



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

5 YEAR MISSIONAL FRAMEWORK

2024 - 2028



*BUILDING HOPE
IN A BROKEN WORLD*

THIS BOOKLET CONTAINS THE MISSIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR HOPE PRESBYTERIAN IN THE 2024 TO 2028 YEARS.

It has developed from continued prayer and discernment by Hope's elders and leadership over an 18 month period.

The Framework explains who we are as a one-church many-sites Christian church, the values that we hold as important, and God's mission for us in these years. It is the foundation out of which all our Hope Church sites will build and measure site-focused goals between 2024 and 2028. From it, God will help us work together to build hope in a broken world.

You will see building metaphors of living stones, our sure foundation and building blocks. Scripture supports them. They depict that we are to rely on God for the strength of stone, to actively mobilise and live out His mission for us, and to build on the priorities He has given us to reach, help and love people. We do so with the aid of His Holy Spirit, and in the security of what our Saviour Jesus Christ has done for us.

WE, AS THE HOPE PRESBYTERIAN ELDERSHIPS AND PASTORAL TEAMS, ARE EXCITED TO INVITE YOU PERSONALLY TO BE PART OF THIS MISSIONAL JOURNEY.

OUR CONTEXT

- Hope Presbyterian is one church that consists of multiple interdependent sites throughout the South-West of Christchurch, New Zealand. We aim to be a church that is local to each community we serve and global in following Christ Jesus as His disciples.
- Our church is made up of people from different cultures and ages joining together under our common faith in God. We collaboratively serve our local and global communities.
- We are called to remain true to our Christian faith in a world that increasingly challenges and questions it. These challenges can be met in the hope and love of Jesus, and through the power of the Holy Spirit as we respond in truth and love.

OUR VALUES

- Our values describe the core principles that are important to Hope. They inform who we are, why we do what we do, and how we do it.
- Our four key values are shown on the following pages. They portray how God is building hope in a broken world through Hope Presbyterian as part of His church.

CHRISTLIKENESS IS OUR
PURSUIT

FORMING FOLLOWERS OF
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Upward

God is central to all we do. We build our lives on love for our Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit through obedience in service, worship and prayer. We serve God by loving Him and one another. We worship Jesus in “spirit and in truth”. We faithfully pray in the Spirit with intentionality and expectation. In this way we join Him in building His kingdom of love and justice where He has placed us until Christ returns.

(John 4:23-24; Romans 12:1-2)





PEOPLE ARE OUR PRIORITY

Across

We welcome and serve all people, both inside and outside the church. We seek to creatively meet their needs in genuine love, hungering to see them come into a personal relationship with Jesus.

We choose to be resilient champions of hope and freedom in our broken world, stewarding all that God has entrusted to us for future generations. We know this is only made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us.

As “living stones” God is shaping and building us into a people who meet and fulfil our potential in, and for, Him. We are to be full of vitality and joy, overflowing with genuine love and care for others. We resist the urge to embrace individualism, and instead aspire to be a welcoming and generous community with genuine connections that extend beyond Sundays.

(John 13:34-35; Ephesians 4:14-16; James 1:27; 1 Peter 2:4-5)

CHRISTLIKENESS IS OUR PURSUIT

Inward

Our family likeness is Christlikeness. We are humble conduits of His powerful faith-enabled grace. Spiritual disciplines hone our sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's guidance and power through transformational time in prayer, Bible reading and study and worship. We step out in our grace-enabled gifts, both individually and corporately. In this way, God is crafting us as living stones into a temple for the Holy Spirit. We are active, flexible, agile, and have a boldness and courage that comes from being steadfastly anchored to the cornerstone, Jesus Christ.

**(Habakkuk 2:4; Matthew 7:24-25; Ephesians 2:19-22;
Ephesians 4:1-4; Philippians 3:7-11)**



A close-up photograph of a person's hand raised in prayer or praise. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. The background is a soft, out-of-focus crowd of people, suggesting a church service or a public gathering. The lighting is warm and natural, possibly from a window or stage lights.

FORMING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS IS OUR PURPOSE

Outward

We choose to reach beyond ourselves, intentionally being outward focused. In a world of great need, we eagerly respond to God's invitation to take up our part in the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Good News of Jesus, as the ultimate source of a fulfilling, vibrant and joy-filled life, is our message to the world. A life that is available to all who choose to follow Christ Jesus, our living hope.

(Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 4:16-19; John 4:34-38)

MISSIONAL PRIORITIES

Our values are foundational. They help direct our missional priorities. The five priorities, or building blocks, that God has led us as Hope Presbyterian to focus on during the 2024 to 2028 years are as follows.

1. DISCIPLING ALL GENERATIONS OF CHRISTIANS

We will grow inter-generational followers of Christ, by pointing them to the truth and freedom found only in Jesus Christ.

We will create opportunities, and remove obstacles, for people to “take a step toward Jesus” and to flourish as confident and generous followers of God.

We will develop future leaders for Christ.

We will set our hearts and minds on godly truth as it is revealed by the Holy Spirit in the Bible. Our love of this, and the only truth, will always be sustained by our joy-filled love of God and people.



2. PARTNERING WITH OTHERS TO REACH OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR WORLD



As God has partnered with us, so we will call others to godly partnerships that are built on the cornerstone of Christ.

We aspire to be an appealing partner by demonstrating the love, unity, patience and diligence that is inspired by the Spirit. Our godly partnerships during 2024 to 2028 are to produce fruit for the Kingdom of God.



We desire to be flexible in our approach, supporting our people in their creativity and missional endeavours as the Holy Spirit inspires them.

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We will partner with others within our Hope network to reach our communities. We will partner with Hope World Wide to impact on the practical, social and spiritual needs of the places we are called to in the world.



3. BE A BEACON OF HOPE TO THOSE ON THE FRINGES

As Christ-followers we will be a beacon of hope in the world, offering a secure shelter in trying times.

We will be confident communicators of both the goodness and the truth of Christianity as revealed in scripture.

We will promote a culture that seeks justice and freedom for people who are marginalised by society.

We will respond with courage when we wrestle with the issues of our day.

Our beacon of hope will illuminate the God who loves all people, who died for them and who rose from the dead. In doing so we will provide hope and assurance of a forgiven past, a purposeful present, and a flourishing future with Him.





4. REACH THE HINTERLAND (THE UNCHARTED TERRITORY)

We will seek Holy Spirit-inspired wisdom to boldly reach outside our known communities into places where others may not go.

We will establish God's kingdom in previously unexplored areas or locations. This will encompass potential new sites, online space, and new forms of church.

We will also be open to God illuminating new opportunities in the mission field where our people are already at work.

As "people are our priority" is one of our values, we will prioritise loving and serving others. Our people and the new disciples that we will see will grow in faith because of it.

5. BE A WARM AND INVITING CHURCH THAT PEOPLE ARE HAPPY TO CALL HOME

We will be living stones. We will be vibrant, flexible and steadfast.

We will be known by the generosity of our love in action. We will be a church family that is warm and welcoming, and that offers genuine friendship to all.

We will honour those who came before and prepare the generations to come as a joyful and faithful witness.

We will diligently journey with others until Christ returns to take us home.





