

News & Notes



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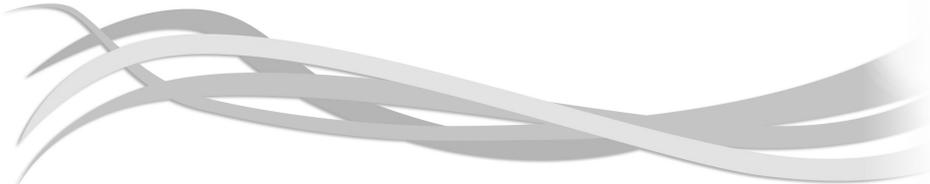
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Congregations

- **A Lenten Study Series** by Rev Emeritus Prof William Loader, *Light and Shade in Matthew*, continues on Sunday evenings, 7.30 to 9.00pm, at Wembley Downs Uniting Church until the end of March. For more info email Karen Sloan at kamasloa@hotmail.com.
- **Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth**, is for the eighth time preparing to present the Stations of the Cross Art Exhibition at Easter. The exhibition will open at 6.00pm on Friday 7 April. It will continue from Saturday 8 to Monday 17 April and will be open daily from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Entry will be free, as will be guided tours of the exhibition. For more information contact Rev Craig Collas on 6103 4222 or email admin@ucic.org.au. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/02/15/easter-art-exploring-loss-grief-oppression-and-mortality/> to read more.

Presbytery of Western Australia

- **Rev Dr John Squires** was inducted into the role of director of Education and Formation at the Uniting Church WA on Friday 24 February at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth. John's role includes being the principal of the Perth Theological Hall (PTH), and the service also celebrated the commencement of PTH. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/03/01/enthusiasm-and-hope-for-education-and-formation/> to read more and view pictures from the event.
- **The next Metro South Regional Gathering** will be held on Saturday 25 March, 9.30am to 12.30pm, at Mandurah Uniting Church. All members from congregations in the region are invited to attend.
- **Rev Emeritus Prof William Loader** will present an update on lectionary readings for Matthew and John on Thursday 16 March at Willetton Uniting Church, 4.30 to 6.30pm and 7.00 to 9.00pm. This event will be accessible using Zoom technology for those who cannot physically attend. To register for internet access or for any other queries please contact Kerry George at cedal@wa.uca.org.au
- **KCO is celebrating 40 years** of the Uniting Church in Australia, and you're



invited. An all-ages dinner and party will be held on the Saturday night of KCO, 18 March, 5.00pm, at Advent Park, Maida Vale. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kco-kids-camp-out-registration-27696624349> to RSVP.

- **Godly Play Core Training** will be held at Bunbury St Augustine Uniting Church on Friday 28 to Sunday 30 April. For more info and to register contact Rev Greg Ross at revgregross@internode.on.net or call 0417 637 944. Godly Play Core Training will also be held at St Columba's Anglican Church, Scarborough from Saturday 22 to Monday 24 April. Visit <https://www.perth.anglican.org/events/godly-play-core-training-2017/> for more info and to register.

Synod of Western Australia

- **The Uniting Church WA** is saddened to hear of the passing of Rev Jim Reid, in the early hours of Tuesday morning, 7 March. A funeral will be held at Uniting Church in the City, Ross Memorial West Perth, 10.30am, on Wednesday 15 March. Please keep his family, friends and the St Andrew's Uniting Church community in your prayers.
- **The Uniting Church WA with UnitingCare West and Anglicare WA** invite you to the faith-based forum, *Challenges and Dilemmas: creating safety in the church*. Faith-based workers in congregations, Safe Church Concerns teams, community outreach organisations and agencies are encouraged to participate. This forum will offer three relevant presentations and a focussed QandA from an experienced panel. You can then participate in a facilitated open discussion session where some of the big issues facing churches around creating safety for children and vulnerable people can be raised. It will be held on Thursday 23 March, 8.45am to 12noon at The Warehouse Cafe, Shenton Park. No cost but registration is essential. RSVP to Cindy Gorton at cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au. For more info contact Gail Green at gail.green@anglicarewa.org.au or call 0412 974 054.

From the National Church

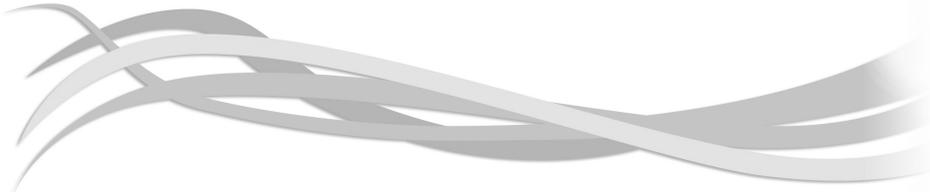
- **The president of the Uniting Church in Australia**, Stuart McMillan, has issued a pastoral statement to the church. On Friday 10 March, the Uniting Church in Australia appeared at a public hearing of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/03/02/uniting-church-in-australia-at-the-royal-commission/> to read his statement.

