



Tuesday 30 May 2017
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The 12th Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia was held on Saturday 20 May at Noranda Uniting Church. More than 140 lay and ordained members from our congregations and faith communities from around the Presbytery came together for fellowship and to discern the business of the Presbytery.

Opening worship and installation

Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (Congress) WA Regional Committee chairperson, Des Lawson gave the acknowledgement of country.

Worship, led by Noranda Uniting Church Minister Rev Ivan Clark, was an opportunity to share our story with each other and the wider Presbytery. So, this began with a 'roll call' of members from the ten regions of the Presbytery, followed by sharing highlights of each congregation's life in table groups, then with the wider Presbytery. The Presbytery heard stories of faithful worshipping communities which haven't had an ordained minister in placement for more than 15 years; the welcoming and commissioning of Jon Paschke as pastor of Lighthouse Geraldton Uniting Church on Thursday 18 May; and the joy and enrichment of involvement with the English language immersion students from West Papua as part of the Australian Papuan Cultural Exchange Program.

Ivan shared a snapshot of his story, holding Rev Mark Illingworth responsible for him taking Christianity seriously in the late eighties, his journey of searching for God through reading and research of history and archaeology; and his experience of walking with God. Ivan challenged the members of Presbytery to continue our story through our encounters with God,

informed and inspired through stories over the ages.

Rev Lorraine Stokes' installation as Presbytery of Western Australia Chairperson was conducted during worship. Lorraine was ordained in 2002 and is currently the Minister at Willetton Uniting Church, as well as serving in the voluntary role of Presbytery Chairperson. Lorraine brings to the role experience as a lay member, Treasurer and Chairperson of the former Presbytery of Peel. Lorraine called the congregations of the Presbytery of Western Australia to be in community together as God wills it to be, so as to encourage and inspire each other, as well as to bear one another's burdens.

All of this is us

Rev Geoff Blyth

On Thursday 22 June, the Uniting Church in Australia will celebrate 40 years since the Congregational Union in Australia, the Methodist Church of Australasia, and the Presbyterian Church of Australia joined together in 1977.

Past Moderator, Rev Geoff Blyth gave a brief insight into how the Uniting Church came into being amidst years of fervent dialogue and a need for integrity within unity, rather than the 'sin of division'.





Rev Geoff Blythe expresses his thoughts on the 40th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Geoff said, "Our foundational document, *The Basis of Union*, was and is a splendid statement of what it means to be this church in Australia."

Geoff acknowledged that even 40 years later, some people still grieve the loss of buildings and worship styles from denominational backgrounds. However, the bus loads of people that attended the service of inauguration at the now demolished Perth Entertainment Centre experienced a service of worship and belonging to something big in spirit, as well as numbers and size.

Forty years on, Geoff challenged us all to have the same faithful and obedient response.

Alison Xamon

Alison Xamon, a member of Victoria Park and Districts Star Street Uniting Church, shared some of her memories of an eight-year-old as she rode on her father's shoulders, the late Rev Alan Miller, towards the Perth Entertainment Centre on a Sunday afternoon. She vividly recalled a passer-by stopping and asking her Dad what everyone was doing. Alison's Dad replied, "We're here to start a new church."

Alison remembers the colour and movement of all the banners from the congregations, as well as the palpable energy of the people. To Alison, it was a seamless transition to becoming the Uniting Church in Australia with a new emblem and signs.

Alison has 'grown-up' in the Uniting Church and she considers it part of her DNA. It has defined the way Alison has worked throughout the world.

She believes the Uniting Church is more relevant now than ever.

"People are crying out for a church of compassion, acceptance, courage and acceptance of diversity," said Alison.

