

The Church of Canberra

One Body

Many parts

Unique callings

This community is committed to acting together with other Christian Churches in all matters other than those in which deep differences of conviction compel us to act separately.

Pentecost 2004

A Covenant Between the Churches of
The Holy Trinity Anglican Parish Grenfell, and The Uniting Church in
Australia, Grenfell Congregation

We, the people of The Holy Trinity Anglican Parish Grenfell, and The Uniting Church in Australia, Grenfell Congregation:

Declaration of Intent:

RE-AFFIRM our commitment to one another as partners on the ecumenical journey;

BELIEVE that we are being blessed in our generation to witness the action of the Holy Spirit in drawing the churches in a common search for a fuller expression of unity.

REJOICE in all we have in common and **GIVE THANKS** for the richness of our diversity, for the sake of the Church's mission furthering the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

RECOGNISE ONE ANOTHER as Communities of faith, Hope and Love, committed to following Christ and pledged to God's kingdom; and therefore

MAKE A COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER to engage in an ongoing process of growing together (covenanting).

The Agreement: We AGREE together:

- To pray for each other, with the sharing of prayer points, and opening of the Tuesday prayer meeting at the UCA for joint prayer.
- To continue as has been established the Combined Services on 5th Sundays of the month and the midnight Christmas Eve Service.
- That we will go to a combined weekend away on the 23 - 25 July 2004.
- To explore opportunities for the Anglican Men's Society, and the UCA Brotherhood; as well as the Anglican Women's Association and the UCA Ladies Fellowship; to meet together, support each other and take part in one another's activities.
- To continue to seek and take opportunities to hold joint Bible studies.
- To support our two congregations by holding a joint Sunday school for our young people.
- To the Co-operative sharing of resources for ministry.
- To affirm the continuation of the joint arrangements for Special Religious Education in our primary and high schools.
- That The UCA Church Council and The Anglican Parish Council meet at least once a year for a social event to enjoy fellowship with each other and grow in our friendships.
- That we explore our two theological traditions namely the *Thirty-nine Articles of the Anglican Church* and *Basis of Union of the UCA*. We do this in order that we may gain appreciation of one another's tradition and spiritual journeys.
- That we review this covenant with possible renewal on Pentecost Sunday 2005

On this Whitsunday; the 30th Day in the Month of May in the year of
Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

Peter Ladlow
Rector's Warden

David Walker
Chair, Church Council

Stephen Griffin
People's Warden

Allan Knight
Chair, Congregation

Kim Whitechurch
People's Warden

Michele Johnson
Secretary, Church Council

The Rev'd Genieve M. Blackwell
Rector

The Rev'd Charles M. Vesely
Minister of the Word

MT DRUITT COMMUNITY MINISTRY

A co-operative ministry of
Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery of the Uniting Church in Australia
and the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta

VISION

Our mission and ministry in the Mt Drutt community is inspired
by the life of Jesus as we see it in the gospels.

MISSION

We seek to:

- walk alongside people with love and compassion, sharing the pain, joy and struggle
- listen and learn together
- discover and develop the strengths of people and community, working together for justice and reconciliation
- celebrate in community the diversity of cultures and faiths in unity of spirit
- foster Christian worship, prayer and reflection across cultures and denominations.

<i>Staff:</i>	<i>Community Minister</i>	<i>Anne McPherson</i>
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The Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn

warmly received news of the covenanting agreement signed by the Heads of Churches in Adelaide.

In response to this agreement the synod of our Diocese has resolved as follows:

That this Synod:

1. At this point in our journey towards visible unity between the Christian churches of Australia, owns and claims for the Diocese those places in the document "Australian Churches Covenanting Together" where the name of the Anglican Church of Australia appears, as a sign of what we can covenant to do together;
2. Recommends that each parish in the Diocese explore with other churches in their local area the commitments in Part B of the document "Australian Churches Covenanting Together", seeking ways in which the covenants can be made a practical reality of shared life;
3. Draws to the attention of local parishes the following steps which involve, at least from the point of view of the Anglican Church, no theological or legal problems and encourages them, where appropriate within their mission focus, to advocate these steps in their local area:
 - The use of a common baptism certificate
 - Ecumenical baptism services, at least from time to time
 - Common badging, e.g. a common logo on all letterheads of covenanting churches;
4. Recommends to Anglican News that it includes a regular column or feature about churches growing together;
5. That Bishop-in-Council be asked to seek clarification of the Anglican legal position about property when an Anglican parish and one or more other denominations wish to share a building or buildings in a local area and whether it is feasible to change this if thought desirable to do so;
6. That Bishop-in-Council be asked to seek clarification the legal position when two or more denominations wish to have joint operations with a "common purse" and whether it is possible to change this if thought desirable to do so; and
7. That Bishop-in-Council be asked to seek theological and legal opinion on the freedom of a diocese to extend the Authority to Officiate to clergy of other churches.

+ *George Browning*

Bishop George Browning
Anglican Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn