

UCA Tasmania

Walking Together

Charter Journey Plan 2026

This document is a summary of our 2026 journey to develop a Charter for the Presbytery. It sets out how we will hear and hold stories, listen deeply across our communities, and work together to shape a clear and practical way forward in discerning God's call together.

Thank you to the people who helped shape this plan.



Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA
Presbytery of Tasmania





Context

We are creating a clear and practical Charter to guide the focus of our faith community over the coming five to ten years.

Engaging together will help us respond well to the changes we are facing:

- Fewer young people
- Fewer ordained ministers
- Smaller congregations
- Lots of property and maintenance matters
- Changing community needs.

The Uniting Church is committed to following Christ, walking together as First and Second Peoples, seeking community, compassion and justice for all creation.

What do we need to do, and who do we need to be as a church, to faithfully live out our call to discipleship across lutruwita/Tasmania?





The *Charter* will aim to:

- Be grounded in the **lived realities of lutruwita/Tasmania**
- Connect with the **shared vision** *"Following Christ, walking together as First and Second Peoples, seeking community, compassion and justice for all creation."*
- Connect meaningfully with **Faithful Futures** and **Act 2**

The Charter will assist the Presbytery 'in council' and the three presbytery committees to work together in the best way for all of us.

By creating this Charter together and making sure many voices are included, the Presbytery will be well placed to create a Charter that is **faithful, practical, and future-focused**, shaped by shared hopes.



Faithful Futures is the UCA renewal process of the Presbyteries and Synod across Tasmania and Victoria.





What are we *trying* to do?

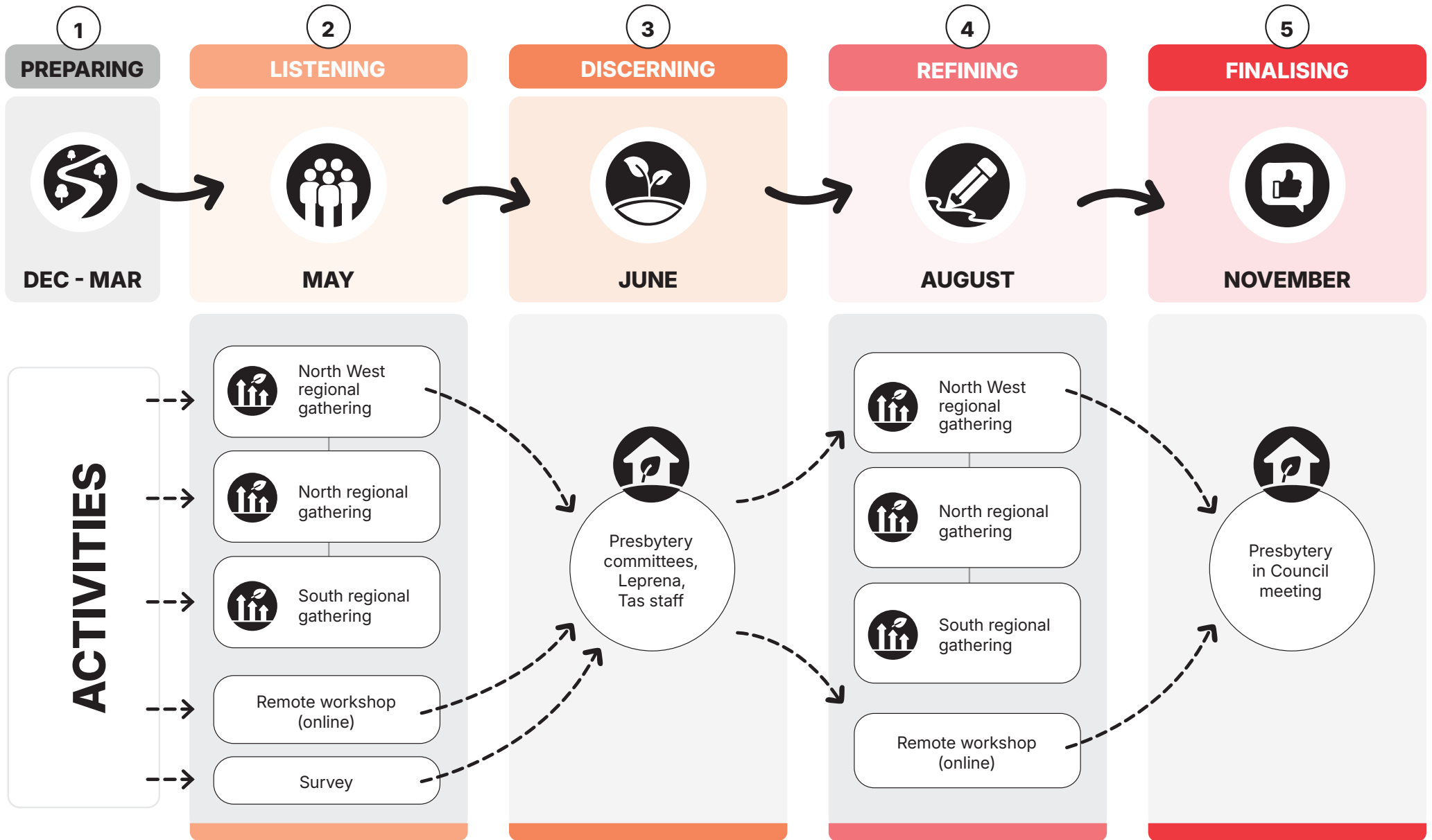
- We will hold and hear all our stories across the Presbytery, including Leprena
- Creating a clear and practical Charter to guide the Uniting Church in Iutruwita/Tasmania
- Ground the Charter in the real needs of Tasmania UCA and UAICC
- Create a document which is easily understood by all people.