Hanamoia Vaitogi

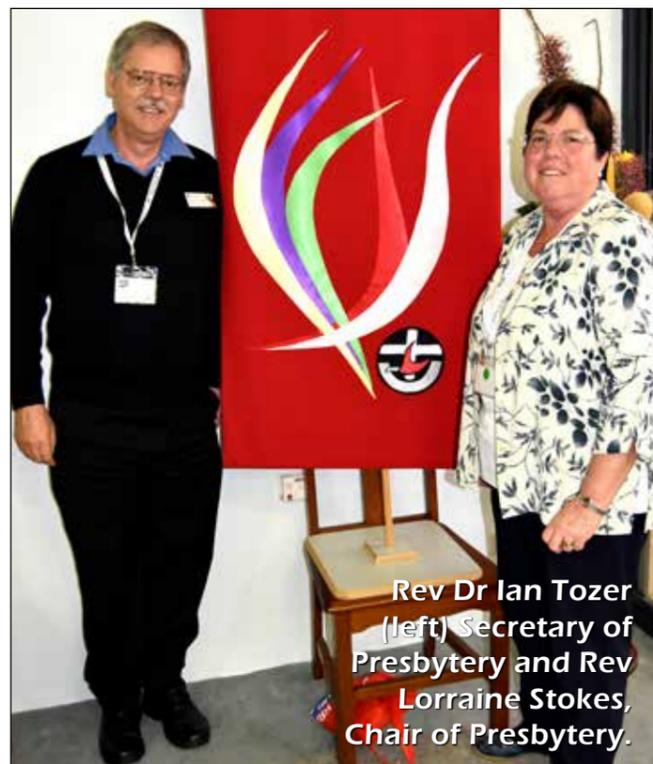
Hanamoia Vaitogi is a member of the Perth Samoan Uniting Church, a new congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia joyfully recognised in September 2016. Hanamoia shared the difficult decision of leaving their mother church, the Methodist Church of Samoa to join with the Uniting Church. However, she was grateful for the support and opportunity to share and discover the church's foundational document, *The Basis of Union*. The process to join the Uniting Church was simpler and easier than the congregation expected. Hanamoia's experience was step-by-step and she felt valued and heard.

Hanamoia said, "In the Uniting Church everyone is the same. We are all one in God's eyes."

Retiring chairperson's message

Having inducted Rev Lorraine Stokes as Presbytery of Western Australia Chairperson during morning worship, Rev Steve Francis shared some of the joys, laments and longings he experienced in the role since September 2014.

Steve was able to give thanks to God for many joys: how he was deeply moved by the faith and warmth of the English language immersion students from West Papua in the Australian Papuan Cultural Exchange Program; participating in worship to recognise Rev David Kriel and



Rev Dr Ian Tozer (left) Secretary of Presbytery and Rev Lorraine Stokes, Chair of Presbytery.

Rev John McKane's admission as ministers of the Uniting Church in Australia; sensing the presence of God whilst commissioning Jon Paschke as Pastor of Lighthouse Geraldton Uniting Church; deepening spirituality and building collegiality amongst ministers in placement at the Moderator's Retreats; sharing and experiencing with participants at the Indonesian National Conference; and visiting many, many congregations.

During his time, Steve has also lamented as he visited congregations when he drove away with a heavy heart where the people's spirits were down and conversation was around decline. He challenged us all to wrestle with what we can learn from the things we haven't done well as God's people.

Steve also shared his longing for the Presbytery to reach the missional potential God has for us – real unity and authenticity to our calling and vision.

He said, "It has been my great privilege to share lots of laughs, joy, richness and blessings. We must never lose sight of longing to be the people of God, as God calls us to be."

The Presbytery recorded its thanks with acclamation to Rev Steve Francis for his service and contribution as the Presbytery of Western Australia Chairperson since September 2014. During that time, Steve has combined his roles of Moderator of the Synod and Chairperson of the Presbytery and has visited, led worship and preached in many congregations across the Presbytery, as well as fulfilling with grace, all of the responsibilities that come with the office of Chairperson. He has done so enthusiastically and with great dedication as he has sought to live out the theme of his Moderatorial term, 'Towards healing and wholeness through faith, hope and love'. The Presbytery recorded its most sincere appreciation for all that Steve has contributed in this role as an expression of his calling as a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church.

