

## **BASIS FOR UNITY - WHAT MIGHT WE AGREE ON?**

**Our Father, in the name of Your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ we humbly submit before you:**

### **1. OUR CONFESSION:**

As individual persons and Your Church we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. In many cases we have deliberately ignored your holy laws. We have not done those things we ought to have done and we have done those things we ought not to have done. Through negligence, apathy and the corruption of your word our love is growing colder each day under the weight of sin and our light has grown dim before men. Through fleshly ambition, wisdom and fear we have diminished the light and power of the message of the Cross.

### **2. OUR REPENTANCE:**

On the basis of your nature, your declared promises and our confession above we now ask you to have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, lead us away from temptation and help us live godly, righteous, sanctified and obedient lives - for your glory.

### **3. OUR NEED FOR BLESSING:**

We acknowledge that God is the sovereign, ultimate authority over all matters of life and governance in Australia. Accordingly we acknowledge the need for the nation to return to the foundations set out in the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (1900), particularly the words referring to us "humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God". Thus we renounce all covenants, treaties and laws that, in intent or effect, usurp God's sovereignty and authority.

### **4. OUR ALLEGIANCE:**

Our allegiance is first and foremost to God. We also acknowledge our Queen's promise under oath at her coronation in 1953 that she would, to the utmost of her power, maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel (this is the principle of Lex Rex - God's Law before the King's law). We acknowledge the connection of all parliamentarians, by way of oath or affirmation under the Constitution, to swear allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen. In so doing we maintain that we all have been joined to the Queen's covenant with God. Also, we join with all new citizens in the Pledge of Commitment to Australia - *"From this time forward (under God) I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people, whose democratic beliefs I share, whose rights and liberties I respect, and whose laws I will uphold and obey."* Furthermore we say "God Save The Queen" and "God Save Australia".

### **5. OUR CHOSEN DIRECTION:**

We firmly believe that the nation is on a downtrend trend, a slippery slope, headed to decadence and tyranny. This downward path has been characterised by grievous spiritual, moral and financial decline, which has impacted negatively on most aspects of our physical, economic and social wellbeing - most of all our traditional family life. We are deeply in debt and our social capital has been seriously eroded. There are forces at work undermining our unity by causing division and in recent years our political leadership has become untrustworthy, impotent, ineffective and motivated more by self-interest and the secret agendas of so-called "progressives". Lurking beneath all of this is a dark sense of foreboding and brooding evil. Clearly we are going in the wrong direction and need to make a U-Turn back to our Constitutional foundations, hard-won freedoms and traditional Christian heritage.

**6. OUR COMMON VISION:**

That Australia be restored and blessed as one nation under God, with its own national sovereignty and for it to be a witness for God to the nations. We reject the so-called New World Order (NWO) in favour of God's Created Order (GCO).

**7. OUR NEED FOR STRATEGY & MOBILISATION:**

There needs to be a clear understanding of God's ways and purposes (strategy) and to align our strategy with His and allow Him, by our receipt of His wisdom, to lead us into battle, win the victory and take back the ground the enemy has stolen. We foresee large numbers of men and women of mountain-moving faith being raised up, mobilised and committed in humility to prayer and action.

**8. OUR COMMITMENT TO THE CENTRALITY OF THE CROSS:**

We acknowledge that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation and that the message of the Cross will be the cutting edge (spear-tip) for all our prayer and action as we seek change, revival and national transformation. In accordance with 1Cor 1:17 we commit to removing all vestiges of the wisdom of man from our preaching, teaching and witness to the message of the Cross, including all forms of compromise, syncretism, humanist philosophy, belief in evolution, sin, apathy, doubt, fear of man and political correctness.

**9. OUR CORE STRATEGIES:**

We undertake to significantly escalate our trust, obedience, prayer and action as follows:

- a. to try to close the strategic gap between where we are now and where you want us to be by following the traditional 4 Growth Steps:
  - answer the call
  - commit to change and growth
  - train for the harvest and the fight

- engage with You more closely and with the brethren, the lost and the enemy. \_
- b. in the **Church** - to fundamentally re-think the way we do Church in the light of the existing threats inside and outside the Church and the greater Gospel-opportunity for salvation and transformation. This means timely cross-centred preaching for God, against sin and for righteousness in life, marriage, sex-roles, families, discipleship and training for the harvest.
- c. in the **public policy arena** - to contend for the faith against ungodly programs (inc. abortion, same-sex marriage, "safe-schools", child-centred propaganda, restrictions on freedom of speech and religion) and for truth, trust, integrity and selfless public service in government.
- d. in the **market-place** - to participate in on-street prayer teams exhibiting our love for God and our love for our neighbours, including 7 geographic areas, where our neighbours:
- **LIVE** (by regularly praying around selected blocks in residential catchment areas)
  - **LEARN** (praying outside pre-schools, primary, secondary and tertiary centres)
  - **SHOP** (praying in shopping centres and malls)
  - **WORK** (praying by employees in small prayer cells in work-places),
  - **SERVE** (praying outside parliament, councils, police stations, courts etc)
  - **PLAY** (praying at or near major sporting events and fairs etc)
  - **REST** (praying in hospitals, nursing homes, senior citizen's homes etc)

..... **SO HELP US GOD!**

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