

Together in Mission

POLICY STATEMENT

A publication issued by Baptist Churches of South Australia since before the turn of this century with the purpose of communicating what was happening in the churches and with God's people.

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

MISSION STATEMENT

The South Australian "Together in Mission" (TiM) exists to serve Baptist Churches of Baptist Churches of SA in the following ways:

- Feature News, events and **stories** about our members across South Australia
- Unite the Baptist Community through the delivery of relevant-interesting-important information to its leaders and members
- Provide a space for our partner Agencies/Key Stakeholders such as Global Interaction, Baptist World Aid and Baptist Care to share their latest news, events and/or views
- Unite the Baptist Churches in Prayer for one another and for Baptist Churches SA
- Share all other information of interest within the Baptist Family

EDITORIAL TEAM

Our current Editorial Team:

The Communications Officer takes responsibility for lay-out, graphics, typesetting.

Douglass Press currently prints it.

Mike Mills gives leadership to the Team and speaks for the team in matters of Policy.

As a team

- We undertake to serve the Baptist Churches of Baptist Churches of SA
- We focus on what is happening in our local churches, the wider church and the Agencies of the Baptist Church of SA
- We provide information about churches and God's people in a way that is contemporary
- 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 the Agencies of Baptist Churches of SA in a way that promotes good will, co-operation and effective communication
- We value our editorial independence and the fact that full editorial control rests with the team

- We reserve the right to decide whether and how requests for inclusion of advertisements and/or articles in the *TiM* will be made

COST

- The publication is of free distribution
- The publication costs will be monitored by the Editorial Team in consultation with the administration staff

EDITORIAL POLICY

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

Content and Images

- All content presents information of interest from the wider church or a major event in the life of Baptist Churches of SA
- Some content addresses a current issue in the life of the churches or society
- We will strive to present a wide range of views
- The publication of letters is solely at the discretion of the Editorial Team who, in making a decision will consider the Mission Statement and Baptist Churches of SA principles and values. The opinions expressed in letters do not necessarily reflect those of the Editorial Team or the policies of the Baptist Churches of SA

Advertising

- All advertisements from local Baptist Churches and Baptist Churches of SA Agencies will be published free of charge except when:
 - Advertisements from local Baptist Churches or Baptist Churches of South Australia Agencies promoting fund raising events or charging fees for other charities or organizations not related to the Baptist Churches of SA.
 - Advertisements from churches of 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 Baptist Churches of South Australia administration staff.

Inserts

- Baptist Churches of SA Agencies have been invited to include an insert which is in keeping with this Policy Statement. Each Agency will provide a supplement on a rotation basis
- Other requests for inserts are considered according to this Policy Statement

AIMS

We want our publication to be the best we can make it with the resources we have available to us. 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 all current readers and to attract new readers

We want South Australian Baptists to know something of what God is doing in the world and our local family of churches by reading our publication.