First Third Ministry

At the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia held in November 2016, Presbytery Standing Committee undertook to carefully consider the content of the significant First Third Ministry Review and to report back to the 12th Annual Meeting of the Presbytery.

Chairperson, Rev Lorraine Stokes gave a verbal report for information.

Currently, First Third and Brenton's position will remain as is until November 2017. A new model for 'First Third' will be presented at the next meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia on Saturday 4 November.



Every need was taken care of.

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

The 'National Child Safe Policy Framework' was highlighted to all Presbytery members as its purpose is to provide a framework which child safe policies within Uniting Church entities are to be developed.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the Commission) advises that to achieve a child safe organisation, it is critical to have competent and committed leadership and governance which develops and maintains a child safe culture. For this policy framework to be effective, it requires awareness and knowledge at all levels, from Boards, through to volunteers and congregation members. It requires a commitment to shared personal responsibility to ensure children are protected.

Presbytery members watched video footage of Uniting Church in Australia President, Stuart McMillan's official apology given in the Commission's Hearing 56 on Friday 10 March 2017.

We acknowledge and thank the Commission for providing the footage so quickly.



The Ministry Resource Centre relocated for the day.



Deliberations and decisions

Reception of reports to the Presbytery

As agreed at the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia held in November 2016, reports to the Presbytery were received individually to enable issues and questions to be addressed and discussed more effectively.

Reports were received from the Business Committee, Presbytery Standing Committee, Pastoral Relations Committee, Candidates for the Ministries Committee, Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership, Congregational Community Services Committee, Rural Ministry Committee, Multicultural and Cross-cultural Committee, Strategy and Mission Planning Commission and the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse WA Synod Task Group.

Presbytery Property Committee

The Presbytery agreed to resume all of its powers regarding property currently referred to the Synod. The Presbytery noted that this resumption of powers will first require consultation with, and the consent of the Synod, and requests the Synod Standing Committee to consider this as an urgent and emergent situation.

Presbytery noted that Synod Standing Committee has appointed a Working Group consisting of the General Secretary, Presbytery of Western Australia Chairperson, a Presbytery Property Committee member and Strategy and Mission Planning Commission Chairperson to consider the missional implications of all properties, and requests this Working Group consult with the Presbytery Standing Committee, and the Resources Commission.

Presbytery resolved to propose to the Synod, through the Church Law Committee, that the Presbytery Property Committee chair be appointed as a member of the Resources Commission.

Uniting Church Investment Fund

The Presbytery agreed by consensus to request the Resources Commission to investigate a higher return on investments for congregations when they have fixed deposits in the Uniting Church Investment Fund.

Extension of Placement

Following a question and answer time, silence for discernment and prayer, the Presbytery agreed to another extension of placement of Rev Margaret Tyrer at St Aidan's Uniting Church Claremont for a further five years, commencing on 1 August 2017. Margaret has been at Claremont since 1997 and five year extensions were approved in 2007 and 2012.

Presbytery Rules

As agreed at the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia held in November 2016, the Presbytery Standing Committee reviewed the new rules regarding Presbytery structure, in consultation with Presbytery Committees, in order to bring a report to this 12th Annual Meeting.



The Presbytery agreed by consensus to the amendment of the following Presbytery of Western Australia Rules: P1.1 Introduction; P1.2 Enactment, amendment and repeal of rules; P2.1 Membership of the Presbytery; P2.2 Presbytery Meetings; P2.4 Officers of the Presbytery; P2.5 Election of Presbytery Bodies; P2.6 Church Centre Staff; P3.1 Presbytery Standing Committee; P3.2 Pastoral Relations Committee; P3.3 Candidates for the Ministries Committee; P4.1 Congregational Community Services Committee; P4.2 Rural Ministry Committee; P4.3 First Third Committee; P4.4 Multicultural and Cross Cultural Ministries Committee; and the P4.6 Strategy and Mission Planning Committee:

The Presbytery agreed by consensus to note the requirements of Rule 2.3 (Presbytery Regions) are not being complied with and authorised the Presbytery Standing Committee, in consultation with the Church Law

Committee, to review, revise and give interim effect to Rules concerning the Liturgy Committee. The Presbytery also authorised the Presbytery Standing Committee, in consultation with the Church Law Committee, to review, revise and give interim effect to Rules concerning the Presbytery Property Committee, given that the current Rules will require revision.

