

UCA - Gungahlin Uniting Church

Church Hire Policy

Approved by Church Council

Date of Meeting	Chairperson	Church Council Member
10/07/2023	Jenelle Martin	Clive Walmsley

Purpose

The Gungahlin Uniting Church and Community Centre (GUCCC) facilities are available for hire to the wider community.

This 'Church Hire' policy is for the use of the GUCCC bookings manager to ensure that people, groups or organisations who hire GUCCC do not cooperate in activities or beliefs that are contrary to the beliefs of the Uniting Church of Australia (UCA) and are consistent with the message of the Gungahlin Uniting Church community.

Rental of the Gungahlin Uniting Church and Community Centre (GUCCC)

- GUCCC facilities:
 - are not available for hire during the times of Church services. On Sundays, hire may begin from 12:30pm.
 - will not be available for hire to persons, groups or denominations who express beliefs or engage in practices contrary to the Uniting Church. To ensure this, a 'Statement of Beliefs' is to be provided as part of the application process;
 - cannot be hired to external hirers for parties.
- All people wishing to hire the GUCCC facilities must:
 - complete a hiring agreement in advance;
 - provide a Certificate of Currency showing that they have Public Liability Insurance for a minimum of \$20 million in force;
 - not consume alcohol on the premises unless they have obtained approval of the Church Council.
 - not smoke or vape on the grounds.
 - not consume recreational drugs on the premises

Beliefs of the Uniting Church of Australia (UCA)

The Uniting Church is founded on the belief that all are created in God's image and that together we share in common unity. The basis of our unity is not colour, language, ethnicity or race, but that through Christ we are members of the one household of God (Ephesians 2:19)

- All people are free to exercise their right to be treated equally, regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and abilities.
- Every person can bring their authentic self, free from preconceptions, stereotypes and discrimination.

Beliefs of Gungahlin Uniting Church (GUC)

- We try to live out God's hospitality, inclusion and love as a diverse community.
- We are people of different ages and stages of life.
- We are an inclusive and open community; everyone is welcome to participate and lead.
- We respect and welcome people from other faith traditions.
- We are people of many languages, races, experiences and stories.
- We look after each other, care for each other and pray for each other.
- We are politically diverse.
- We are open to discussion, dialogue and the sharing of ideas, stories and dreams.

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