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Congregations

- **There are still a few places available** for the Women's Weekend Away on Friday 17–Sunday 19 June 2016. Registrations close on Monday 13 June. This year's theme is 'Me and My God' and promises to be a spiritually uplifting and fun weekend. Organised by a committee of women from South Perth and Swan View Uniting Churches, the weekend is held at the Swanleigh Conference Centre, Middle Swan. Cost is \$145 all inclusive. For further information contact Fiona on 0407 771 416 or email southperthwwa@gmail.com.

Presbytery and Synod of WA

- **Perth's annual Sorry Day event** was held at Wellington Square, East Perth, on Thursday 26 May, and aims to tell the stories of the Stolen Generations. The Uniting Church WA, through the work of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) WA and the Justice and Mission Unit, has supported the organisation of Sorry Day events for a number of years, through its involvement in the Bringing Them Home Committee WA. To read more and view the photos visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2016/06/02/sorry-day-truth-justice-and-healing/>.
- **This year's School of Ministry** will be focussed on the Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry. Class hours will be devoted to providing opportunities for experiential learning through the use of case studies and sacred story. The work of the transitional leader is presented and discussed along with tools and resources that facilitate the work of the transitional leader. It will be held from Monday 20–Wednesday 22 June, at The Billabong Community Centre, Canning Vale. For more info contact Rev David Kriel on 9260 9800 or email david.kriel@wa.uca.org.au.

From the National Church

- **Rev Dr Apwee Ting, national director for Multicultural and Cross-cultural Ministry with the Uniting Church in Australia**, has recently returned from a trip to Indonesia where he shared with ministers, pastors and lay leaders on cross-cultural ministry and mission. He has written about the trip on his blog at

<https://makingspaceforgrace.wordpress.com/2016/06/02/grace-transforming-communities-in-indonesia/>.

- **Travel subsidies** of up to \$300 are available for select people who plan to attend Uniting Leaders (UL16). The general criteria for granting subsidies are: rural delegates; multiple delegates from one congregation; and special circumstances, which includes extreme travel requirements. Applications for travel subsidies will be open until 5.00pm on Thursday 30 June. Email gensec@sa.uca.org.au. UL16 will be held from Tuesday 30 August–Thursday 1 September with an additional Senior Leaders Intensive which concludes on Friday 2 September. Further information and registration details are available at unitingleaders.com.au.

Ecumenical & International

- **Christian Pilgrimage** presents an opportunity to join in a 16 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2017. An information evening will be held on Friday 17 June, 6.30pm at Queen of the Apostles Parish, Riverton. Please register your interest before that date. Contact Mary Mclean on 0400 553 140 or randa@christianpilgrimage.com.au. For more info visit www.christianpilgrimage.com.au. To read a Revive article on a previous Christian Pilgrimage trip for young adults visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2016/02/07/seeing-with-new-eyes-from-the-holy-land/>.
- **The Christian Meditation Community in WA** will hold a community day on Saturday 25 June, 10.00am–3.30pm in the Mary McKillop Room in St Joseph's Convent, 16 York St, North Perth. The day will include time for meditation, discussion, feedback and conversation. Cost \$12. BYO lunch. For more information go to www.christianmeditationaustralia.org.

Community

- **The Less is More Festival** will have a Plastic Free July flavour this year. Learn new skills, gain practical knowledge, connect with your community, and get your Plastic Free July knowhow and kit. Cost is free. The Less is More Festival will be held on Saturday 25 June, 10.00am–4.00pm, at The Grove Library, Peppermint Grove. For more info visit <http://www.lessismorefestival.com/about-less-is-more.html>.
- **The 6th Annual Fremantle Refugee Week Fiesta** will be held on Saturday 25 June at Pioneer Reserve, Fremantle, 12noon–2.30pm. The event will include a solidarity walk.
- **NAIDOC Week celebrations** are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. To follow the celebrations visit <http://www.naidoc.org.au/>.
- **Campaign for Australian Aid** is calling on the Australian Government to reverse recent cuts to Australian aid and to do its fair share in building a fairer world for all. Join 3300 Australians and pledge your vote at <http://australianaid.org/pledge/>.
- **You are invited to attend the Perth Modern School and Rossmoyne Senior High School Combined Schools Music Concert** at the Perth Concert Hall on Sunday 19 June. Enjoy a wide range of popular, traditional and original band music in an exciting and innovative venture. Dr Peter Morris from Griffiths University will be working extensively, conducting each ensemble. For tickets and more information visit

<https://www.perthconcerthall.com.au/events/event/Combined-Schools-Music-Orchestra-Concert>.