Being a green church

In light of emerging reports of the worldwide crisis of plastic waste, the Presbytery agreed by consensus to reaffirm its commitment to being a Green Church and to invest in 10 water jugs prior to the next meeting.

Thanks and Acknowledgement

The Presbytery recorded its thanks to all who serve as chairs, convenors and members of Presbytery committees and bodies.

The Presbytery recorded its thanks with acclamation to John Talbert as Congregational Community Services Committee chair. John had an important role in the foundation and work of FinUCAre, which was established in 2004 in Mandurah. FinUCAre is one of the largest financial counselling services in Western Australia. John joined the then Congregational Community Services Commission as a member in 2010 and was Chair from July 2013 until May. The Presbytery expresses its appreciation for John's dedication and service in these roles.

Elections

Committee Chairpersons

Presbytery elected the following people as chairpersons of Presbytery of Western Australia Committees:

- Rev Trevor Waters, Pastoral Relations Committee
- Rev Greg Ross, Strategy and Mission Planning Committee
- Rev Anne McAndrew, Candidates for the Ministries Committee



Yvonne Robinson, Congregational Community Services Committee

Yuko Tonai-Moore, Rural Ministry Committee

Rev Nalin Perrera, Multicultural and Cross Cultural Committee

David Beards, First Third Ministry Committee

Rev Lorraine Stokes, Liturgy Committee

Rev Steve Larkin, Presbytery Property Committee

The meeting closed with a service of commissioning of the chairpersons and members of Presbytery Committees.

Congregational Community Services Committee

Presbytery elected Marie Yuncken, Coral Richards and John Talbert to serve on the Congregational Community Services Committee.

41st Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia

The Presbytery of Western Australia elected the following lay members as members of the 41st Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia to be held from Friday 8 to Sunday 10 September 2017:

Alison Atkinson-Phillips, Norma Bazen, Neville Blesing, Helen Bloomfield, John Boon, Jeffrey Burgin, Eva Cole, Francis David, Joy Emmeluth, Shirley Francis, Bob French, Marg Garrett, Chris Grainger, David Gray, Margaret Haddock, Ann Hammer, Peter Hanrahan, Jon Haslam, Alan Hortin, Robert Hunt, Judy Ives, Wallace Knott, Dr Elaine Ledgerwood, Gerry Ligtermoet, Lyn McLachlan, Ashley McMillan, Helen McMillan, Alison McCubbin, Alana Moormen, Robert Nicholls, Paul Olney, Coral Richards, Vic Richards, Claudette Rickman, Mary Riley, Yvonne Robinson, Helen Simcock, Grant Shaw, Susy Thomas, Yuko Tonai-Moore, Hanamoa Vaitogi, Graham Wasley, Malcolm Watson, Glenys White, David Williams, Travis Windsor, Elizabeth Woods, Ian Wright and Alison Xamon.

Why Presbytery?

One of the final activities of the Presbytery meeting was to reflect on *The Basis of Union Paragraph 15* and the Constitution Part B, The Presbytery, Paragraph 26, Responsibilities and discuss in table groups the following questions:

What excites you about your congregational life at the moment?

What challenges do you face as a congregation?

How can we, as a Presbytery, encourage one another, bear one another's burdens, grow in our faith and urge one another to persist in responding to Christ's call to each one of us?

The table group responses were collected for further deliberation.



