

ICBC PROPHECY POLICY

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RATIONALE

The gift of prophecy is one of the gifts of the Spirit and is for the building up and edifying of the church. (1 Corinthians 14:3). While we want our services to have a freedom to the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:20) there also needs to be order (1 Corinthians 14:28) and a testing of what is said, (1 Corinthians 14:29, 1 Thessalonians 5:21). Like any spiritual gift, it is open to misuse and abuse that can damage the body of Christ. This policy shows how the gift is outworked in practise in our public meetings.

Policy

If space is given by the worship leader or pastor for prophetic words to be given, prophecy may be bought if it is of an encouraging or general nature.

If the prophetic word is of a corrective nature or is felt to be directive or significant for the congregation it is to be first submitted in writing to the elders for consideration.

The eldership reserve the right to ask someone not to bring prophetic words in public, or to ask that their words be submitted for evaluation first.

The pastor or elder who has responsibility for the service on the Sunday may ask a person who is bringing a prophecy to stop, or indicate the prophesy bought needs further evaluation.

Where possible, prophetic words will be written down by the person bringing them, and a copy given to the eldership, so that they can be kept for further reflection.