary (Deductible Gift Reciepts)	2,026,446	2,316,476
Monetary (Non-Deductible Gift Reciepts)	475,510	592,351
	2,501,956	2,908,827
Bequests & Legacies	184,388	409,273
Grants		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	2,431,192	2,470,615
Synod Contributions	221,516	221,516
Investment Income	401,482	446,572
Other Income	54,442	72,959
Total Revenue	**5,794,976**	**6,529,762**

Expenditure		
Programs Expenditure*		
International Programs	3,316,394	4,705,550
Program Support	1,012,090	1,137,672
Community Education	219,939	256,025
Total Program Expenditure	**4,548,423**	**6,099,247**
Fundraising Costs	845,080	912,875
Accountability & Administration	807,243	804,874
Total Expenditure	**6,200,746**	**7,816,996**
(Deficit)	**(405,770)**	**(1,287,236)**
Other Comprehensive Income	191,368	312,566
Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss)	**(214,402)**	**(974,670)**

** Relief and Development and Church Connections Programs are shown consolidated.*

"LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP."

Galatians 6:9

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

Assets	30 JUNE 2018	30 JUNE 2017
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,574,896	8,514,655
Term Deposits	3,449,982	984,315
Trade and Other Receivables	552,530	104,639
Other Assets	58,108	47,158
Total Current Assets	**5,635,516**	**9,650,767**
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Financial Assets	7,097,419	2,564,576
Property, Plant and Equipment	2,127,096	2,131,732
Total Non-Current Assets	**9,224,515**	**4,696,308**
Total Assets	**14,860,031**	**14,347,075**
Liabilities		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and Other Payables	1,774,351	1,005,434
Provisions	112,117	132,267
Total Current Liabilities	**1,886,468**	**1,137,701**
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	10,786	32,195
Total Non-Current Liabilities	**10,786**	**32,195**
Total Liabilities	**1,897,254**	**1,169,896**
Net Assets	**12,962,777**	**13,177,179**
Equity		
RETAINED EARNINGS		
General Fund	5,338,946	5,357,748
UNRESTRICTED RESERVES		
Relief and Development		
Designated Fund	206,691	302,896
Financial Asset Reserve	33,967	–
Total Relief and Development	**240,658**	**302,896**
Church Connections		
Designated Fund	457,278	409,852
Financial Asset Reserve	157,401	355,934
Total Church Connections	**614,679**	**765,786**
RESTRICTED RESERVES		
Relief and Development		
Endowment Fund	308,393	317,398
Specific Fund	2,202,482	2,258,364
Total Relief and Development	**2,510,875**	**2,575,762**
Church Connections		
Endowment Fund	1,467,982	1,375,340
Specific Fund	1,150,822	1,187,105
Bequeathed Trust Funds	1,638,815	1,612,542
Total Church Connections	**4,257,619**	**4,174,987**
TOTAL EQUITY	**12,962,777**	**13,177,179**

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2018

(SHOWING RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BY ACFID)

Revenue	30 JUNE 2018	30 JUNE 2017
Donations and gifts		
Monetary	2,026,446	2,316,476
Bequests & Legacies	5,898	101,511
Grants		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	2,431,192	2,470,615
Commercial Activities Income	–	–
Investment Income	87,642	110,703
Other Income	19,285	29,320
International Non Aid and Development Revenue	1,224,513	1,501,138
Total Revenue	**5,794,976**	**6,529,762**
Expenditure		
International Program Expenditures		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
Funds to international programs	3,028,643	4,211,799
Program Support	871,999	819,943
Community Education	112,516	108,075
	4,013,158	5,139,817
International Non Aid and Development Programs Expenditure #	535,265	959,430
Total International Program Expenditure	**4,548,423**	**6,099,247**
Fundraising costs*		
Public	745,631	502,892
Accountability & Administration*	712,245	419,987
International Non Aid and Development Fundraising and Accountability and Administration Cost #	194,447	794,870
Total Expenditure	**6,200,746**	**7,816,996**
(Deficit)	**(405,770)**	**(1,287,236)**
Other Comprehensive Income		
Net gain on revaluation of financial assets	33,967	–
International Non Aid and Development net gain on revaluation of financial assets #	157,401	312,566
	191,367	312,566
Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss)	**(214,402)**	**(974,670)**