Congregational News

- **Wembley Uniting Church** will be celebrating its centenary on Sunday 4 June over two worship services. At 10.00am, Rev David de Kock, General Secretary of the Uniting Church WA, will guest preach at the morning service. A Centenary Celebration service will be held at 3.00pm, with Rev Steve Francis, Moderator of the Uniting Church WA guest preaching. This service will be followed with a high tea. RSVP is not essential, but would be helpful. For more info contact John Meyer on 9381 6874 or email jameyer@iinet.net.au.
 - **Rockingham Uniting Church** is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia with a lunch, inviting all former congregation members to attend. It will be held on Saturday 17 June. For more info email rockinghamunitingchurch@gmail.com or call Gwen Miller on 0409 882 029 or Gerry Ligtermoet on 0499 988 073.
 - **Kalamunda Uniting Church** is holding its next Market Day on Saturday 3 June, 9.00am to 1.00pm. Morning tea, lunches, cakes and crafts will be available. Journey to the Perth hills for a pleasant day out. The event coincides with the monthly Kalamunda Markets
 - **Willetton Uniting Church** is holding a classical piano recital featuring two of Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsodies. It will be held on Sunday 18 June, 10.45am, at the church. Admission is by donation.
 - **Please be advised** that Deep Water Dwelling's Launch of the Dream Network event, which was to be held in June, has been cancelled. Rev Cathie Lambert will be running Recycled Mandala Workshops on Sunday 11 June at Margaret River Uniting Church, 1.30 to 4.30pm, and Wednesday 21 June at Augusta Uniting Church, 1.00 to 4.00pm.
- An Introduction to Mandalas Workshop will also be held at Wanneroo Crossways Uniting Church on Saturday 17 June, 1.30 to 4.30pm. For more info contact Cathie on 0448 730 355 or Margherita on 0423 779 491.
- **Uniting Church in the City** presents *Unity in Diversity*: A Photographic Exhibition. The exhibition will showcase a snapshot of the rich heritage of three churches, focusing on their union in 1977 when the Uniting Church in Australia was born. The exhibition runs from Wednesday 21 to Sunday 25 June at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth, cnr of William and

Hay Sts Perth. Open daily from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Entry is free. For more information contact the UCIC Office on 6103 4222 or email admin@ucic.org.au

Presbytery & Synod of WA

- **Hands and Feet** is a bi-monthly Presbytery of WA newsletter highlighting inspiring stories from congregations and faith communities within the Presbytery of Western Australia. The May edition was sent to subscribers on Tuesday 9 May. To subscribe, or to share a story from your congregation, email handsandfeet@wa.uca.org.au. You can also read it online by visiting <http://createsend.com/t/i-811D72B120777FFF>. The deadline for submissions to the July edition is Monday 26 June.
- **Jon Paschke** was commissioned as Pastor of Lighthouse Uniting Church Geraldton on 18 May, at the church.
- **Rev David Kriel and Rev John McKane** were admitted as Ministers of the Uniting Church in Australia at a service on Saturday 13 May at Merredin Uniting Church.
- **A Safe Church Awareness Workshop** will be held at Albany Uniting Church on Monday 12 June, 10.00am to 3.30pm. All members of congregations, especially those involved in community outreach, are urged to attend. Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP by Tuesday 6 June to Cindy Gorton on 9260 9800 or cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au.
- **A Safe Church Awareness Workshop** will also be held at Manjimup Uniting Church on Saturday 17 June, time TBC. Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP by Tuesday 13 June to Cindy Gorton, contact details above. or Kristin Grainger 0427 711 598, kgrainger66@gmail.com. Additional workshops will be organised in other regions as required. Check out the dates and details at <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/safe-church/safe-church-training>.
- **Dr Sue Boorer** will present two preachers' updates on lectionary readings for Genesis on Thursday 8 June, 4.30 to 6.30pm, and Exodus on Thursday 15 June, 7.00 to 9.00pm, at Willetton Uniting Church. Cost is \$20 each update, including dinner. This event will be accessible using Zoom technology for those outside the metro area. To register or for more info contact Kerry George on 9260 9800 or email cedal@wa.uca.org.au.

