

Greetings,

The Synod of NSW/ACT Standing Committee has initiated a Life and Witness process to reflect on the ministry of Saltbush. Several different research approaches are being used to better understand the ministry of Saltbush. These include attending several of the online Lent Cafes to observe and participate as appropriate.

This research approach has a Code of Observation.

Any questions or concerns about the Code of Observation can be communicated to the Saltbush team, to Steve Taylor from the Life and Witness team (kiwidrsteve@gmail.com) or to Glen Spencer, Director of Mission (glens@nswact.uca.org.au).

Steve Taylor for the Life and Witness team

### **Code of Observation**

#### **Saltbush Life and Witness**

This project will help Synod of NSW/ACT Standing Committee and the Saltbush Team to discern the nature of the life and witness of Saltbush. The Code of Ethics of the Uniting Church guides all interactions. In relation to this project,

- *Written and verbal explanations of the observation of parts of Saltbush's online ministry will be provided*
- *Opportunity to raise questions or express concern will be provided prior to the online event*
- *Participants are free to raise questions or to ask the researchers to withdraw from the observation at any time during the event, by sending a direct message via zoom chat to the Saltbush team*
- *The researcher will take notes of what they observe*
- *Participants can request a 1-2 page summary of these notes by contacting Steve Taylor (kiwidrsteve@gmail.com)*
- *The notes will become anonymous data to be used in a report presented to relevant decision-making bodies in the Synod.*
- *Every effort will be made to ensure confidentiality of participants*
- *All data will be erased at the completion of the Life and Witness process.*

If you have questions or concerns, please check with Steve Taylor (kiwidrsteve@gmail.com), who is leading the Life and Witness process, or Glen Spencer, Director of Mission (glens@nswact.uca.org.au).

*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we are researching and recognise their continued custodianship and connection to the land, waters and community.*

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