 **Tas Valley Cell Church 2017**

**GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP**

* Following Jesus.
* Learning to see Him more clearly, love Him more dearly and follow Him more nearly.

What are the good things we are doing already?

* **Leading role in running Benefice Alpha courses and youth alpha.**
* **Nurturing new believers through cell church groups inc youth cells which have grown considerably.**
* **Leading Role in Prayer 24-7.**
* **Interesting study material – e.g. Faith Hope, Love and Everything in between**
* **Youth cells have been restricted and is peer led, with observance by adult.**
* **Special Me Group now up and running**
* **New cells (including parent and toddler group) started**

How do we feel God is calling us to grow in this area in the long term?

* **Grow in prayer and personal discipleship**
* **Grow in personal financial giving.**
* **Continue to develop cell church leadership including youth leadership so it can continue to grow**

What steps shall we take this year?

* **Encourage giving through Gift Aid, regular standing orders and text giving**
* **Take lead in Prayer 24-7 (May/June)**
* **Encourage more involvement in the Cell Church leadership, e.g. become a trustee**
* **Prioritized training meetings**

**GROWING IN SERVICE**

* Responding to human need
* Caring for God’s creation
* Transforming unjust structures in society

What are the good things we are doing already?

* “**Secret pastor” initiative – encouraging care and prayer for others**
* **Initiatives of individuals and cells eg. “Labours of Love” Gardening etc, litter pick**
* **Youth cells have particularly helped with Holiday Club (Christian Aid) and Posada Festival (Toybox)**
* **Supporting rural evangelism project**
* **Special Me Initiative for people with special needs is up and running**
* **Monthly meals for the over 65s established**
* **Monthly film night for the whole community in the Winter months established**
* **Prayer 24-7 experience is helping our church schools set up prayer space.**

How do we feel God is calling us to grow in this area in the long term?

* **Parent and toddler support**
* **A men’s group which might be focused on practical acts of service like “labours of love”**

What steps shall we take this year?

* **Looking to establish a Men’s Group which might be focused on practical acts of service like “Labours of Love”**

**GROWING IN NUMBERS**

* Helping more people to find faith
* Helping people to join our congregation

What are the good things we are doing already?

* **Youth and adult Cells run regular impromptu outreach/social events.**
* **Begun 7 years ago, the Cell church has grown to about 60 adult and 25 youth members**
* **Cells are the mainstay of the benefice alpha courses**
* **Recent 14-18s Alpha very successful.**

How do we feel God is calling us to grow in this area in the long term?

* **More men!**
* **Help each other in cell to encourage each other in Evangelism and to help each other to do it.**
* **Continue to have cell-run alpha courses and support Prayer 24-7**
* **More lay leadership with Bishop’s Mission Order with future of its ministry on a firm footing – recognition as a church and continuity of leadership**
* **Find more ways to engage with people who are not yet ready to go on Alpha.**

What steps shall we take this year?

* **Making Mission Possible Training in Jan & Cell Series on Evangelism/ Sharing Good News in Feb**
* **JAM is preparing to receive new young people after Easter.**
* **Two Alpha Courses running this year.**
* **A small team from the cell church is focusing on how we can help more men to find faith and do church in a way which is meaningful**