

AFM DARWIN SISTERS UNION

MEMBERS INFORMATION PACK

2025



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What is sisters union

- ✧ Sister's union is a ladies fellowship group in AFM.

The purpose of sisters union mission

The Christian Sisters' Union is an organization dedicated to supporting and empowering women within the church community. Its mission includes several key purposes:

- ✧ **Deepening spiritual lives:** Encouraging women to grow in their faith and bear personal witness to Christ.
- ✧ **Supporting the church:** Assisting in the church's spiritual, educational, financial, and social efforts.
- ✧ **Promoting missions:** Increasing awareness and participation in worldwide Christian missions.
- ✧ **Fostering fellowship:** Uniting women in Christian fellowship and community.
- ✧ **Alleviating suffering:** Taking responsibility for helping to alleviate suffering wherever it may arise.
- ✧ **Bible Study Groups:** Regular meetings to study and discuss scripture, deepening their understanding of faith.
- ✧ **Prayer Meetings:** Coming together to pray for each other, the church, and broader community needs.
- ✧ **Charity Work:** Organizing events or drives to support local shelters, food banks, and other charitable causes.
- ✧ **Mentorship Programs:** Older, more experienced members mentoring younger or newer members of the faith.
- ✧ **Craft and Bake Sales:** Raising funds for church missions and community projects.
- ✧ **Workshops and Seminars:** Hosting educational sessions on theology, personal development, and community service.
- ✧ **Retreats:** Organizing spiritual retreats to foster deeper connections and personal reflection.
- ✧ **Cultural Celebrations:** Celebrating religious holidays and cultural festivals together.
- ✧ **Social Gatherings:** Potluck dinners, picnics, and other social events to build a sense of community.
- ✧ **Outreach Programs:** Visiting hospitals, nursing homes, and other community centers to offer support and companionship.

AFM Darwin Sisters Union Board 2024-2027

- ✧ Chair Lady - Mrs Vongai Majoni
- ✧ Secretary - Ms Faith Chikumbirike (Mrs Muridzi)
- ✧ Treasurer- Dr Mazvita Mapokotera
- ✧ Committee member – Mrs Charleen Yeukai Fashu
- ✧ Committee member- Mrs Emily Kabaya

We, the board, are here to serve you. We are not experts but volunteers, elected by the sisters to represent them. We welcome your new ideas and suggestions about how we can conduct our activities.

How do we work

As members of AFM Darwin church, we meet every Sunday at 1000hrs for Sunday service. Sisters union activities are listed below:

- ✧ Sisters union meetings are held every second month.
- ✧ We fast and pray as Darwin sisters once a month as per the circulated prayer calender
- ✧ The AFM National Sisters Union organises Online Monthly prayer meetings which everyone is encouraged to join
- ✧ We organise social events that promote fellowship, connectivity and inclusivity
- ✧ We do charitable activities
- ✧ We pay monthly subscriptions to support sisters' union activities
- ✧ We sometimes do fundraising activities for agreed causes

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE IN

We believe in that Jesus Christ is the son of God and that he died on the cross to pay for our sins. As followers of Jesus we emulate His conduct by trying to love one another and being kind and compassionate. Our speech must be graceful and kind to one another and about each other. Our fellowship should be a safe space for all. Confidentiality is critical, and there is no space for slander. Everyone has something to share or contribute; please, let's use your talents for the benefit of all.



Contributions Schedule

- ✧ The annual general meeting (AGM) is held at least once a year. Decisions by the majority are what provide the basis of everything we do as sisters union.
- ✧ On 23 November 2024 the sister's union AGM was held and sisters agreed on the following contribution structure :

Revised and New Contributions (Effective January 2025)		
	Amount	Notes
National fee: Payable by anyone who identifies as a member of sisters union.	\$5/year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Sister's union international membership is attained by paying the \$5/ year membership fee. ✧ It is compulsory for all ladies who identify as sisters' union members. ✧ (not payable if you subscribe \$30/month because it will be taken from \$30 subscription fee) ✧ Receipts will be given for these payments. Please note they are not tax deductible.
AFM Darwin monthly subscription fees	\$30/month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ The funds paid are used to fund the activities of the sisters ' union, such as guest speaker honorariums, assistance with the National Ladies Conference cost, and member tokens, which have been agreed on. Receipts will be given for these payments. Please note that they are not tax deductible.
Payments towards Sisters Union activities		
2025 National Ladies conference Darwin support	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Sisters union members agreed to contribute \$500 towards the sisters Union National Conference.

