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Presbytery and Synod of WA

- **Calls for nominations for the election of a new moderator**, to succeed Rev Steve Francis from September 2017, have been sent to ordained ministers, lay appointments, regional pastors, congregations and to councils and boards of schools, colleges and agencies. The closing date for nominations is 24 June 2016. For more info email moderatorial nominating committee administrative assistant Maureen Bourke at maureen.bourke@wa.uca.org.au.
- **General Council** News and Notes from the April General Council meeting are now online. Go to <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/News-Notes-19-April-2016-Gen-Council160419.pdf>.

From the National Church

- **Rev Nigel Rogers, general secretary of the Uniting Church in South Australia**, invites leaders within the Uniting Church to consider applying for the initial intake of Uniting Leaders Plus, a postgraduate learning opportunity created to develop and resource leaders within the Uniting Church. Initial intake is in July 2016. For more info go to <http://unitingchurchsa.cmail20.com/t/j-l-krihlyl-afhyhllk-n/>.

UnitingCare and Congregational Community Services

- **UnitingCare West (UCW)** has announced its annual Fundraising Golf Day will be held at Royal Perth Golf Club on Friday 21 October 2016. To book your team please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/unitingcare-west-golf-day-tickets-22392509599>. All proceeds from the day will go towards developing therapeutic gardens for UCW's Your Home program. For more information, or if you wish to volunteer, on the day please contact Sri Kesavarapu on 9355 9134.

Ecumenical & International

- **Salvation Army Quiz Night** will be held on Saturday 30 April, 6.00–9.30pm, at 7 Hoyle Rd, Medina. The cost is \$50 for a table of 8–10 and single tickets are \$10 each. BYO snacks, alcohol free event.

- **The Churches of the City of Perth**, invite you to a Pilgrimage for Unity, an exploration of church denominations during Monday 9–Sunday 15 May. The launch will be on Monday 9 May, 12.00pm, at Elizabeth Quay. There will be a pilgrimage procession on Sunday 15 May, 1.00pm, beginning at St Mary's Cathedral. For more info contact Rev Frances Hadfield on 9275 3144 (Tues and Wed) or 0410 698 595.
- **Pádraig Ó Tuama, leader of the Corrymeela Community** which addresses global issues of division and violence, will be visiting and speaking at a number of organisations and churches in Perth during Friday 6–Sunday 8 May, dates in the Event calendar. For more information go to www.padraigotuama.com. To register call 9335 2213 or email admin@fremantle.perth.anglican.org.
- **Laurence Freeman, OSB**, an international speaker, author, and director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, will be speaking on Tuesday 26 April at St Johns Lutheran Church, Aberdeen St, Perth. The title of his talk is "Spirituality in the Secular Age: How Contemplation Saves Religion." For info contact Christian Meditation Community WA on 0429 117 242.

Jobs: Paid and Volunteer
(unitingchurchwa.org.au/jobs)

The Pastoral Relations and Placements Commission (PR&PC) webpage is available to view all vacant placements, by-laws, ministry changes and pastoral and placement updates. Visit <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/pastoral-relations-and-placements-commission>.

- **The Uniting Church WA** is seeking a Deputy General Secretary. As part of the leadership team, the successful applicant will work with the General Secretary and General Manager (Resources) to ensure that the core areas of worship, witness and service support the ministry, mission and planning directions of the whole church. A Position Statement can be obtained from Monica at monica.pettersen@wa.uca.org.au. Applications close Sunday 15 May. For more info visit <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/services/giving-back/employment-paid-and-volunteer/>.
- **Applications are invited** for Expressions of Interest from a minister of the Word to fill a vacant placement at Lighthouse Geraldton. Lighthouse Uniting Church is a multigenerational and multicultural congregation. It has a strong emphasis on building relations within and beyond the church with service in mission, discipleship, children and family ministry and small groups for all ages. Applications close 31 May. For further info, or for sending your applications, contact Rev John Barendrecht, on 9260 9804 or at john.barendrecht@wa.uca.org.au.
- **St Stephen's Uniting Church, Wodonga, Victoria**, is seeking a minister of the Word or a deacon to offer vision, pastoral oversight and leadership to work with and enable dedicated and enthusiastic lay people to grow in worship, study groups, discipleship, service and spiritual gifts. To enquire or request a copy of the congregational profile contact Adrienne Dyall on afdyall@bigpond.com or call 0408 975 882. Applications close 30 April.
- **UnitingCare Queensland** is inviting applications for the role of Director of Mission. Ministers of the Word, Deacons and those in other specified ministries within the Uniting Church are encouraged to apply. Applications close 27 May. For more info visit http://ucaqld.com.au/th_event/director-of-mission-unitingcare-queensland/.

