



Sporting and social events

## ACTIVITIES

We hold midweek Bible Studies in Maroubra, Carlingford, Penshurst and Merrylands. There is a dedicated prayer chain for urgent prayer requests. We have senior

citizens' days out and a women's ministry group. We enjoy formal and informal social and sporting get togethers. Our teenagers and young adults have the opportunity of attending national Christian camps and other training events, including regular discussion groups.



Youth Worship Team



Pastoral Team: Rod Dean, Robyn Pemberton, Helen Callaghan, Peter McLean and Jim Thomas



ABOVE:  
Papua New Guinea outreach program



BELOW:  
Seniors' day out

## TO LEARN MORE

You're welcome to contact Rod Dean to answer your questions: phone (02) 9476 6398, or email [rod.dean@gci.org.au](mailto:rod.dean@gci.org.au)

You are also welcome to visit church services at any time.



ABOVE:  
Young people's Christian camp



BELOW:  
Women's ministry

Welcome to  
Grace Communion International  
Sydney

*Living & Sharing  
the Gospel*

**Meeting Time**  
2.30pm Saturdays

**Meeting Place**  
South Strathfield High School  
Corner Hedges Avenue & Hume Highway  
South Strathfield

**Pastoral Team**  
Rodney Dean  
Peter McLean  
Helen Callaghan  
Robyn Pemberton  
Jim Thomas



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# WELCOME

Welcome to the Sydney  
Congregation of Grace  
Communion International.

We are a people from diverse backgrounds but we have a shared goal – to love God with all our hearts and minds, and to live lives that are pleasing to Him in service to others, through the strength that He alone provides. We'd love to share that journey with you.

In this pamphlet we give you an overview of our community.

In Christian love,

*Rod Dean*

Pastor, Sydney Congregation



Sydney congregation service

## COMMUNITY

Community is an important concept for Christians. Jesus prayed that his disciples would love others. Paul likened the Christian community to a household or family. We value one another. We are learning to care for and encourage each other. We enjoy being together, both after worship services and in each other's homes.

It doesn't matter where we are – at work, at home, with friends or neighbours, or at a sport's event – we seek to treat people as Jesus did. He loved people regardless of race, gender, marital status or wealth. He was kind to all and accessible to all, from the youngest to the oldest. And that's the way we're striving to live.

## JOIN US IN WORSHIP

As we grow to know God better, we understand more fully the hope He has called us to. We are also strengthened to deal with life's difficulties. We love Him because He first loved us. And in lives of worship we look forward to the time when all things in heaven and earth will be brought together in harmony with God.

## A WORLDWIDE WORK

Grace Communion International has a membership spread throughout the world. There are great bonds of friendship between people of different nationalities – supporting ministries in many countries. In loving our neighbours as Christ has loved us, Grace Communion International supports charitable projects locally and

overseas. Wherever there are congregations of Grace Communion International, we endeavour to live peacefully and, where possible, work together with peoples of all faiths – Christian and non-Christian alike. Because of our international conferences and charity works, members from all over the world actually know each other. We truly are an international family.

## INFORMATION ABOUT US

Visit the Sydney Congregation's website at:  
<http://sydney.wcgweb.org>

Follow the links to our Statement of Beliefs, and a whole library of publications that address many areas of doctrine and Christian living principles. Information is also available through:

- Our local monthly Sydney Newsletter *Church Matters*.
- A bi-monthly magazine *Christian Odyssey*, which includes articles on Christian living and doctrine. (This is available on our website in audio form)
- A bi-monthly newsletter *GCI Today*, which updates the Australian congregations on what is happening in our denomination in Australia and around the world.
- A library of Christian books and CDs of sermons given in Sydney.
- Information on our Ambassador College of Christian Ministry: [www.ambascol.org](http://www.ambascol.org)