**Fundraising and accountability and administration indirect cost allocations to Relief and Development are based on percentage of direct program expenditures. Historically it was split evenly between Relief and Development and Church Connections.*

 # "Non Aid and Development" means the Church Connections Programs.

DECLARATION BY THE UNITINGWORLD BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2019

In accordance with a resolution of the UnitingWorld Board we state that, as set out on pages 3, 4 and note 15:

(a) in the Board's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the program will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and

(b) in the Board's opinion, the attached financial statement thereto is in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* .

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

On behalf of the Board

Andrew Glenn
Chairperson

Sydney
26 September 2018

Tina Rendell-Thornton
Board Member

Sydney
26 September 2018

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

To the members of UnitingWorld

Report on the audit of the Summary Financial Report

Opinion

The Summary Financial Report of UnitingWorld (the Agency) is derived from the Audited Financial Report of the Agency as at and for the year ended 30 June 2018 (Audited Financial Report).

In our opinion, the accompanying Summary Financial Report is consistent, in all material respects, with the Audited Financial Report of UnitingWorld, and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct.

The Summary Financial Report comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018,
- Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income for the year then ended.

Summary Financial Report

The Summary Financial Report does not contain all the disclosures required by *Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements* applied in the preparation of the Audited Financial Report. Reading the Summary Financial Report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Audited Financial Report and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the Audited Financial Report in our report dated 26 September 2018.

Emphasis of matter – basis of preparation and restriction on use and distribution

The Summary Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the ACFID Code of Conduct to assist the Board of UnitingWorld meet its reporting requirements with ACFID.

As a result, the Summary Financial Report and this Auditor's Report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Our report is intended solely for the Board of UnitingWorld and should not be used by or distributed to parties other than the Board of UnitingWorld. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report, or on the Summary Financial Statements to which it relates, to any person other than the Board of UnitingWorld or for any other purpose than that for which it was prepared.

Responsibility of Management for the Summary Financial Report

Management are responsible for the preparation of the Summary Financial Report in accordance with the requirements of the ACFID Code of Conduct.

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the Summary Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the Summary Financial Report is consistent, in all material respects, with the Audited Financial Report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

KPMG

Stephen Isaac

Partner

Sydney

26 September 2018

“I BELIEVE IN CHRISTIANITY AS I BELIEVE THAT THE SUN HAS RISEN: NOT ONLY BECAUSE I SEE IT, BUT BECAUSE BY IT I SEE EVERYTHING ELSE.”

C.S. LEWIS

Above: Eliza is so happy that she now has access to clean water in her community thanks to the work of the United Church in Papua New Guinea.
Photo Credit: Market Lane Media

RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

JAMES BATLEY

BA (Hons.), PSM



James has been a Distinguished Policy Fellow in the Australian National University's Department of Pacific Affairs since 2015. Prior to joining ANU, he had over 30 years' experience in international diplomacy and development including positions such as Deputy Secretary of DFAT; Deputy Director-General of AusAID; Australian High Commissioner to Fiji (and Permanent Representative to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat); Australian High Commissioner to Solomon Islands; Special Coordinator of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI); Australian Ambassador to East Timor; as well as diplomatic positions in Beirut, Lebanon; Jakarta, Indonesia; Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea; and Port Vila, Vanuatu. He graduated from the University of Sydney in 1982. He was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2002 and the Cross of Solomon Islands in 2017.

COLLEEN GEYER

BTh, GCELead, DipTeach, Cert IV WTA



Colleen has held roles including Director of Mission at UnitingCare Queensland, Associate Director at UnitingCare Australia, and National Consultant for the Assembly Gospel and Gender Unit. She has worked for the Uniting Church and its agencies since 1995 holding positions at state and national level. Since becoming Assembly General Secretary, Colleen has sought to improve national cooperation and resource-sharing across the Uniting Church.

