



HOPE MISSION NETWORK
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General Secretary,
Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY
Level 10, 222 Pitt St,
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Dear General Secretary,

With regard to the upcoming Assembly consideration of marriage we wish to have our response to the Assembly of the Uniting Church paper included in the Assembly 2018 correspondence.

As a longstanding Uniting Church we have a congregation of 152 worshipping members who fulfill an important role in the City of Port Pirie. The Constitution of the Uniting Church is clear that all members of the church have an equal right to be heard on all matters of church policy and we therefore request that our view be given due regard.

We are a member church of the Hope Network in the South Australian Synod and a member church of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations within the Uniting Church. We have a strong belief in the truth of God's Word and so the importance of Marriage being between a Man and a Woman as is clear from the Holy Scriptures where it is stated "that from the beginning God made them male and female". Our Lord also said, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh". (Matt. 19: 4-5 NIV)

We also believe that this is a "Matter Vital to the Life of the Church" And as such needs to be addressed by all members of the church. If the Assembly changes the regulations to include "same sex marriage" we believe there will be a large number of Uniting Church members who will leave the UCA including many of our congregation.

It is our wish that the Assembly would honour the God given Scriptures and continue to stand for marriage as being between a Man and Woman and publicly speak out the received doctrine of the UCA in relation to marriage so that it is clear to the general public as well as UCA members.

For the future of our families, the Uniting Church and our nation, it is important that our denomination is seen to be in accord with other mainstream denominations that have clearly stated the truth regarding marriage.

Yours in Christ,

Congregation Chairperson

Church Council Chairperson

Jesus said "I am the world's Light. No one who follows me stumbles around in the darkness. I provide plenty of light to live in." "John 8:12 (MsgB)