Ministry Resourcing Centre

The Ministry Resourcing Centre is located in the Uniting Church Centre, 85–89 Edward Street, Perth and is open Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 5.00pm. Contact Margaret Johnston on 9260 9800 or email resource@wa.uca.org.au.

The Basis of Union: a commentary, by J Davis McCaughey, introduced and edited by Andrew Dutney. This document was first published in 1971 and has been re-published this year. Originally addressed to the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian readers who were being asked to make up their minds about church union, it has now been recognised that there are still many people from these traditions in Australia today who are still trying to decide whether or not to become part of the Uniting Church in Australia. **\$7.95**

Manifesto For Renewal: new edition – fully revised and expanded by Andrew Dutney. First published in 1986, it has been the standard text on the origins and interpretation of the Basis of Union for a generation. It has been revised and expanded for a new generation. **\$24.75**

Spent Matches: igniting the signal fire for the spiritually dissatisfied by Roy Moran. “Fire up your church” is the call by the author to bring energy to the Christian mission and a solution to the problem of dwindling membership and lacklustre faith. **\$22.99**

Wearing God: clothing, laughter, fire and other overlooked ways of meeting God, by Lauren F Winner. Metaphors for God, such as clothing, beekeeper, a loaf of bread, a cypress tree, are all found in the Bible. The richness of these biblical depictions help us to consider our friendship with God, and our sense of ourselves which changes and deepens if we pray to a God who is as close to us as our clothing. **\$34.99 Hardback**

Journey in the Wilderness: new life for mainline churches, by Gil Rendle. The wilderness can be either an exile from privilege or a call to mission and service. Which do you choose to make it? Recommended by Rev David Kriel, mission planner for the Uniting Church WA. **\$27.25**

The Day the Crayons Quit, by Drew Daywalt, pictures by Oliver Jeffers. The crayons have left their box and have written letters of protest to their user, Duncan, who must come up with a solution to the problem. This book was used at KCO 2016 to engage with the theme ‘Call’ and to illustrate God’s mission to use our gifts in the best possible way and to value each and every one of us. **\$14.99**

Prayer Calendar

Lay Preachers’ Association, Multicultural Ministry Commission, PNEUMA, Uniting Church Adult Fellowship and Uniting Church Mission Fellowship. Please also pray for the Synod of South Australia.

(Please check the calendar for your church, committee or network and email newsandnotes@wa.uca.org.au with any specific prayer requests.)

Events Diary

If you are planning an event for 2016 that you think would be of interest to other people in the Uniting Church community, let us know so we can put it in our calendar. We would also encourage you to contact us during your planning so you can check what other people are doing to avoid diary conflicts.

For more information on these events visit <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/events>.

This Week

- Saturday 23 April. **MARHABA Multicultural Community Centre 5th Anniversary** at Uniting Church in the City Hall
- Saturday 23 April. **Gi Games** at Warwick Stadium

- Saturday 23–Monday 25 April. **Godly Play WA Core Training** at St Cuthbert's Church, Darlington
- Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 April, 5.00pm–9.00pm. **Godly Play Enrichment training** at St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Darlington
- Tuesday 26 April, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth

Next week

- Thursday 28 April–Sunday 1 May. **UnitingWomen 'Sharing Stories of Hope' Conference** in Adelaide
- Friday 29 April–Sunday 1 May. **Wellspring Community Retreat** in Bindoon
- Sunday 1 May, 3.00pm. **Captivating Classics Concert** at Uniting Church in the City, Ross Memorial West Perth
- Sunday 1 May, 7.30–9.00pm. **Talk – The 'Kiss' of Baptism by Bill Loader** at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood.
- Tuesday 3 May, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Wednesday 4 May, 12noon–1.15pm. **Lunchtime concert with Jennifer Currenti, flautist, and Caroline Badnall on piano** at Uniting Church in the City, Ross Memorial West Perth