From the National Church

- **This year marks the 40th anniversary** of the union of the Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist churches in Australia into the Uniting Church. Uniting Church leaders are marking the occasion with 40 days of prayer up until our historic inauguration date, from Sunday 14 May to Thursday 22 June. The week began with a prayer from our first President Rev Dr Davis McCaughey at the Service of Inauguration and ends with us praying for the work of UnitingWorld. You are invited to join in prayer where ever you are around the country. For more info and to download resources visit <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/40thanniversary/>.
- **The President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Stuart McMillan**, recently spent time in Tonga with church leaders from across the South Pacific. Read his reflection by visiting <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2622-pacific-reflections>.
- **The Assembly has bid farewell** to Rev Tom Kerr after seven years of faithful service to youth and young adults across the church. Tom concluded his placement as National Faith Development Consultant for Youth and Young Adults among youth worker colleagues and friends at Rosefield Uniting Church in Adelaide. Visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2621-thank-you-tom-kerr> to read more.
- **The National Uniting Church History Conference** will be held from Friday 9 to Monday 12 June. With the theme of 'A Pilgrim People: 40 years on,' the conference is for anyone with an interest in Uniting Church history. There will be keynote speakers, panel discussions and papers presented by conference participants. It will also launch the new Uniting Church in Australia National Historical Society, and will be held at Pilgrim Uniting Church, Adelaide. For more info visit <http://uca.org.au/event/uniting-church-history-association-conference/> or contact Leanne Davis at admin@historicalsociety.unitingchurch.org.au.
- **The Uniting Church in Australia Assembly Standing Committee** has approved the appointment of Rob Floyd as the associate general secretary, Assembly Resourcing Unit. Rob will move to this new senior leadership position in the Assembly from his current role as national director of UnitingWorld. He will commence the new role in July 2017. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/05/09/new-assembly-appointment-for-rob-floyd/> to read more.

- **The President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Stuart McMillan**, says that, on balance, there is little to rejoice about in the 2017 Federal Budget.

"A two-year freeze on foreign aid, punitive new welfare measures including drug and alcohol testing for the unemployed, and the extension of income management just make life harder for the poor and most vulnerable," said Stuart. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/05/10/a-budget-of-few-blessings/> to read more.

- **The program for the 2017 Uniting Leaders Conference** is now available to download. Presenters Nancy Beach and Mark Conner will share on: church for the unchurched, re-imagining church, leading in a complex environment, navigating transition and more. The conference will be held from 22 to 24 August in Adelaide. Visit <https://events.sa.uca.org.au/public-relations/uniting-leaders-2017-1#.WRvwPNwIGUm> to register or email info@unitingleaders.org.au for more info.
- **The President of the Uniting Church in Australia Stuart McMillan** has condemned comments made by Federal Immigration Minister Peter Dutton as inflammatory and deplorable. Peter Dutton has described the 7 500 asylum seekers living in Australia as 'fake refugees' and given them until 1 October to formally apply for protection or face deportation. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/05/22/give-refugees-a-fair-go/> to read more.
- **UnitingWorld** has extended a huge 'thank you' to all who joined the movement of Lent Event this year and for all the generous donations. Lent Event continues to be one of the most inspiring ways to connect with brothers and sisters around the world and to share our faith, our stories and our support for each other's life-changing work. Visit <https://vimeo.com/217928362> to see a personal message of thanks from UnitingWorld's National Director. Please consider taking part in UnitingWorld's online survey to help them shape Lent Event in 2018.

UnitingCare and Congregational Community Services

- **UnitingCare West** would like to acknowledge all their volunteers from the Uniting Church. Happy National Volunteer Week and big thanks to all the amazing people that volunteer with UnitingCare West. They couldn't do their work without you.



- **Juniper, a Uniting Church WA agency**, has one of the largest aged care footprints in the country with much-needed services delivered as far north as the Kimberley, as well as the Mid-West, throughout metropolitan Perth, the Wheatbelt and right through to Albany in the Great Southern. More than 450 dedicated volunteers span this vast area, brightening the lives of Juniper's residents, home care clients and their families in many different ways. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/05/09/volunteers-span-the-state-for-our-seniors/> to read more, or <http://www.juniper.org.au/> to register your interest as a Juniper volunteer.
- **UnitingCare West** held its annual Student Forum for Uniting Church WA schools recently. This was a fabulous opportunity for the Uniting Church WA schools' students to come together and work on social justice issues. To learn more about UnitingCare West's work with Uniting Church WA schools visit <http://www.unitingcarewest.org.au/make-a-difference/schools/>.

