

WIC 2022 FOCUS



**↑ EMPOWERED ↓**

*Christ-centred Spirit-led*

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The Wesley International Congregation vision is:

# TRANSFORMED LIVES TRANSFORMING CITIES.

## Transformed lives

Jesus' vision for His disciples is an ongoing Holy Spirit empowered transformation into His likeness. We want to focus our discipleship, life groups, prayer, worship and outreach on this transformation.

## Transformed cities

We are called to a city-wide transformation that enables more lives and communities to experience the restoring and renewing power of Jesus. We will partner with our wider Wesley Mission family, churches, ministries and community groups to this aim.

**By 2028**, we see **5 vibrant church hubs** across Sydney bringing holistic transformation to lives and communities.

This is powerfully aligned with the newly framed **Wesley Mission Vision: A Spirit-led disciple-making movement.**

To live out this vision in 2022 our theme is:

**“EMPOWERED”**

This focus for 2022

is

**CHRIST-CENTRED AND SPIRIT-LED EMPOWERMENT**

to

**MAKE NEW DISCIPLES**

by

**USING OUR GIFTS IN AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS**

as

**JESUS DID.**



*Dallas Willard once wrote: "Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you". Now is the right time to build on the foundation that God has prepared and focus our energies on making new disciples the way Jesus did in the power Jesus gives us! Let's step out in faith church!*

**PS ANDY CHIN**

*All those who love Jesus are called to be disciples who make disciples. We have all been given spiritual gifts and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be disciples who make disciples. YOU are called for such a time as this!*

**PS JEANE FINNEGAN**

*This year, my hope and desire is that people would know who they are in Christ. The essence of discipleship is knowing God and letting Him form you more and more into His image.*

**PS CORY SCHUT**

*Throughout the Gospels, Jesus shows us that at the core of discipleship is genuine relationship with others. He sets in motion a disciple-making model focused on intentional and meaningful connections with the people around us. We're all empowered to be disciple-makers in this way!*

**YOUTH DIRECTOR RONIT ROY**

*Jesus commissions, empowers and sends us to participate with him in his mission to a world desperately in need of Good News. This is the adventure of faith every one of us is called to step into.*

**SUPERINTENDANT/CEO REV STU CAMERON**

# TEACHING

To equip the church to be empowered to make new disciples, the teaching will be in 3 phases.

## **Phase 1: Making new disciples by using our gifts**

*February – April*

- Vision month
- Seeing the gifts in action
- Easter

## **Phase 2: Making new disciples in authentic relationships**

*May – August*

- Growing authentic relationships (Colossians)
- The words, works and ways of Jesus
- Missionsfest

## **Phase 3: Making new disciples as Jesus did**

*September – December*

- Following Jesus' example
- Advent & Christmas

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## **By Using our Gifts**

Each of us has been uniquely shaped and gifted by God. The natural and supernatural gifts we are yet to discover are distinct ways through which we can make new disciples.

## **To help us make new disciples by using our gifts, the following resources will be available:**

### **1. Discover your gifts sessions**

Through new small groups and existing life groups, we want to help you discover and activate the unique gifts God has given you to invest into others through discipleship.

### **2. Discover your calling**

Materials will be available to help you discover your sense of call from God. This enables us to align our disciple-making with our calling.

### **3. Holy Spirit Gifts Workshop Day**

An exciting day workshop will help you to explore, test and exercise the spiritual gifts in a safe and encouraging environment.

### **4. Disciple-making Groups**

New groups that will focus specifically on Jesus' way of making disciples.

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## **In Authentic Relationships**

Discipleship-making the Jesus way, has always been grounded in authentic relationships. The deep and sincere relationship shared between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit overflowed to each person Jesus discipled.



## **To help us make new disciples in authentic relationships we will focus on identifying and nurturing “Persons of Peace”.**

Person of peace = Someone who likes you, listens to you and serves you who does not yet have a relationship with Jesus.

### **Through Discipleship Groups and Life Groups we want to help you:**

1. Identify where God is already at work in people in your life
2. Pray and fast for “Persons of Peace” in your sphere
3. Build relationships that can move from superficial to spiritual.

### **Disciple-making Groups**

The new discipleship groups will continue to focused on exploring and living out Jesus’ way of disciple making.

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## **As Jesus did**

Jesus is the greatest disciple maker of all time. He is our role model for how to be a disciple and how to disciple others.



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## **To help us make new disciples as Jesus did we will do the following:**

### **1. Faith sending exercises**

Create opportunities to take steps of faith (just as Jesus sent the 12 and the 72) to depend on the Holy Spirit to open doors and meet new persons of peace.

### **2. Ministry in the Spirit**

Encourage ministering to others in the power of the Spirit (e.g. praying for healing and miracles, and sharing words of knowledge, wisdom and prophecy etc.)

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### **4. Discovery Bible Method (DBM)**

Equipping people to use DBM to read the Bible with others to help them come to faith in Jesus.

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.*

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6**

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the spirit gives.*

**COLOSSIANS 1:9**

*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

**COLOSSIANS 3:16**

*Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.*

**1 JOHN 2:6**

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