

Dear Minister/Secretary/Church Administrator,

Following the significant resolutions of the Synod Meeting in July, I want to encourage you to take the next steps – helping us to check in with congregations to inform our decisions through a Church Census.

In recent years, the Synod has acted to prioritise three major areas: renewing the mission focus of our congregations, developing vital ministry, and transformative community engagement.

We have made significant decisions about growth - in relationship, discipleship, impact and number; connecting scattered rural communities; renewing ministry with under 35 year olds; reinventing leadership formation; reconciliation with First Peoples; and advocacy.

Your support in the Census will help us set priorities for resourcing mission. This data will provide a baseline for measuring progress as we work toward participating more effectively in the mission of Christ together and making a difference in our communities in the name of Jesus.

UCA NSW & ACT 
Church Census
ume.nswact.uca.org.au/census

To do that well we have partnered with NCLS Research, who have been partly sponsored by the Uniting Church for more than 25 years. NCLS Research serves Australian churches with mission-related research and they will provide the platform for securely collecting and processing the information we seek.

The Census is available in an online format, or as a traditional paper form. A Korean version of the paper form will be available soon.

Please complete the enclosed Census form as soon as possible and return to:

**UCA NSW & ACT Church Census
C/- NCLS Research
PO BOX 827, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012**

OR Use the online census at ume.nswact.uca.org.au/census. To complete the form online, you will need your unique “Church Census ID” from the top of the paper form.

Confidentiality assured: The information collected in this Census is confidential and may only be accessed by authorised Synod and Presbytery representatives.

Need help? If you have any questions, please email ucacensus@ncls.org.au. Please take part because everyone counts in the story of God’s pilgrim people!

Kind regards,



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