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>.

- **Hymnfest 2016** is a free event celebrating Christian faith through music and song featuring the Perth Adventist Orchestra and Choir. It will be held on Saturday 18 June, 6.00–7.30pm, at Kennedy Baptist College. Organisers are seeking volunteers to assist with ushering in the venue and to help marshal in the car park outside the venue before and after the event. Please contact Rick Pekan at rick.pekan@biblesociety.org.au or at 0447 973 273 for more information.
- **Uniting Church in the City** is seeking a part-time Finance Officer. Responsibilities include the processing and monthly reconciliation of accounts payable and receivable using MYOB. This is a team position requiring strong communication skills and flexibility. A full position description and application requirements is available from admin@ucic.org.au or phone 6103 4222.
- **The Mount Louisa House of Praise Uniting Church in Townsville, QLD**, is looking for a Pastoral Leader/Minister of Religion to lead it into an exciting new season of ministry. The Pastoral Leader will team with the Administration Manager and the Outreach Pastor to lead the church in the areas of strategic planning, missional strategies and vision. The church is a member of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations within the Uniting Church. Applications close 30 June. For more info visit http://ucaqld.com.au/th_event/pastoral-leader/.
- **The Joondalup Health Campus Human Research Ethics Committee (JHC HREC)** is seeking two new members: a male lay member, and a pastoral care member. The role of the HREC is to consider all applications to carry out research projects at JHC in order to ensure that the proposed research meets relevant standards. Meetings are scheduled at 6.00pm on the second Thursday of every month. For more info contact Ann Hammer on 94006404 or at JHC-Ethics@ramsayhealth.com.au.

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.

Managing Transitions: Making the most of change, by William Bridges. While the changes we are facing differ from any we've experienced before, it is people who have to embrace a new situation and carry out the corresponding change. The transition process by which people get through change does not alter and is outlined in this book. *Recommended for School of Ministry: limited copies \$30.00*

Built For Change: A practical theology of innovation and collaboration in leadership, by Rev Dr Steve Taylor. "Innovation is not the mysterious pursuit of what is new and hip by a heroic leader. Rather, innovation grows out of a set of collaborative, practical actions shaped by the Biblical story and Christian traditions of innovation." **\$23.75**

A Faith for the Future: Church's teachings for a changing world, Volume 3, by Jesse Zink. Written for the Episcopal Church, but relevant ecumenically, this compact publication introduces the essentials of theology: what's the story of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit,

creation and humanity, church, Eucharist, mission and the life after death. For the individual or group, the points 'to ponder' in each chapter encourage deeper thought, discussion and prayer. **\$24.75**

Grounded: Finding God in the world, by Diana Butler Bass. "Where is God?" is one of the most consequential questions of our time. People believe, but they believe differently than they once did. The theological ground is moving; a spiritual revolution is afoot." People are finding new spiritual ground through a God who resides in the world with us – in the soil, the water, the sky, in our homes and neighbourhoods, and in the global commons. **\$45.00**

Messy Togetherness: Being intergenerational in Messy Church, by Martyn Payne. Messy Church as an intergenerational expression of church is discussed, highlighting the benefits to the church community. Current thinking about faith development and a biblical rationale for the all-age approach is explored. Three complete outlines for Messy Church sessions based on the Old Testament, the Gospels and the Epistles, are included. **\$18.95**

Prayer Calendar

For the week commencing Sunday 12 June: GKI Perth Mosmon Park, Mount Hawthorn St Peter and Emmaus and Nedlands Uniting Churches. Please also pray for the Legal Reference Committee and Historical reference Committee.

