

## FRONTIER SERVICES MANDATE

- Responsible to:** The Assembly
- Reporting Arrangements:** The Assembly and Assembly Standing Committee
- Vision Statement:** In the remote areas of Australia –  
Reconciliation will become reality  
Hope will replace anxiety and despair  
Justice and equity will build community  
Everyone will have access to the services they need  
As we journey together....
- Purpose Statement:** To offer service and ministry in the name of Christ to the people of remote Australia through compassionate care, justice and nurture of the spirit.

**Mandate:**

Frontier Services will:

- Work with Synods, Presbyteries and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress to facilitate ministry and mission in remote areas of Australia, particularly through the provision of a broad range of community services.
- Within its own life and through its ministry and services, act for reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous people in remote areas of Australia.
- Operate and coordinate public benevolent activities which provide direct relief for those in the community who are isolated and/or subject to poverty, distress and other disadvantage.
- Develop services to meet established and emerging needs.
- Ensure services are provided without discrimination, with due regard to the dignity of the individual and with cultural sensitivity.
- Cooperate with other organisations and develop ecumenical relationships for pastoral planning and cooperative action in remote areas.
- Maximise access to funds within and beyond the Uniting Church to support ministry and mission in remote areas.
- Advocate on behalf of those in remote areas, where appropriate in cooperation with other agencies of the Uniting Church and with other organisations.

*Approved by the Assembly Standing Committee, November 2008*