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JOIN US – UNITING FOR CHANGE

The Uniting Church community will have a stronger voice on the things that matter following the launch of a new website today that encourages citizens to get active on important social issues.

Uniting for Change is UnitingCare Australia's new online social advocacy and discipleship platform that aims to build an Australia where all people have access to the means for a decent life.

National Director, Lin Hatfield Dodds said the reality is too many Australians are being left behind.

"But when we bring together our expertise, our voices and our passion for our communities and our nation we can bring about lasting change," Ms Hatfield Dodds said.

"A more just, inclusive and equitable society is achievable when everyday people come together to learn, share and respond to the substantial challenges facing vulnerable and disadvantaged people and communities in Australia.

"The site encourages people to learn, to share and to act on the things that matter.

Uniting for Change offers a toolbox of advocacy and theological resources that help people advocate for change both locally and nationally as well as create change in their own lives and in their communities.

"The site currently looks at five important social issues: aged care reform, energy poverty, disability reform, income support justice, and gambling reform.

"Resources include liturgies on energy poverty and disability reform. These worship resources allow congregations to engage in current advocacy issues and consider their theological implications.

"Daily news clips bring you up to the minute details and fact sheets ensure you've got the issue in a nutshell. Hear people's stories and share your thoughts online. You can contact your local Federal politicians using the easy link to contact details and advocacy messages which will be available in the weeks ahead," Ms Hatfield Dodds said.

You can find out more at the website www.unitingforchange.org.au, and get involved on social media or by signing up for the eBulletin.

The UnitingCare network provides social services to over 2 million people each year in 1,300 sites in remote, rural and metropolitan Australia. UnitingCare has 35,000 staff and 24,000 volunteers.

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