



Mission Statement

We are pleased to present for your consideration the NationsHeart Christian Community mission statement. The Elder Council and Ministry Team have worked together and now ask your input toward its completion. Our goal is for the congregation to endorse this mission statement at this year's AGM.

NationsHeart Christian Community mission: To build a Jesus-centred, healing community: embracing, nurturing and empowering people; engaging with and bringing God's grace to local communities.

What do you think? We ask you to consider: does this statement encapsulate the "heart" of NationsHeart? Is it "why" we exist? Does it connect with you?

This statement is intended to place the focus on **building community** (*Jesus-centred and healing*). The phrases which follow are two components of that mission: **people** (*being embraced, nurtured and empowered*) and **local communities** (*with which we engage and to which we bring God's grace*).

In order to allow you to respond to this statement, we ask you put your ideas, questions and comments in writing (email or letter) to the Ron or Kara directly before 15 November. This will give us time to consider any concepts we might have left out or clarify any questions arising from this statement. We want you to be able to have input if you wish. We ask you to do this in writing because we want to make sure you are heard clearly by both the Eldership and Ministry Team.

We consider this process vital to the future of NationsHeart. A mission statement becomes the foundation from which the organisation is built. Further to this, the Eldership and Ministry Team are working on Core Business Statements, Strategies, Goals and Policy. These will be also shared with you as we move forward. In closing, we ask your prayers and support as we seek to serve you and God in this place.

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