What kind of *experience* are we trying to create?

- Respectful conversations
- Inclusive conversations
- Workshops and gatherings in various locations and formats
- Be mindful of people who are isolated and remote, and how important it is to hear them.



Journey Overview



For more information please see the original Journey Plan document.



Scope – What's *in* and what's *out*?

In this part of the journey plan, we clarify what this conversation is really about, and where everyone's input can make a genuine difference.

In scope

Topics we can discuss together

- Our focus areas as a Presbytery within lutruwita/Tasmania
- How we work together and make decisions
- Who and what we most want to impact through our mission in the coming years

Out of scope

Topics that are not open for changing as part of this project

- The overall vision of the Uniting Church in Australia
- Matters outside lutruwita/Tasmania, including Synod and Assembly issues

Ways of *working* together

These things are important in the way we work together, we want to:

- Recognise different viewpoints
- Remember the history while we shape the present and future
- Recognise the uniqueness of the Uniting Church in Tas
- Focus on different solutions
- Focus on the reality of issues and resources
- Remember the agencies of the UCA





What is a *Charter*?

A Charter is a document where we write down our shared hopes. We can come back to it to guide us in hard decisions. The Charter helps us all to understand our shared faith in Tasmania and with the wider UCA. The Charter invites us to think together and make decisions together. Our Charter will focus on 2027 to 2032 and will set out our shared commitments for this time. It will guide our actions to help us achieve our commitments.





What is the *Covenant*?

The Covenant is a formal agreement between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and the Uniting Church in Australia. It is built on justice, truth and equity. In 1994, the Uniting Church publicly apologised for its role in past injustices, including dispossession and the Stolen Generations. The Covenant calls the Church to walk in ongoing accountability and active truth telling. It recognises that this work is not finished. The Covenant affirms the continuing sovereignty of First Peoples and their right to self determination within the life of the Church. It supports an independent Aboriginal voice in leadership, faith and governance.

Who is Leprena UAICC Tasmania?

Leprena UAICC Tasmania is the Tasmania expression of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress. We are a cultural, spiritual and community base for Aboriginal people and the wider community. Led by Alison Overeem, and supported by Ayla Williams and Grace Williams, we work in partnership with community to strengthen culture, faith, advocacy and connection across Country. Our work centres First Peoples leadership and creates spaces for gathering, learning, truth telling and building respectful relationships between First and Second Peoples. Through our work in culture, community engagement, partnerships and governance, we contribute to justice, reconciliation and shared wellbeing.

