

## **Objects of Tasmanian Baptists**

The Union commits to regularly allow time to enable God;

- to draw us to Himself in prayer;
- to draw us into His community marked by love, respect, confession and forgiveness; and
- to draw us into His mission through theological reflection;

so as to bring life and purposefulness in the outworking of the following Object statements of the Union.

- a. To support and act on behalf of constituent churches in accordance with;
  - i. the Baptist principles of autonomy of the local church and interdependence of all Baptist Churches
  - ii. the Act, Constitution, By-Laws and Union Trusts.
- b. To promote the unity, spiritual health and effective functioning of the Union, by:
  - i. assisting the Churches in proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ;
  - ii. assisting the Churches in establishing organised Churches of baptised believers;
  - iii. assisting Churches in the provision of necessary buildings, pastoral leadership, and in such other ways as may be deemed appropriate; and
  - iv. defining the area of responsibility of any proposed new church; and providing guidance and assistance in grouping, unifying, or subdividing existing Churches when invited to do so.
- c. To promote involvement in and support missionary work, aid and evangelism particularly in areas served by recognised Australian Baptist organisations.
- d. To arrange and accept responsibility for the training of approved candidates for the ministry.
- e. To assist as necessary aged and incapacitated ministers and agents of the Union.
- f. To provide for properties to be held in trust for the Churches, Departments and Special Ministries and Affiliated Bodies of the Union in accordance with the terms of trust set out in Schedule A attached to this Constitution.
- g. To give advice, direction and assistance, when necessary to ensure appropriate governance and administrative function of Churches.
- h. To give advice, direction and assistance, when requested by Churches in circumstances of difficulty.
- i. To aid in the promotion of public morality and community welfare.
- j. To provide information concerning Baptist history and principles, and promote fraternal relationships with Baptists in other States and countries.
- k. To provide opportunities for conference and for informed declaration of Christian principles and convictions.
- l. To confer and co-operate with other Christian communities as occasion may require.
- m. To publish and/or distribute approved newspapers, periodicals, pamphlets, tracts, etc., as may be deemed expedient.
- n. Generally to plan and put into effect such projects, programmes, and enterprises as will promote the work of God through the Baptists of Tasmania.