

What's next?

Next steps in the Canberra Church Planting Project



A Project of Immanuel Woden Valley Lutheran Church in partnership with LCA New and Renewing Churches

Molonglo Valley Gospel Community

In April 2021, a new Gospel Community began meeting in Denman Prospect, a suburb of the Molonglo Valley. As a group, we're encouraging and supporting one another in the Gospel; meeting weekly to dwell in God's word; and seeking ways to build connection with and bless the community around us. Our main connection so far has been with the Denman Prospect Community Action Group and we will be involved in organising a Denman Prospect carols event.

Growing the Mission Team

We are hoping and praying that not-yet-believers will connect with the Molonglo Valley Gospel Community and come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. At the same time, we're also asking the Lord of the harvest to send more workers (Luke 10:2). This includes more Christians joining the existing Gospel Community and the formation of another one or two Gospel Communities in other locations.

Multiplication of Gospel Communities

The purpose of Gospel Communities is to be nurturing and supporting one another in faith, life with God, and loving the people around us. We also hope that they are communities through which people who don't yet believe will experience and encounter God. If this happens, a Gospel Community will grow! At a certain point, a Gospel Community simply becomes too large to continue to both maintain close relationships and be open to new members. At this point, it makes sense to divide into smaller groups, which remain connected by joining together for worship.

Worshipping Together

Worshipping together is important. Gathering in community around the Word and Sacrament, we are shaped, renewed, and sent into God's world. Gathering as a distinct community in a new location will allow God to more deeply shape the identity of this new church community. These worship times will involve music (praise), prayer, preaching, sharing Holy Communion, and will also be the place where new believers are baptised.

Towards Public Worship

Simply forming a new worshipping community is not the goal of the Canberra Church Planting Project. Worshipping together is important, but the worship service should be growing, equipping and sending us, rather than something we pour all our energy into. As the worshipping community grows, we will advertise worship publicly when it feels appropriate.

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