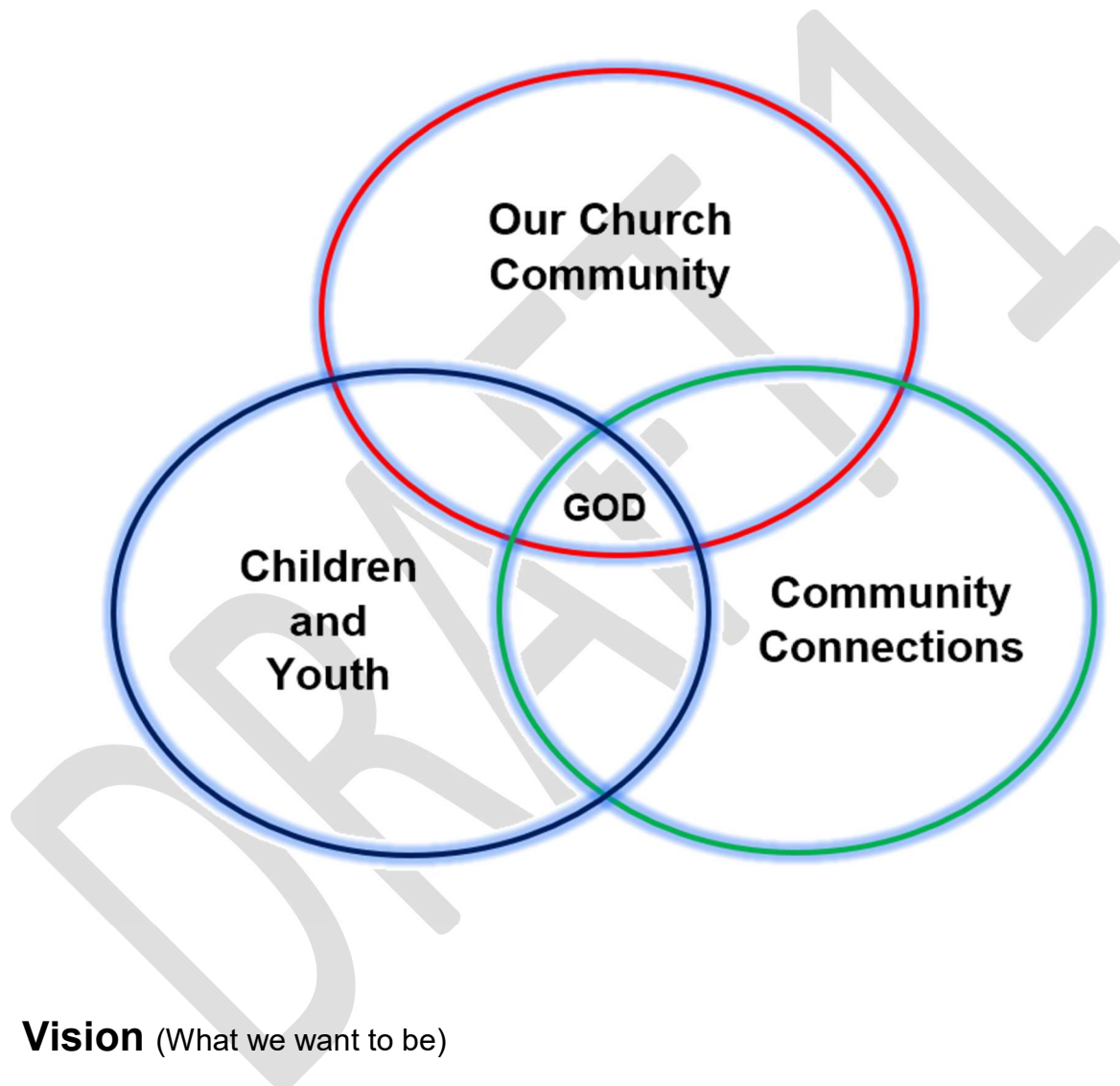


JESMOND PARK UNITING CHURCH – 2019 Mission Plan (Summary)

Mission Statement (i.e. our foundation theme / values)

Jesmond Park Uniting Church is a welcoming faith community of hope, love and justice. We both share and experience these by engaging with our wider multicultural community, nurturing our congregation, and empowering the young.



Vision (What we want to be)

Jesmond Park Uniting Church will be known as a faith community that shares and experiences God's love with and through the broader community, regardless of race, religion, age, sexual orientation or need.

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Key Strategies (our plan to achieve the vision)

1. **Our Church Community** – nurturing our existing congregation to grow with Christ
2. **Community Connections** – engaging with our local community
3. **Children and Youth** – engaging, nurturing & empowering younger people

These strategy areas/themes are broad in nature and accommodate many of our existing programs such as Cheap Chewsday, Homework-English-Literacy-Program (HELP), Sunday Morning Groups and support for the University Chaplaincy. These focus areas also allow for the exploration of other activities either run by the church or other groups.

The Congregation will consider short, medium and long term strategies and actions to achieve our mission and vision for the future concentrating on the two new focus areas – Community Connections and Children and Youth. The purpose of this approach is to focus our energies to ensure we are successful. These strategies are identified as broad areas of interest to enable a flexible approach to how they are undertaken.

Mission Governance

Mission is an evolving thing and needs regular work. While the Mission Plan is now approved by the Church Council and endorsed by the Congregation, the hard work of realising the strategy areas through action begins. This involves the whole Congregation.

It is recommended that the following Mission Governance Framework be used in the development of these actions:

1. **Mission Plan Update** – this Mission Plan Document will be reviewed annually by Church Council and any changes presented at the Congregational Meeting held in December each year for discussion and endorsement.
2. **Key Mission Strategies** – be similarly reviewed annually, particularly in relation to an assessment of the objectives articulated in the Mission Statement and Vision.
3. **Mission Action Development** – the congregation be encouraged to develop specific Mission activities within the Key Mission Strategies, to develop resource plans for each and present these for endorsement by and support of Church Council. The congregation is encouraged to think big and long term.
4. **Mission Action Reporting & Review** – that specific Mission activities underway be reported no less than quarterly to Church Council, who will review against the Mission Statement and Vision of this Mission Plan and the broader activities, resources and needs of the Congregation.