MARGARET HARVIE

BA AppSc



Margaret is a Director of a consultancy that provides planning and community engagement advice and services to government and the private sector. She is an Associate at the University of Technology Sydney and an Associate of the Civil Service College, Singapore. She trains others in the skills to effectively communicate and encourage the public to participate in creating plans for services, infrastructure and land use. In addition to her work in Australia she has been involved with projects to assess social, economic and planning impacts on communities in China, Malaysia, Laos and has delivered training in Singapore, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea.

DAVID HODGES

BA, BLEG, LLM, GDipEd, GAICD, JP



Following a public service career of approximately 15 years David worked for almost two decades as a lawyer in private practice principally in the commercial, corporate and government enterprise sectors, including over six years as a partner with a leading national firm. Subsequently David served as a director in the agribusiness sector, taking a particular interest in governance, strategy setting and policy.

"WHOEVER IS KIND TO THE POOR LENDS TO THE LORD, AND WILL BE REPAID IN FULL."

Proverbs 19:17

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

JOHN RUHLE (CHAIR)

B Ag. Ec. (Hons), B Th., GAICD



John is a former rural bank manager and lay education and discipleship facilitator. John spent time as a volunteer in central India and has since been involved with exposure and monitoring and evaluation visits to UnitingWorld projects in Asia. He is the Moreton Rivers Presbytery Minister in Queensland.

WENDY SUMA

BTh, DipCC



Wendy has worked in community development programs in Australia and overseas including women and children's protection, education and refugee support and humanitarian entrant housing. Wendy also brings a grassroots perspective to the National Committee through her current role as Head of Programs at the Uniting Church's Wayside Chapel in Sydney, where she leads a team of staff and volunteers who support people from disadvantaged backgrounds in Kings Cross and Bondi.

SIOKATAME TUPOU

Bec, LLB, MThs, LLM



Tame is husband to Rose and father of Semisi and Israel. Tame has a Bachelor of Economics, Tame is husband to Rose and father of Semisi and Israel. Tame has a Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Law, Master of Theological Studies and Master of Law (Applied Family Law). Tame is the principle solicitor of Pinnacle Lawyers and the Treasurer and lay-preacher at Siaola Church, Tempe NSW.

PAUL WAIT

MA



Paul is a transport economist with over 40 years experience consulting in Australia and overseas. His experience in more than a dozen developing countries has involved multiple agencies and governments in Asia, the Pacific region, the Middle East and the Caribbean. He graduated in philosophy, politics and economics from the University of Oxford. Before he retired, Paul was the director of a number of organisations, including PwC, Saha International and Booz Allen Hamilton. Paul is a member of Killara Uniting Church.

MARGARET WATT

BA (Hons.), DipEd



Margaret has been Chief of Staff to three politicians over 17 years including the Hon. Bob McMullan when he was Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance from 2007 - 2010. Margaret currently serves on several boards and has been Chair of the Church Council at Canberra City Uniting Church, where she has been an active member for more than ten years.

CHURCH CONNECTIONS

ANDREW CORISH
BA-LL

Andrew is a lawyer of 34 years with specialist accreditation through the NSW Law Society in family law. He is the proprietor of Corish and Co Specialist Family Lawyers at North Sydney. He has been a member of the Uniting Church since 1977 at Pymble, Canberra City and at Lane Cove since 1999 where he is the chairman of the church council. Andrew's introduction to the Uniting Church was through Christian Work Camps and then International Christian Youth Exchange whilst he was at university, with an exchange year to Finland in 1979.

COLLEEN GEYER
BTh, GCELead, DipTeach, Cert IV WTA

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ANDREW GLENN (CHAIR)
Bsc (Hons) D Phil FAICD

Andrew has held a number of senior administrative roles in Universities, most recently before retirement as Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research) and Vice President (Research) at Murdoch University and the University of Tasmania. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He has also been involved in leadership in the councils of the Church since the time of Union, including as chairperson of the Presbytery of Tasmania.

