



AN ELDERSHIP STRUCTURE FOR NEW TIMES



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The elders have adopted a new eldership structure. It reflects biblical teaching about eldership responsibilities and takes account of the unique nature of Canberra Central Parish.

The structure renews our focus on the spiritual oversight and nurturing of faith in the congregation, the faithful conduct of worship and pastoral care or our caring for one another. It is flexible allowing people to use their gifts and strengths and be energized by their work in the church.

We are reminded that pastoral care is not about a few caring for many, but about caring for one another. Reciprocity and a mutual caring build both our faith and the integrity of our congregations.

As I have loved you. Love one another.

John 13:34

The new eldership structure* is organised by the following groups:

Elders Executive coordinates and integrates all the Eldership functions of the congregations; includes Spiritual Oversight, management of the Congregational lists (Roll), and recruiting new elders.

Spiritual Growth and Nurture in the Faith coordinates the spiritual education and outreach activities of the congregations.

Worship coordinates and organises all Worship activities of the congregations.

Pastoral Care coordinates all pastoral care in the congregations.

* More information about the specific responsibilities of each group can be obtained from the office or a group member.

ALLOCATION OF ELDERS TO GROUPS

Spiritual Growth and Nurture in the Faith

Corinne Bruen, Brenda Neal, Phillip O'Brien,
Leanne McKean*(a), Adele Jurd, John Sutton*(a),
Paul Chen, Ockert Meyer*

Worship

Glenda McDowall* (a), Tanya Mowbray, Elizabeth
Richardson, Susan Akhurst*,
Cameron McKean, Nancy Opdyke

Pastoral Care

Lorraine Billingham* (a),
Robert James, Phil Freeman, Helen Palmer*(a),
Heather Hart, Jan Sismey*,
Marion Gilmour-Temu, Deveni Temu,
Alistair Christie, Kathie Potts, Ann Sutton

St Aidan's

Max Hill (Life Elder), Heather McLaren

*Members of Executive
(a) Leaders of Groups