

Together *in Mission*

Baptist Churches SA & NT

POLICY STATEMENT

Together in Mission is a E-Newsletter and Print publication issued by Baptist Churches of South Australia and the Northern Territory Incorporated (BCSANT) since before the turn of this century. Its purpose is to share what Jesus is doing across our movement, namely, what is happening in local Baptist churches and with God's people.

This statement communicates the Policy for our current paper on which decisions are made.

MISSION STATEMENT

Together in Mission (TiM) exists to serve local Baptist churches of BCSANT in the following ways:

- Feature news, events, and **stories** from and/or about our members across South Australia and the Northern Territory. From our movement, for our movement.
- Encourage and connect local Baptist churches through the delivery of relevant-interesting-important information to its leaders and members.
- Provide a space for our partner organisations such as Baptist Mission Australia, Baptist World Aid, Crossover, and Baptist Care SA to share their latest news, events and/or views as deemed appropriate.
- Create avenues for Baptist churches to support and pray for one another.
- Share other information of interest within the Baptist movement.

EDITORIAL TEAM

Our current Editorial Team:

- The Communications Officer takes responsibility for lay-out, graphics, typesetting.
- Douglas Press currently prints it.
- Melinda Cousins gives leadership to the Team and speaks for the team in matters of Policy.

As a team:

- We undertake to serve local Baptist churches of BCSANT.
- We focus on what is happening in our local churches, the wider movement, and associated agencies of BCSANT.
- We share information about churches and God's people in a contemporary fashion.
- We endeavour to maintain the highest possible standards of accuracy, clarity, and readability.
- We are enthusiastically committed to high standards of writing, editing, design and production.
- We endeavour to keep in touch with local Baptist churches and associated agencies in a way that promotes good will, co-operation, and effective communication.
- We value editorial independence. Full editorial control rests with the team.
- We reserve the right to decide whether and how requests for inclusion of advertisements and/or articles will be made.

COST

The publication/s are of free distribution.

The publication costs will be monitored by the Editorial Team in consultation with BCSANT administration staff.

EDITORIAL POLICY

This Section outlines the policy for the main sections of *TiM*.

Content and Images

- Content presents information of interest from our local churches, the wider movement, and associated agencies of BCSANT.
- When appropriate, some content addresses current issues in the life of the churches or society.
- A range of views should be offered in line with our Baptist beliefs and values.

Advertising

Together in Mission's key purpose is to share what Jesus is doing across our movement. As such, advertisements about matters not relating to local Baptist churches, our people, ministry initiatives or the wider Church will no longer be considered.

Advertisements from local Baptist churches, the BCSANT Office, and associated agencies will be published free of charge except when:

- Advertisements promote fundraising events or charge fees for other charities or organisations not related to BCSANT.
- Advertisements from other denominations (including Baptist unions of other states), professionals, companies, etc. will be charged at a rate set from time to time by the Editorial Team in consultation with the BCSANT administration staff.

Inserts

- Affiliated Ministries and associated agencies may be invited to include an insert from time-to-time, which is in keeping with this Policy Statement.
- Other requests for inserts are considered according to this Policy Statement.

AIMS

The Editorial Team strives to publish Together in Mission as a high-quality E-Newsletter and Print Magazine – in consideration with the resources available. To that end:

- We will cautiously and slowly improve the overall design of the paper.
- We will adjust the content of the paper to meet the needs of local Baptist members and churches.
- We will seek innovative ways to improve the environmental sustainability of TiM year-on-year.

By reading *Together in Mission*, we want local Baptists to know what is happening in our local churches as they thrive in Jesus, and with Him, transform the world!