



CATALYST NETWORK

An Invitation



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To Join a New National Network of Evangelical Leaders, Congregations and Agencies

– *Catalyst*



The Invitation

With a keen sense of excitement and anticipation, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining Catalyst Network - a new national network of evangelical leaders, congregations and agencies within, but not exclusive to, the Uniting Church in Australia.

The Vision, Values and Statement of Belief for Catalyst is attached.

Catalyst Network seeks to be a positive renewal movement within, and for the life and mission of the church.

About Catalyst Network

Through 2018 a number of leaders from across the Uniting Church held prayerful conversations with the view of forming a new national network of evangelical leaders, congregations and agencies in the Uniting Church in Australia. For a considerable number of years many (not all) of us have been meeting together as part of the EL250

community (Evangelical Leaders of Congregations with average attendance over 250). EL250 was an informal and relational network. Catalyst will succeed and replace EL 250 as a broader based, still relational, as well as more formal network.

In light of the significant pastoral and mission disruptions experienced in many places leading up to and since the decisions of the 15th Assembly of the Uniting Church, we believe it is critical that congregations, agencies, and leaders within and beyond the Uniting Church who hold to the historic, orthodox faith and mission actively and positively network together for mutual encouragement and resourcing - prayerfully, strategically and passionately pursuing the great commission.



Catalyst Network will seek to equip, encourage and resource its members through:

- An Annual National Conference. The inaugural conference will be hosted by Newlife Church on the Gold Coast in August 2019. Dates will be confirmed ASAP.
- Emphasising evangelism, church health, church planting and revitalisation and ongoing leadership development.
- Hosting state based and regional gatherings, especially for younger and emerging leaders.
- A dynamic digital presence – including web and social media platforms.
- Facilitated consultancy and mentoring services.
- Other strategies to be determined.

Leadership

At the first Catalyst National Conference a board and office holders will be elected. Until that time, Catalyst Network is being led by a Steering Committee, the membership of which can be found at the bottom of this document.

Web and Social Media Presence

By the end of February 2019, Catalyst Network will launch a freely accessible website and have developed an active social media presence (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) in order to communicate with, and resource its members and other in a timely fashion.

The website address for Catalyst Network is: www.nationalcatalyst.org.au (Please note, the website will be 'live' by the end of February)



Membership Fees

The Catalyst Steering Committee has determined that the initial annual membership fees for the Catalyst Network will be as follows:

- \$500
Congregations and Agencies with annual income greater than \$200K
- \$250
Congregations and Agencies with annual income less than \$200K
- \$100
Individuals

Membership Fees will be reviewed annually at the Catalyst National Gathering.

Membership Application Process

Individuals, congregations and agencies wishing to join Catalyst can make application via the Membership Application Form (Appendix 2). Membership fees will be invoiced upon approval of the membership application by the Catalyst Steering Committee. Membership fees are not required with the application.

Questions

As you consider our invitation, you can direct any questions you, your congregation or agency has about Catalyst Network to any member of the Steering Committee, the names and contact details for whom are below.

Conclusion

Thank you for considering our invitation. We do not offer it lightly, but prayerfully and out of our deep passion for the gospel, the church and its mission.

Yours in Christ

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God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalm 46:1-3





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