

# Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) Starter Pack

*New to the world of the UCA? Here you will find a couple of documents to orient you to the beliefs, practices, and values of our church.*

1. A UCA Affirmation of Faith (a quick and easy read to get you started)
2. [Baptism DocByte](#)
3. [Basis of Union](#) (our founding document)
4. [Introduction to consensus decision making](#) (our core value of “unity in diversity” comes to life when meetings are well-led with consensus decision making. Sounds boring, but it’s genuinely incredible to see it in action.)
5. [Revised Preamble to the Constitution](#) (an example of how we are “a pilgrim people, always on the way”.)
6. Confirmation questions and commitments (questions for UCA membership)

## 1. A UCA Affirmation of Faith

*Along with the Apostles and Nicene Creeds, the following affirmation of faith is one that is grounded in the unique culture of the Uniting Church. It is adapted from the Basis of Union and is included in our worship book “Uniting in Worship 2” (Creeds & Statements of Faith - No.5).*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,  
confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.  
In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,  
the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.  
We acknowledge that we live and work  
between the time of Christ’s death and resurrection  
and the final consummation of all things which he will bring.  
We are a pilgrim people,  
always on the way towards a promised goal;  
on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,  
and we have the gift of the Spirit  
in order that we may not lose the way.  
We will live and work within the faith and unity  
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ’s gift and his will.  
We affirm that every member of the Church  
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.  
Together with all the people of God,  
we will serve the world for which Christ died.  
And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.



## 6. Confirmation Questions and Commitments

*(questions before confirmation)*

Do you turn away from all that separates you from God and your neighbours?

**I turn away from all that separates me from God and my neighbours (or 'I repent of my sins').**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ who has defeated the power of sin and death and brought us new life?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you commit yourself to God, trusting in Jesus Christ as Saviour and in the Holy Spirit as God's power and presence along the way?

**I commit myself to God.**

*(commitments made after the rite of confirmation)*

Will you continue in the community of faith, the apostles' teaching, the breaking of bread and the prayers?

**With God's help, I will.**

Will you proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ?

**With God's help, I will.**

Will you seek Christ in all people, and love your neighbour as yourself?

**With God's help, I will.**

Will you strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being?

**With God's help, I will.**