
Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress WA Regional Committee

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Since the last Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia, we have had a very exciting, stimulating, inspiring, demanding and draining year.

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

In this period there were two highlights:

- Easter Convention
- National Young Adult Leaders' conference (NYALC) 2016

1.1 Easter Convention - Narrogin

This year we held a convention at Narrogin where we were joined by about 60 people. There were a lot of young people in the convention. The convention leaders were Rev Sealin Garlett, Desmond and Cheryl Lawson, Rev Sam Dinah and Mitchell Garlett.

We would like to thank Narrogin Uniting Church for the use of their facilities over the Easter long weekend and also to the people of Narrogin who welcomed us and shared their hospitality with us.

The young people joined in with sharing of music and action dances which had an impact upon them and everyone throughout the Convention.

We have had many requests from others to attend the surrounding areas to bring the Gospel and to share the Good News and we ask if you could keep us in your prayers as the spirit of God is moving within our communities and country towns.

1.2 National Young Adult Leaders' Conference – Gold Coast 2016

We were deeply privileged to participate in the National Young Adult Leaders' Conference.

The Congress WA participants were Paul Walley, Claudia Winmar, Ben Henry, Sealin Garlett Jnr, Shaliece Farmer, Janelle Garlett, Desmond and Cheryl Lawson.

For the young adults that attended NYALC it was the first time attending this event and for some it was the first time to fly, the gathering was an awesome time of spiritual reflection, learning and sharing.



To hear the stories of other young people around Australia was very uplifting and to meet with old friends and to make new friends was a bonus, a quote from one of our young leaders was, “The Church is looking good, seeing all of the young leaders come together to worship the one true God from different Nationalities and cultures is a blessing”.

We would like to say a big thank you to First Third’s Janine McDonald for her contribution towards the registrations and flights for our young leaders to attend this great event. Your support and showing the love of God has enriched our youth and blessed them tremendously.

2. MAAMAN Ó’MIYA

The congregation at Maaman Ó’Miya is growing. We have Pastor Desmond Lawson and Cheryl Lawson who provide leadership and pastoral support as well as Mitchell and Janice Garlett, Paul Walley and Claudia Winmar.

Under the leadership and supervision of Shonae Garlett the Sunday school has grown with a large number of children.

The ministry has a strong focus on supporting young people and also sharing ministry with our brothers and sisters in Christ in other suburbs throughout the Perth area.

We would like to thank Rev Sealin Garlett and his wife Marilyn Garlett for their love, support, guidance and wisdom towards the young leaders coming up, and also to our Elder, Rev Sam Dinah who has offered his wisdom and knowledge in the growing of the church at Maaman Ó’Miya.

We would also like to acknowledge the pastoral support of Rev Mervyn Anderson and wife Viviane, and also Rev Dennis Doust.

3. REV SAM DINAH - CHAPLAINCY

Support Services

I have been able to fulfil the contracted hours and three days on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesday at Hakea and Karnet Prisons during this period:

There have been no exceptional and casual incidents that have been required to the level of my service during this period.

- no sick leave
- an Easter Convention in Narrogin
- ongoing prison services for this period.

Important Outcomes

- Normal prison and locum Church duties at Hakea and Karnet Prisons.
- Conducted an ANZAC service at Hakea Prison.
- Attended Beanang Kwuurt Institute (BKI) and Congress and Chaplains meetings.

Religious Services

No specific religious services for this period other than the normal church service at Hakea and Karnet Prisons.

Important Outcomes

- Ongoing support by chaplaincy in witnessing documents and support letters for inmates.
- Including inmates to have a better parenting role, and ongoing religious beliefs and commitments.
- Providing inmates with prayer and counselling with Bibles and ‘Word for Today’ reading material.
- Ongoing support for prison staff and chaplains in reference to prison, and
- religious indifference to inmate attendance at church services.
- Pastoral care in prisons is referred to the Co-ordinating Chaplain in reference to religious material and prisoner religious beliefs.

Referral Services

- Ongoing referrals from other religions wanting to conduct their services to inmates with their different beliefs,
- Including Muslim and charismatic groups who wish to conduct their services to inmates, of the same belief.



- This includes bringing in of their religious material to inmates, which have to be approved by security and the Co-ordinating Chaplain for distribution.

Important Outcomes

- For this period there have been two interim Chaplains introduced to Hakea and Karnet Prison, to fill in for one of the Chaplains on sick leave.

Support Groups

- For this period, ongoing Chaplains meetings at various prison such as Casuarina-Bunbury-Karnet and Bandyup prisons.
- Also support from the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme and Outcare services.
- Outcare service assist with providing accommodation during parole or when an inmate is granted bail.

Involvement in Facility activities

- For this period and my ongoing involvement is to attend Prisoner At-Risk Group (PRAG) and the At-Risk Management System (ARMS) meeting to discuss the welfare of each inmate. This include chaplains and staff members attending and reporting on the outcome of each inmate, whether they require special medical attendance or be released back into mainstream units within the prison
- At PRAG-ARMS each inmate is discussed on their behaviour, and if satisfactory they can be removed into mainstream whilst awaiting sentence or being granted parole or bail.

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4. WAROONA

The Ministry in Waroona has been steady, the ministry has been going every week and the numbers are fluctuating depending on what's happening.

We have formed our Church Council and have elected two more Elders:

- Mrs Daphne Bennell and
- Mrs Jennifer Turner

Our Honorary Elders are:

- Mr Bruce Jetta and Mrs Patsy Jetta

We had the privilege of sending one of our youth, Shaliece Farmer to the National Young Adult Leaders' Conference. Her experience has been an uplifting and encouraging time.

Our youth are looking forward to many other youth gatherings coming up.

I occasionally meet with Rev Brenton Prigge and Rev Mark Illingworth who have encouraged me in ministry and given uplifting support. I speak with the youth mentor at the Waroona District High School every couple of weeks, and it's been to good catch up and to share.

5. FUTURE DIRECTIONS

We continue with conversation with the National UAICC and the Synod of Western Australia.

We acknowledge the support of the Synod of Western Australia, Moderator and the General Secretary.

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