



# Boarding Homes Ministry

*Love, Worship, Conversation, Music*

“Perhaps life is all about celebrating God and people.”  
(resident)

“Share love so that others can carry on.” (resident)

“Residents have welcomed me and cared for me. We have become family.”  
(team member)

## God calls us into rich, compassionate and joyful community life.

Boarding Homes Ministry nurtures Christian community by linking church visitors with residents of local boarding homes.

BHM’s logo shows the **bread of communion**. God is celebrated as residents and church members join to share life in Christ. Communion is always a matter of the heart.

**Love** is spread. Love is the most urgent expression of Christian community. Gifted and brave residents have carried the weight of illness. Too often they carry the burden of isolation. Love unites.

Community life flourishes in the wonder of **conversation**. Lives are opened and gently held. Life is honoured. Spiritual gifts are spread as new friendships grow.

**Art and music** promote joyful harmony and stimulate worship. The movement from aloneness to union, from stereotype to joyful inclusion. This is the direction of holy community.

## *Why is this ministry worth supporting?*

“ BHM is an unlikely place to fall in love. But if one follows Rev. Rodger Hunter’s instructions to listen, to regard, to honour the holy in others, it is inevitable. It is as near to what Christ described as the Kingdom of Heaven as I have experienced in my lifetime. As a tender, yet astonishingly creative ministry, its value is immeasurable.”  
Rev. Candice Bist

“The work of the BHM is a vital example of the Church’s real reason for being. It esteems those deemed least and lowest in society, who reward us with lessons in grace and teach us the meaning of friendship.”  
Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

In 2011 the E.H. Johnson Award for *Ministry at the Cutting Edge of Mission* was presented to the home communities of BHM. General Assembly recognized the urgent spiritual need for small group community ministries in which Christian faith comes alive.

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