HANNAH JACKSON
BA (Hons) (Political Science)

Hannah is a senior policy advisor with professional experience in governance, politics, strategy and risk management. Hannah is a Church Council Elder at Glebe Road Uniting Church in Ipswich, Queensland, and has been a part of that congregation for over fifteen years. Since 2011 she has been involved in the development of Glebe Road Uniting Church's partnership with a congregation in Dili, Timor Leste.

RICHARD LA'BROOY
BA/B Ed (Sec)(Canditate), IMEB (PS)

Richard is a lay Pastor in the Uniting Church and works as the Chaplain at Newington College, a Uniting Church School. He is studying a B Arts/B Education degree, majoring in Ancient History at Macquarie University. He is involved in various wider work of the Uniting Church, including representing the Church on the Methodist Council 2016-2021.

ELAINE LEDGERWOOD
BTh, DipCCPhD, BTh (Hons.), BSc (OT)

Elaine is the former chair of Uniting World WA Commission of the Synod of Western Australia. Elaine undertook theological studies at Murdoch University, completing a PhD in 2011. Her thesis explored issues of suffering, hope and faith drawing on the reflections of Christians who had supported trauma survivors. She is currently working as the Presbytery Minister (Education and Training) for the Presbytery of WA.








NATIONAL COMMITTEE







HUW LUSCOMBE
BEd, MDiv

Huw works as the Youth Pastor at Turramurra Uniting Church in Sydney. Previously he worked as the co-ordinator of the Glebe Cafechurch, also in Sydney and as a teacher at a number of state and independent High Schools. Some of Huw's other passions include poetry and cycling, with his garage holding several bikes, two unicycles and a Bangladeshi rickshaw.

JOHN MANNING
B.Com, M.Div.

John is Managing Director and Equity Partner of Dewings Pty. Ltd, Adelaide, a firm of Chartered Accountants. He has been employed by that organisation for a number of years including as HR Manager and Practice Manager. From 2000 to 2002 he undertook theological study at Morling College in Sydney, graduating with a Bachelor of Ministries and has subsequently completed a Master of Divinity through the Australian College of Theology.

KATE POTTER
BA, LLB, B.Bus, GDLP

Kate is experienced in business development and client management, holding the position of Business Development Director at Johnson Winter & Slattery, a leading Australian law firm. Kate is currently the Deputy Chair of the Crows Nest Uniting Church Council of which she has been a member for the past five years. Kate was nominated to join the Church Connections National Committee in 2016.

TINA RENDELL-THORNTON
BA, GradDip Ed, Assoc Dip Social Welfare, M Social Admin

Tina is well known in the Uniting Church for her eleven years of service as Executive Director of the Board of Mission of the Synod of NSW and ACT. She has a background and qualifications in education, community development and social welfare and is currently Resilient Families Service Delivery Lead for Uniting NSW/ACT. Tina has 30 years' experience in cross-cultural relationships within and outside the Uniting Church. In her previous role she regularly interacted with UnitingWorld and undertook a review of social services in the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga. Tina brings particular expertise in the area of cross-cultural relationships.

PAUL SWADLING
MA, LTh, FAICD

Former General Secretary of the NSW/ACT Synod and former Connexional Secretary of the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, Paul served as a Minister in rural, regional and inner suburban congregations, spent six years on the staff of the Australian Council of Churches and three years on the staff of the NSW/ACT Board of Mission. Paul also chaired the Synod Budget Committee and the Board of UnitingCare NSW/ACT.

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

In May 2018 UnitingWorld renewed our partnership with the Australian Government when we were successfully re-accredited at the full level for five years. Accreditation provides UnitingWorld with multiple opportunities to partner with the Australian Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Our primary partnership is through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), where we become eligible to apply for aid funding set aside for Australian development agencies doing sustainable development. However, accreditation also paves the way for access to other DFAT grants available in specific countries or regions.

In FY2018, UnitingWorld benefited from $1.2M in ANCP funding, which we matched with $355k of our own donor funding, supporting seven projects and impacting 119,943 direct beneficiaries.

Over and above ANCP, we also benefited from two more DFAT grant programs in FY2018.

