



WORKING TOGETHER

- Seek opportunities to inspire, resource and support each other and embrace innovation, aimed at helping people journey to and in faith
- Grow constructive engagement between Presbytery and communities of faith
- Promote a culture of generosity, transparency, mutual accountability, safety and permission-giving throughout the Presbytery
- Build partnership with mana whenua and strengthen partnership with Te Aka Puaho
- Enhance partnerships with Presbyterian bodies in our region including the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, Church Schools and Presbyterian support, and with the University
- Work together with other presbyteries



VISION

Vibrant communities of faith in the South

MISSION

To lead a movement of communities of faith to witness to the good news of Jesus Christ



ENGAGED COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

- Support communities of faith to intentionally engage their wider communities
- Increase support for mission initiatives, including fresh expressions of the gospel
- assist communities of faith to address their current realities and clarify their future
- Model and encourage inter-cultural and inter-generational relationships in all our life together
- Strengthen regional ecumenical relationships to support local cooperation

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS STATEMENT 2023-2026



LEADER DEVELOPMENT

- Identify, encourage and support people to exercise excellent leadership in all aspects of our presbytery
- Build the capacity of people in their roles across the presbytery
- Resource education and ministry to enable a broad range of people to exercise leadership and practice ministry
- Support initiatives for growth in prayer, evangelism and societal transformations



ALIGNED RESOURCING

- Align processes, decision-making, structures, finance, assets, staffing, communication and information collecting, analysing and reporting to intentionally support our missions
- Pursue operational integration with the Synod of Otago and Southland including in stewarding resources, decision-making, meeting and communicating
- Encourage mission shaped communities of faith through congregational reviews and associated planning and reflection