Later

- Friday 6 May, 5.00pm. **Pádraig Ó Tuama – Christian nonviolence teach-in** at First Home Project, 54 Dudley St, Midland. Suggested \$20 donation.
- Friday 7 May, 5.00pm. **Pádraig Ó Tuama – Stories from the edges: marginalised characters in Luke & Mark** at St Cuthbert's Church, cnr of Darlington and Hillsden Roads, Darlington. Suggested \$20 donation.
- Saturday 7 May, 11.00am–2.00pm. **Labyrinth Open Day** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Friday 7 May, 5.00pm. **Pádraig Ó Tuama – This story could change the world: narrative & art in community-based activism** at St Cuthbert's Church, cnr of Darlington and Hillsden Roads, Darlington. Suggested \$20 donation.
- Friday 7 May, 5.00pm. **Pádraig Ó Tuama – Living well together in a violent world**, St John's Church, Kings Square, Fremantle. Suggested \$20 donation.
- Sunday 8 May, 7.30–9.00pm. **Talk – Why Communion? By Bill Loader** at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood.
- Friday 8 May, 5.00pm. **Pádraig Ó Tuama – Sung Eucharist** at St John's Church, Kings Square, Fremantle.
- Monday 9 May–Sunday 15 May. **Council of Churches WA Pilgrimage**
- Tuesday 10 May. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Tuesday 10 May, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Wednesday 11 May. **June Revive contribution deadline**
- Thursday 12 May–Sunday 15 May. **Walk to Emmaus (Men)**
- Saturday 14 May. **WA Presbytery Meeting (to be renamed)** at The Billabong Community Centre, Canning Vale
- Sunday 15 May, 5.00pm. **Multicultural Pentecost Celebration** at Nedlands Uniting Church
- Tuesday 17 May, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Tuesday 17 May–Wednesday 18 May. **Seminars with Rev Dr Robin Meyers** at Wembley Downs Uniting Church

- Wednesday 18 May. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Thursday 19 May–Sunday 22 May. **Walk to Emmaus (Women)**
- Friday 20 May. **UnitingWorld's One World WonTok Conference**
- Monday 23 May, 9.00am–3.00pm. **Pilgrimage to Living Water** in Dongara
- Tuesday 24 May, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Thursday 26 May. **Sorry Day**
- Friday 27 May–Friday 3 June. **National Reconciliation Week**
- Saturday 28 May. **National Day of Thanks**
- Saturday 28 May, 9.30am–12.30pm. **Introduction to Mandalas Workshop** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Saturday 28 May, 9.30am–3.30pm. **Safe Church Training**, at Kalamunda Uniting Church
- Sunday 29 May. **Final Service of Worship** at Bruce Rock Uniting Church
- Tuesday 31 May, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Wednesday 1 June, 12noon–1.15pm. **Lunchtime concert with Linda Barcan, mezzo soprano, with Marilyn Phillips on piano** at Uniting Church in the City, Ross Memorial West Perth
- Friday 3 June–Monday 6 June. **State Youth Games**
- Sunday 5 June. **World Environment Day**
- Tuesday 7 June, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Saturday 11 June. **Inaugural WA Congress Presbytery Meeting (yet to be named) and Celebration of WA Congress Presbytery (yet to be named) Formation**
- Saturday 11 June, 10.00am–3.00pm. **Quiet Day** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Monday 13 June. **General Council**
- Tuesday 14 June. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Tuesday 14 June, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Wednesday 15 June. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Friday 17 June–Sunday 19 June. **'Being Women of God' Women's Weekend Away**
- Saturday 18–Monday 20 June. **Micah's Voices for Justice National Gathering** in Canberra
- Sunday 19 June–Saturday 25 June. **Refugee Week**
- Sunday 19 June, 10.00am. **Sea Pictures Service** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Monday 20 June. **World Refugee Day**
- Monday 20 June–Wednesday 22 June. **Fundamentals for Transitional Ministry**
- Tuesday 21 June, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Wednesday 22 June. **Uniting Church in Australia 39th Anniversary**
- Friday 24 June. **Closing date for moderatorial nominations**
- Sunday 26 June. **Classical Piano Concert** at Willetton Uniting Church
- Tuesday 28 June, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Thursday 20 June. **Mission Grants Application Deadline**
- Friday 1 July. **UnitingCare Wests' 10th Birthday**
- Sunday 3 July–Sunday 10 July. **NAIDOC Week**