(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

- Friday 10 June. **Memorial Service for Ailsa Maley** at St George's Church, Dunsborough
- Sunday 12 June. **15th anniversary celebration** at GKI Perth Uniting Church (Indonesian), Mosmon Park
- 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

Next week

- Friday 17 June, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Friday 17 June–Sunday 19 June. **Women's Weekend Away** at Swanleigh Conference Centre
- Saturday 18 June, 9.30am – 3.30pm. **Safe Church Awareness Workshop** at the Lighthouse Church, Geraldton
- Saturday 18 June, 10.00am–3.00pm. **Quiet Day** at Margaret River Uniting Church

- Saturday 18 June, 2.00pm. **Granny Raffle and Afternoon Tea** at Kalamunda Uniting Church
- Saturday 18–Monday 20 June. **Micah's Voices for Justice National Gathering** in Canberra
- Saturday 18 June, 9.00am–4.00pm. **TEAR WA State Conference** at Nedlands Uniting Church
- Saturday 18 June, 6.00–7.30pm. **Hymnfest featuring the Perth Adventist Orchestra and Choir** at Kennedy Baptist College
- Sunday 19 June–Saturday 25 June. **Refugee Week**
- Sunday 19–Saturday 25 June. **Act for Peace Ration Challenge**
- 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. **School of Ministry: Fundamentals for Transitional Ministry** at The Billabong Community Centre, Canning Vale
- Monday 20 June, 6.30pm. **Film screening of Chasing Asylum** at Grand Cinemas Warwick
- 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**

This Month

- Friday 24 June. **Closing date for moderatorial nominations**
- Sunday 26 June. **Classical Piano Concert** at Willetton Uniting Church
- Monday 27 June, 7.00–9.30pm. **Safe Church Awareness Workshop** at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church
- Tuesday 28 June, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Wednesday 29 June, 7.00pm. **Dealing with Grief seminar** at Leeming Uniting Church
- Thursday 30 June. **Mission Grants Application Deadline**

Later

- Friday 1 July. **UnitingCare West's 10th Anniversary**
- Friday 1 July, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Sunday 3 July–Sunday 10 July. **NAIDOC Week**
- Sunday 3 July from 2.30–3.30pm. **UnitingCare West 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service** at Uniting Church in the City, Ross Memorial West Perth
- Monday 4 July, 7.00–9.30pm. **Safe Church Awareness Workshop** at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church
- 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
- Saturday 9 July, 9.00am–1.00pm. **Metro East Regional Gathering** at Mundijong Uniting Church
- 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**

- Friday 15 July, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- 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. **Safe Church Training** at Willetton Uniting Church
- Friday 29 July, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Saturday 30 July, 9.30am–12.30pm. **Metro South Regional Gathering** at Rockingham Uniting Church
- Friday 5 August, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- 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**
- Friday 19 August, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Tuesday 23–Sunday 28 August. **Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st century with John Roberto** in NSW
- Saturday 27 August–Sunday 28 August. **Makes You Wonder Train the Trainer**
- Sunday 28 August. **Refugee & Migrant Sunday**
- Tuesday 30 August– Thursday 1 September. **Uniting Leaders Conference 2016** at Newlife Uniting Church
- 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**
- Friday 2 September, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- 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, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth

- 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
- Monday 19 September. **Eco Theology event** at Perth Theological Hall
- Wednesday 21 September. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Friday 23 September–Monday 26 September. **PNEUMA CampFIRE**
- Saturday 24 September. **One Great Multicultural Celebration**
- Sunday 25 September. **Social Justice Sunday**
- Sunday 25 September. **Classical Piano Concert** at Willetton Uniting Church
- Thursday 29–30 September, 9.00am–6.00pm. **Busselton Wildflower Exhibition** at Busselton Uniting Church
- Friday 7 October, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- 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, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Friday 21 October–Saturday 22 October. **Selection Panel**
- Saturday 22 October. **MARHABA Multicultural Centre Picnic**
- Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 October. **Messy Church Muster** in Bunbury
- Friday 28 October. **Presbyterian Ladies’ College Open Garden Day**
- Tuesday 1 November–Thursday 3 November. **Australian History and Culture Course**
- Friday 4 November, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- 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
- Friday 18 November, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at 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

- Friday 2 December, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Monday 12 December. **General Council**
- Tuesday 13 December. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Friday 16 December, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Sunday 8–Thursday 12 January. **Yurora NCYC 2017** in Sydney