

OUR4FOLDTASK MOVING FORWARD

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Summary Report

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There is lots of talk about the Fourfold Task (4FT). What is happening in the CRCA today and what do we need to do to move forward in the next couple of years?

- Overall there is widespread support for the **missional vision** to reach the lost for Christ.
- The idea of “reforming” indicates some level of change – and with a certain segment of the denomination there is **resistance** to change.
- There are indications that our churches are increasingly being filled with **prayerful** and sacrificial compassion for the lost in the world.
- Since the 4FT task has been adopted the overall membership within the CRCA has decreased at a lower rate each year.
- Ten(10) churches have completed the **NCD survey** and are implementing strategies to increase church health.
- Before the next Synod (2012) there is the potential of adding more than **10 new churches** within the CRCA, boosting our number of churches to 65 or more.
- Churches are becoming **externally focussed** – getting involved in the lives of the hurting, needy and broken.
- **G.O.S.P.E.L.** is enabling the CRCA to engage in church planting work in India – beyond the borders of Australia.

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Our vision bucket needs to be refilled.

The work of church planting needs to be resourced.

The CRCA should be promoting and utilising specialists in church planting such as Vision 100 and The Geneva Push.

The progress of the Multiply and Train Workgroups ought to be monitored.

The CRCA website needs to promote unity around our adopted vision, mission, core values, and strategies.

Things such as our church ethos, customs, and church order need to be continually reformed.

Training pathways in the CRCA need to be merged into a common direction.

- We have made significant progress in the area of training due in large part to the work of the RTC and the adoption of **Task3**.
- Throughout Australia a growing number of men and women are being trained for ministry in the church.
- **Leadership training** for all those who serve in ministry and/or leadership in our churches will be an important cog in the wheel as the CRCA moves forward to implement the priorities of the third task.
- The **align** priority is the one area which needs critical attention if the CRCA is going to develop its effectiveness in ministry and mission.

When culture changes, adjust your methods or you will lose your effectiveness ...but never change your message or your principles! When methods no longer work, don't blame the harvest as being unreachable; instead ask God if it is time to change your methods.”
- Elmer Towns