Ecumenical & International

- **Under the theme of 'Walking, working and praying together'**, the World Council of Churches (WCC) Annual Review 2016 tells the story of a fellowship of churches working for justice and peace through a wide range of activities across all continents, during 2016 and continuing into 2017. Visit <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/2016walking-working-and-praying-together2016-wcc-publishes-its-annual-review-2016> to read more.
- **The annual TEAR WA Conference** will be held on Saturday 22 July, 9.00am to 1.30pm, at Lifestreams Christian Church, Como. Tim Johnson from TEAR's Australian Program Team will be the keynote speaker. There will also be workshops on advocacy, living justly and Indigenous issues. Early bird tickets cost \$30, before 22 June. Visit <http://www.fortomorrow.org.au/events/event/wa-tear-conference> to register.
- **The World Council of Churches** have reported that for Pacific island nations, climate change is more than a political concern - it's rapidly leading to extinction of peoples, lands and a way of life. In one of the biggest examples of environmental injustice in the world, the Pacific region is extremely vulnerable to climate change, despite contributing minimally to global greenhouse gas emissions. Visit [http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/climate-](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/climate-justice-grows-ever-more-urgent-for-pacific-islands)

justice-grows-ever-more-urgent-for-pacific-islands to read more.

- **By taking the Act for Peace Ration Challenge** you'll join more than 10 000 people across Australia as they live on refugee rations during Refugee Week, 18 to 25 June, raising money and awareness for communities threatened by conflict and disaster around the world. Visit <https://actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/> for more info and to register.
- **The Conference of European Churches (CEC)** and the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC), Rev Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, have strongly condemned a bombing in Manchester, United Kingdom, that has left 22 people dead and another five-dozen wounded. Visit <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/wcc-and-european-churches-decry-manchester-bombing> to read more

Community

- **The Coalition for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees (CARAD)** is running low on items for their food bank pantry. Donations of non-perishable items can be delivered to their office, 245 Stirling St Perth from Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

Jobs: Paid and Volunteer

<http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/services/giving-back/employment-paid-and-volunteer/>

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>.

Volunteers for Heart Support

For many years volunteers from Heart Support (WA branch) have visited hospital patients with heart problems requiring medical or surgical treatment. At present there are only two volunteers: David McAndrew and Dave Robinson, who visit Hollywood and the Mount Hospitals each week. If you are interested to volunteer or find out more contact Dave Robinson at 9384 4480 or robinson1@iinet.net.au.

National Director, UnitingWorld

UnitingWorld is seeking a National Director. This role is based in Sydney, however regular travel within Australia and overseas will be required. The successful applicant

will be able to demonstrate experience in cross-cultural, international relationships, entrepreneurial business development, fundraising and communications across a church or similar not-for-profit environment, people leadership, strategic thinking and execution, and

contemporary communication technologies. Applications should be emailed to assemblyjobs@nat.uca.org.au with a copy to jennyb@nat.uca.org.au. Applications close 9 June. Visit <http://www.unitingworld.org.au/get-involved/positions-vacant/> for more info.



Make sure you pick up your copy of the latest edition of Revive.

Prayer Calendar

For the week commencing Sunday 4 June:

Please pray for the All Saints Floreat, St Aidan's Claremont and Swanbourne congregations
Please also pray for the Evangelical Church of New Caledonia and the Loyalty Islands

For the week commencing Sunday 11 June:

Please pray for GKI Perth Mosman Park, Mount Hawthorn St Peter & Emmaus Church and Nedlands congregations
Please also pray for the Legal Reference Committee and Historical Reference Committee.