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Guest Speakers	\$100/ guest speaker	✧ Honorarium is an honorary payment made to someone without obligation in recognition of their service. This will be paid to speakers invited to speak at sisters union events.
Pastoral visits	\$____	✧ Sisters union sometimes assists the church board with costs related to hosting visiting AFM pastors. Sisters will deliberate beforehand, and decide how they would like to contribute.
Charity	\$____	✧ Sisters agreed that we will fund charitable activities as individuals freely but not from sisters union funds.
Church Decoration	\$200	✧ Money will be used to buy materials to furnish the church auditorium and hospitality. Including flowers, tissues, hand sanitisers, water etc.
Sisters Union Member Tokens		
Sisters welcome gift	\$50	✧ This money is payable to the sister as a welcome gift for any new church member who is eligible to join the sisters union.
Funeral support	\$250	✧ This money is payable to offer support to a sister who loses an immediate family member (only for immediate family members- mother, father, son, daughter, brother , sister) limit of 2 per person
Wedding	\$200	✧ This money is payable to congratulate the sister whose child is getting married.
Baby Welcome	\$100	✧ This money is payable to congratulate sisters on the birth of their baby (ies) .
Graduates	\$50	✧ This money is payable to congratulate sisters who graduate upon completion of a qualification.

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S.U. Calendar 2025



January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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- 2-11|Prayer and fasting

February

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- 1|Big China & Fundraising Presentation [online]
- 7| Darwin Sisters Fasting & Prayer
- 15| Mens&Sisters Fellowship Gathering
- 25| National Online Prayers

March

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- 7| Darwin Sisters Fasting & Prayer
- 15| Sisters Union Meeting
- 25| National Online Prayers

April

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- 4|Darwin Sisters Fasting & Prayer
- 13|Sisters Union Preaching Sunday
- 18-20|Joint Service (Friday), Fellowship (Sat), Resurrection Service (Sun)
- 22|National Online Prayers
- 24-27|April Victorious Women's Conference {Melbourne }

May

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- 02|Darwin Sisters fasting & prayer
- 17| Sisters Union Meeting
- 27|National online Prayers

June

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- 06|Darwin Sisters fasting & prayer
- 08| Sisters Union Preaching Sunday
- Mid-June Pastors Visit
- 21|Boat Cruise event
- 24|National Online Prayers (Darwin hosting)

July

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- 04|Darwin Sisters fasting & prayer
- 12|Sisters Union Meeting
- week3| Church Trip (Arnhem Highway/Katherine via Jabiru)
- 29|National Online Prayers

August

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- 01|Darwin Sisters fasting & prayer
- 09|Mothers and Daughters Event
- 09|Big China[online]
- 26| National Online Prayers

September

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- 05|Darwin Sisters fasting & prayer
- 20|Sister Union meeting
- 30|National Online Prayers

October

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- 03|Darwin Sisters fasting & prayer
- 12| Sisters Union Preaching Sunday
- 18|Couples/ joint event
- 28|National Online Prayers

November

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- 1|Christmas Party event
- 07|Darwin Sisters fasting & prayer
- 15| Sisters Union AGM
- 25|National Online Prayers
- 29|AFM Australia Sisters Union:End of year Event [online]

December

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- 05|Darwin Sisters fasting & prayer
- 14| Sisters Union Preaching Sunday
- Week 4 | Christmas Celebrations

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- ✧ Darwin Sister union monthly subscription \$30 (mandatory by consensus of all ladies who attended the AGM)
- ✧ Please note that while fellowship within the Sisters' Union is open to everyone, financial support for significant life events as listed above is made possible through the contributions of members who pay the monthly mandatory \$30 subscription fee and hence only those who have paid can access aid from it.
- ✧ Contributions made to sisters union accounts are considered donations to the organization. Refunds can not be issued.
- ✧ If a sister does not contribute, a voluntary collection can be arranged to congratulate/support the sister.
- ✧ If an AFM youth is getting married and their mother does not attend church or contribute subscriptions, a separate collection will be organized to congratulate the youth member.
- ✧ Voluntary collections will be done for the birth of second child onwards, it is a tradition of AFM Darwin sister's union volunteers to host a baby welcome or baby shower to celebrate with the sister.