- Tuesday 5 July, 9.30am–12.30pm. **Kids' Mandala Workshop** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Wednesday 6 July–Friday 8 July. **Uniting Church Studies Intensive**
- Friday 8 July–Wednesday 13 July. **National Young Adult Leaders Conference 'Join the Movement'**, on the Gold Coast
- Monday 11 July–Tuesday 12 July. **Uniting Church Studies Intensive**
- Tuesday 12 July. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Wednesday 13 July. **August Revive contribution deadline**
- Saturday 16 July, 10.00am. **Congregational Website Training** at the Uniting Church Centre
- Wednesday 20 July. **WA Synod/Presbyteries Budget Conference**
- Wednesday 20 July. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Saturday 23 July. **SafeChurch Training**, in Willetton
- Saturday 30 July, 9.30am–12.30pm. **Metro South Regional Gathering** at Rockingham Uniting Church
- Saturday 6 August. **WA Congress Presbytery (yet to be named) Meeting**
- Monday 8 August. **General Council**
- Tuesday 9 August. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Wednesday 10 August. **International Prisoner's Justice Day**
- Friday 12 and Saturday 13 August. **Contemplation on Canvas Retreat** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Wednesday 17 August. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Friday 19 August. **Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Annual Synod Fellowship Day**
- Saturday 27 August–Sunday 28 August. **Makes You Wonder Train the Trainer**
- Sunday 28 August. **Refugee & Migrant Sunday**
- Tuesday 30 August–Wednesday 31 August. **Covenanting and Indigenous Awareness Course**
- Wednesday 31 August–Saturday 3 September. **The World Methodist Conference** in Houston, Texas
- Whole Month. **Sustainable September**
- Saturday 3 September–Sunday 4 September. **Makes You Wonder Train the Trainer**
- Saturday 3 September–Sunday 4 September. **First Third Ministry's Deep End Camp**
- Tuesday 6 September. **UnitingCare West Annual Public Meeting**
- Wednesday 7 September. **October Revive contribution deadline**
- Friday 9 September. **Opening Worship of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia**
- Saturday 10 September–Sunday 11 September. **40th Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia**
- Tuesday 13 September. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Friday 16 September–Monday 19 September. **4th Common Dreams 'Progressive Spirituality: New Directions' Conference, Brisbane**
- Saturday 17 September, 10.00am–3.00pm. **Quiet Day** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Saturday 24 September. **One Great Multicultural Celebration**
- Saturday 24 September–Monday 26 September. **PNEUMA CampFIRE**
- Sunday 25 September. **Social Justice Sunday**

- Wednesday 21 September. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Sunday 25 September. **Classical Piano Concert** at Willetton Uniting Church
- Monday 10 October. **General Council**
- Tuesday 11 October. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Saturday 15 October. **Safe Church Training** at St Peter Emmaus Community Church
- Saturday 15 October, 10.00am. **Congregational Website Training** at the Uniting Church Centre
- Sunday 16 October-Wednesday 19 October. **Moderator's Retreat for Minister's**
- Sunday 16 October. **Freedom Sunday**
- Sunday 16 October-Saturday 22 October. **Anti-Poverty Week**
- Monday 17 October. **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**
- Wednesday 19 October. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Friday 21 October. **UnitingCare West Fundraising Golf Day** at Royal Perth Golf Club, South Perth
- Friday 21 October-Saturday 22 October. **Selection Panel**
- Saturday 22 October. **MARHABA Multicultural Centre Picnic**
- Friday 28 October. **Presbyterian Ladies' College Open Garden Day**
- Saturday 29 October. **WA Congress Presbytery (yet to be named) Meeting**
- Tuesday 1 November–Thursday 3 November. **Australian History and Culture Course**
- Tuesday 8 November. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Wednesday 9 November. **December Revive contribution deadline**
- Saturday 12 November, 9.30am–12.30pm. **Metro South Regional Gathering** at The Billabong Uniting Church
- Saturday 12 November, 9.30am–12.30pm. **Going Deeper with Mandalas Workshop** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Wednesday 16 November. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Saturday 26 November, 10.00am–3.00pm. **Quiet Day** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Sunday 27 November. **Variety Concert** at Willetton Uniting Church
- Monday 12 December. **General Council**
- Tuesday 13 December. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Sunday 8–Thursday 12 January. **Yurora NCYC 2017** in Sydney