Uniting Church in Western Australia

Ministry Resourcing Centre



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

Availability: *The challenge and the gift of being present*, by Robert J Wicks. First published in 1986, the 2015 edition is the latest publication of this trusted guide for cultivating openness and being present to God, self, and others. Entering into the turmoil and joy of other people's lives freely – without compulsion, desperation, or obligation – can lead to deeper self-knowledge and a powerful encounter with Christ. **\$32.95**

Thinking the Faith Living the Faith: An introduction to Christian theology, by Christopher C Walker. In this book is an exploration of basic Christian theology from a Protestant perspective, including particular emphases that the Uniting Church has with reference to both the Reformed and Methodist traditions, and that the Christian faith is a matter of living the faith as well as thinking the faith. **\$23.95**

Talking With God in Old Age: Meditations and Psalms by Missy Buchanan. These honest and inspiring meditations reflect the pain and frustration people often experience as they age into frailty, and offer glimmers of hope and an acknowledgement of profound courage and strength that remains in each person despite abilities or disabilities. **\$16.25**

Off The Page: Faith reflections, by Clare Boyd-Macrae. Clare believes "that all people of faith are called upon to do theology: to examine their lives in the light of their faith and to examine what they believe in the light of their everyday lives." Through these writings about God and about the "complicated, rich, tough and wonderful life of a believer in Australia in the 21st century" it is hoped that our faith will develop and mature and deepen our love for God. **\$19.95**

Growing Young: 6 essential strategies to help young people discover and love your church by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin. Profiles of innovative churches in the USA that are engaging 15 to 29-year olds and are experiencing a growth spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically, with research and practical ideas to bring hope to the church. **\$26.50**

All prices plus postage.



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Ministry Resourcing Centre

You are welcome to come into the Uniting Church Centre to view the wide range of resources available.

Off the Page
Faith Reflections
by Clare Boyd-Macrae
\$19.95*

Thinking the Faith Living the Faith
An introduction to Christian Theology
by Christopher C Walker
\$23.95*

Soulstice
The Journeys and Season of the Soul
by Sharonne Price
\$24.95*

Built for Change
A Practical Theology of Innovation and Collaboration in Leadership
by Rev Dr Steve Taylor
\$23.75*

Contact Margaret at
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<http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/ministry-resourcing-centre/>

* Plus postage



Calendar of Events



For more information on these events visit www.unitingchurchwa.org.au

Saturday 3 June	9.00am–1.00pm	Kalamunda Market Day at Kalamunda Uniting Church and surrounds.
Sunday 4 June	3.00pm	Centenary Celebration Service and High Tea at Wembley Uniting Church.
Monday 5 June		World Environment Day.
Thursday 8 June	4.30–6.30pm	Genesis update for lay and ordained preachers at Willetton Uniting Church and online.
Sunday 11 June	1.30–4.30pm	Recycled Mandala Workshop at Margaret River Uniting Church.
Monday 12 June	10.00am–3.30pm	Safe Church Awareness Workshop at Albany Uniting Church.
Thursday 15 June	7.00–9.00pm	Exodus update for lay and ordained preachers at Willetton Uniting Church and online.
Saturday 17–Sunday 18 June		Intercultural Conference and Workshop.
Saturday 17 June	9.30am–3.30pm	Safe Church Awareness Workshop at Manjimup Uniting Church.
Saturday 17 June		40th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia event at Rockingham Uniting Church.
Saturday 17 June	1.30–4.30pm	Introduction to Mandalas Workshop at Wanneroo Crossways Uniting Church.
Sunday 18–Saturday 24 June		Refugee Week.
Sunday 18–Sunday 25 June		Act for Peace's Ration Challenge.
Sunday 18 June	10.45am	Classical Piano Recital at Willetton Uniting Church.
Tuesday 20 June		World Refugee Day.
Wednesday 21–Sunday 25 June		Unity in Diversity: a photographic exhibition at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
Wednesday 21 June	10.00am	Uniting Church Mission Fellowship WA Meeting on the topic of the Uniting Church's 40th Anniversary in the Guild Room at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
Wednesday 21 June	1.00–4.00pm	Recycled Mandala Workshop at Augusta Uniting Church.

If you are planning an event 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.