

## VISION

The vision of Blueprint Ministries is to see **relational and transformative faith communities growing, supporting and challenging each other across generations.**

## OUR HOPE IS TO:

- See people in the First Third (the first third of life, approximately 0-33 years) encounter and embrace the life changing grace of Jesus.
- Support congregations in developing a culture which embraces the First Third.
- Encourage a church where people encounter and grow in the life changing grace of Jesus as they support and challenge each other across generations.

## SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATIONS

We believe our vision is drawn from scripture in the following ways:

- Jesus' commands to love God and love others (Matthew 22:37-40; Mark 12:29-31; Luke 10:25-28), and his new command to love one another as he has loved us (John 13:34,35) are fundamentally **relational** – as Jesus brings us into a new relationship with almighty God as our loving heavenly Father (Romans 8:15) through the gift of his Holy Spirit, he also brings us into a new relationship with each other as the family of God (Galatians 3:26) and members of his body (1 Corinthians 12)
- These relationships are **transformative** because through them the Holy Spirit is continually shaping us to become more like Jesus (Romans 12:2) so we can be his salt and light in the world (Matthew 5:13-16), participating with God in his plan to redeem, restore and renew the world (2 Corinthians 5:17; Revelation 21:5)
- We have these new relationships through **faith** in Jesus (John 6:29; Romans 3:28; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 2:28) which God gives to us and grows in us by his Holy Spirit working through his word (Romans 10:17) and will be active in love for others (Galatians 5:6)
- These relationships are lived out in **communities** with other believers where God calls us to use our gifts to work together for the common good (1 Corinthians 12), to build each other up in faith and in love (Ephesians 4:16; 1 Peter 2:5) and to equip us to serve God and others in the world (Ephesians 4:11-13). These communities provide the context for the First Third to hear God's promises through his word, receive his life-giving sacraments, experience the grace of God through cross- or intergenerational ministries, and learn how to love others who are different to ourselves like Jesus does and teaches us to do.

## RATIONALE

Our vision can be lived out in three key communities in the lives of the First Third (a 3-dimensional approach to First Third Ministry):

- Home and Family – research (*Young Adult Ministry Evaluation*, Lutheran Youth Queensland, March 2014, pg 7) indicates that the home is the primary source for faith formation. The community of the family is already a focus for GROW Ministries, and Blueprint Ministries will continue to partner with them in growing and equipping parents, grandparents, other family members and their supporting congregations.
- Camps and Events – peak experiences have a significant role in the faith formation of young people. Camping ministry provides discipleship opportunities for both young people and young adults. Furthermore, camps, events and conferences help young adults learn and develop in leadership as members in the Body of the Christ. We see the importance of deepening the connections of young people with their other two key communities.
- Congregations – these communities are in unique and valuable positions to walk with the First Third in their journey of faith. To do this effectively, we will collaborate with congregations and pastors to walk with them as they grow a church culture which recognises and disciples the First Third.

## RESOURCING

In line with the above scriptural foundations and rationale, we have established three roles to achieve the vision of Blueprint Ministries:

- Team Leader
  - Providing strategic leadership and oversight of all Blueprint Ministries' operations.
  - Enacting and communicating the vision of Blueprint Ministries, sourcing and providing leadership training, and partnering ecumenically.
- Camping and Event Ministries Coordinator
  - Providing hands on leadership, resourcing and support to Blueprint Camping and Event leaders ensuring that they are equipped and empowered for ministry and to share the gospel.
- Congregational Coach (now in partnership with LCA GROW ministries)
  - Supporting congregations and parishes to develop their cultures to more effectively disciple the First Third.