- As members of the Church Agencies' Network Disaster Operations (CAN-DO) consortium we were successful in accessing funding for the PNG Earthquake response through the DFAT Australian Humanitarian Partnership program.
- We continued to work with other Australian faith-based NGOs and their counterparts in Papua New Guinea as part of the PNG Church Partnership Program. This program is increasing access to health and education services, reducing gender-based violence through Gender Theology and improving governance.

We were also successful in winning a new three year grant for FY2019-FY2021 for our innovative theological work in gender equality in the Pacific from DFAT through Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development.

We, and our partners, are grateful to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for their support of our programs and work.

Right: Our partner the Church of North India is dedicated to helping marginalised families like Shushila's to stay together by improving their social economic status in the locality in which they live. This eliminates the need for husbands to live elsewhere for seasonal work. **Photo Credit**: Daniel Buckingham.

THANK YOU TO OUR AUSTRALIAN SUPPORTERS



We remember and acknowledge the friends we have lost, whose generous bequest has enabled us this year to continue our work in their honour alongside our overseas church partners.

"THEY DON'T KNOW OUR NAMES OR OUR FACES BUT THEY PRAY FOR US AND HELP US...WE CAN'T BELIEVE IT."

Maria, Timor Leste

THE BODY OF CHRIST AT WORK IN THE WORLD

Maria sits in the doorway of her simple home in the remote mountains of Timor Leste. She's recovered from tuberculosis and learned how to protect her family from disease thanks to support from her local clinic, funded through the efforts of individuals and congregations in Australia. She's now healthy, not only because of her own determination, but through your prayers, your fundraising and your advocacy.

Through a UnitingWorld staff member and local interpreter, Maria hears of card making groups, sausage sizzles, Lent Event and Everything in Common stalls, prayer groups and individuals who give every month from their carefully managed budgets. She hears about people who sew quilts and sell them; women's groups who hold cake stalls and Men's Sheds crafting items to sell at local markets; generous individuals who give large sums to specific projects and people who leave generous bequests to be used as we see fit. Maria's incredulity and gratitude grows.

UnitingWorld, she learns, is not a faceless entity handing out funds from a bottomless pit of money. We are made up of real people who care enough to work, pray and give in solidarity with those who are also working hard, praying and giving back to their own communities across the globe. This knowledge has impact, changing the way Maria feels about herself and her hope for the future. She is not alone.

This is the body of Christ at work. This is how the Kingdom comes. Our Australian Partnerships Team helps to engage with our body at work in the Pacific, Africa and Asia, and encourages you to be hands and feet here in Australia. They're our ears, eyes and mouthpiece, alongside a group of dedicated Ambassadors in every State, and they're here to provide you with stories of hope that shape how you view our world and your place in it.

Thanks to every individual and congregation who has joined us this year. It's been a privilege to work beside you as members of one body, both suffering and rejoicing together. This is what it means for us to be part of a Uniting Church and to live out the identity of UnitingWorld.

THANK YOU!

Left: Angel (left) guided Alexandra (right) on a photo shoot of her community in remote Papua New Guinea.
Photo Credit: Market Lane Media.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND MEMBERSHIP

ACFID MEMBER

UnitingWorld is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct, against which we review our compliance annually, sets high standards in relation to how we are governed and managed, how we communicate with the public and how our funds are used.

www.acfid.asn.au

actalliance

We are a member of the ACT Alliance, a global coalition of relief and development agencies working in over 140 countries. Membership expands our capacity to respond to humanitarian emergencies in a well-coordinated and effective way. It also increases our ability to raise and direct donations from our supporters in response to emergencies across the world.

www.actalliance.org

Australian Aid

We are fully accredited with the Australian Government as part of the Australian Aid Program. Each year we gratefully receive funding from the Australian Government, which is described within this report.

www.dfat.gov.au

UnitingWorld has a process for handling complaints. Our full complaints policy appears on our website. If you would like to lodge a complaint or give any other feedback, please email complaints@unitingworld.org.au or phone (02) 8267 4456.

We are committed to full adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct. Should you wish to lodge a complaint against the UnitingWorld Relief and Development Program for breach of the Code, please email ACFID at complaints@acfid.asn.au or phone (02) 6285 1816.

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