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WHO IS FRESH HOPE ENGAGE?

Fresh Hope Engage is part of a larger team at Fresh Hope that facilitates gospel-centred community connections by engaging in communication & fellowship, expressing compassion and freedom, and enhancing community and formation.

Fresh Hope Engage works with Mission & Ministry and promotes local mission opportunities for churches and pioneering initiatives. As the name suggests, Fresh Hope Engage is keen to assist churches to engage with their local communities, particularly the vulnerable and needy.

THE CAFÉ PRINCIPLE:

- Communication And Fellowship Engaged
- Compassion And Freedom Expressed
- Community And Formation Enhanced

WHAT IS FRESH HOPE ENGAGE ABOUT?

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. **Isaiah 1:17**

Fresh Hope Engage draws inspiration from many passages of Scripture including:

- The teaching from The Good Samaritan **Luke 10: 25-37**
- The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats **Matt 25: 31-46**
- Teaching on faith and works from **James 1:27-2:13**
- Administering justice, mercy and compassion from **Zechariah 7:8-10**

Further, the ministry of Jesus shows us that when he engaged with people, he met both their physical needs and their spiritual needs. Jesus is concerned with the wellbeing of the whole person.

For example this is seen in:

- **Luke 5** Jesus healed (physical) the paralyzed man but firstly forgave his sins (spiritual).
- **John 8** Jesus rescued the woman caught in adultery (physical) and also told her to leave her life of sin (spiritual).
- **Luke 9** Jesus teaches the people (spiritual) and then feeds them when they are hungry (physical).

Many of the people Jesus healed were in desperate need - suffering from hunger, homelessness, poverty, disabilities, etc. Fresh Hope Engage seeks to help churches engage with people in their own local communities to provide care for physical needs as well as spiritual needs.

Fresh Hope Engage does this by facilitating the provision of services such as foodbanks, community meals, opportunity shops, counselling, crisis centres and men's sheds. Fresh Hope Engage also provides support and training in pastoral care to Fresh Hope churches.

WHAT DOES FRESH HOPE ENGAGE DO?

Fundraising

- Operates as a charity and coordinates all fundraising and donations for "Churches of Christ Community Care" as a public benevolent institution (PBI)
  and Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR)
- Auspices government funding (both Federal and State)
- Auspices local council and community grant funding
- Fundraises through appeals, campaigns and events

Church Projects

- Assists Fresh Hope communities with grants for the start-up of new projects that fit within the approved DGR activities of Churches of Christ Community Care
- Provides an accountability framework for grants and donations
- Facilitates evaluation of projects
- Provides training for churches and volunteers
- Available to speak at churches or small groups on mission and community-based missional activities

Chaplaincy

- Employs and places chaplains in Fresh Hope Care, prisons, hospitals, schools and the Disaster Recovery network
- Facilitates chaplaincy network and retreats
- Provides training in pastoral care for volunteers
- Provides pastoral care training for churches

Networks & Resources

- Directs Fresh Hope communities to best practice and network contacts in specific areas of ministry
- Auspices affordable housing and crisis accommodation in partnership with Fresh Hope Housing
- Works in partnership with other Fresh Hope Agencies to facilitate training (Fresh Hope Education), projects (Fresh Hope Venues) and chaplaincy (Fresh Hope Care)
- Provides checks for volunteers involved in Fresh Hope Engage projects and other administrative support

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED WITH FRESH HOPE ENGAGE?

Partnerships
To partner with Fresh Hope Engage, contact the team on 8573 6000 to learn what a partnership agreement entails for your local church

Serve
There are many opportunities to serve in church-based projects providing care to people in need as well as promoting Fresh Hope Engage appeals and educational campaigns.

Donate
To make a tax deductible donation to a project of Fresh Hope Engage, please donate via the website on **www.freshhopeengage.org.au**

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