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- **The Uniting Church in Australia** calls on the Federal Government to make the right decision and leave sections 18C and 18D of the Racial Discrimination Act unchanged. Stuart McMillan, president of the Uniting Church in Australia, cautiously welcomed the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights' report into Freedom of Speech in Australia. Visit <http://unitingjustice.org.au/human-rights/news/item/1223-do-the-right-thing-don-t-change-the-racial-discrimination-act> to read more.

- **The President's National Ministers Conference** and the Uniting Leaders 2017 Conference, both to be held in Adelaide, have joined to become one event. The President's National Ministers Conference/Uniting Leaders 2017 Conference will be held from Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 August in Adelaide. Visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/> for more info.
- **In 2017 Frontier Services** is making fundraising for Patrol Ministry a piece of cake. Simply bake a cake or put on a pot of tea, gather together informally and contribute the 'price of a slice' towards the cost of running a Frontier Services Patrol in remote Australia. Find out more at www.frontierservices.org or send your donation marked Price of a Slice to: Frontier Services Price of a Slice GPO Box 2527 Sydney, NSW, 2001. To make a donation via direct deposit call 1300 787 247 for a reference number and bank details.

UnitingCare and Congregational Community Services

- **Could you offer a child in need a loving home?** Have you always thought about becoming a foster carer? UnitingCare West is recruiting foster carers for children in their specialised foster care services. For more information or a confidential chat call a member of the Futures Foster Care team on (08) 6279 1800.
- **Do you have some spare timber** you could donate? UnitingCare West's Men in Sheds program in Girrawheen, which offers woodwork activity to people with disabilities, needs your timber. Please contact Beth via yourlife@unitingcarewest.org.au if you are able to help. For more information about how UnitingCare West supports people with disabilities visit <http://www.unitingcarewest.org.au/services/people-with-disabilities/community-options/>.



Ecumenical and International

- **Voices in Praise** invite you to join with them in reflection on the Easter journey from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. This beautiful music will be presented with a darkness and light theme, with a series of readings. There will be a retiring offering to support Syrian refugees. Come and be still while the choir tells the Easter story through music on Wednesday 12 April, 7.30pm, at Mt Pleasant Uniting Church, cnr Coomora and Reynolds Rd, Mt Pleasant.
- **On 26 February, Palestinian president** Mahmoud Abbas formally received the general secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC) Rev Dr Olav Fykse Tveit for a meeting to discuss just peace in Palestine and Israel. Visit <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/wcc-general-secretary-meets-with-palestinian-president-mahmoud-abbas> to read more.
- **Murdoch University presents** a lecture series with Prof David Ford, regius Professor of Divinity Emeritus in the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of Selwyn College, on Religion, Violence and a Vision for Twenty-first Century Civilization. Lectures will be held on Thursdays 9, 16 and 23 March, 6.30 to 8.00pm, in the Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre.
- **The Nonviolent Interfaith Leadership Program** is designed to cultivate nonviolent leadership and build capacity in people from faith based communities and organisations across Australia. This program involves a 5-day residential retreat for people to explore nonviolent leadership and how to sustain change, go deeper and to bring people together. It will be held from 2 to 7 April, in Melbourne. Applications close Friday 17 March. Visit <http://www.nonviolentinterfaithleadership.org/> for more info.

Jobs: Paid and Volunteer

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



Property Trustees

The Property Trust provides the legal basis for all the administrative and commercial actions of the Uniting Church WA. Members of the church with professional skills in law or property management are requested to prayerfully consider if they may be able to serve as trustees for at least two years. Duties include preparation and participation in four meetings of the Trust per year and being on a roster to sign documents under seal approximately once a month. For further information please contact the Property Officer, Robert Locke on 0409 211 166 or the Chair of the Trust, Rev Raymond Clee on 0410 766 868.

Presbytery Treasurer

The Uniting Church Presbytery of WA is currently seeking a Presbytery Treasurer. The Treasurer needs a financial background who has some understanding of, or willingness to learn about, the life of the Presbytery. For more info contact Rev Lorraine Stokes on 0407 475 746 or email lkstokes@inet.net.au.

Presbytery Property Convener

The Uniting Church Presbytery of WA is also seeking a Presbytery Property Convener. The Property Convener will have an understanding of property issues; a background in real-estate or property management will be helpful. For more info contact Rev Dr Ian Tozer on 0408 943 685 or email deputy.gensec@wa.uca.org.au.

Trinity Residential College Council

Trinity Residential College, a Uniting Church WA college at the University of Western Australia, seeks expressions of interest for the role of member of the College Council. Finance and/or accounting skills are particularly, but not only, sought. Uniting Church membership is preferred. For further information, contact the Chair of the Council, Margaret Thomas, on 0407 445 754.

Minister of the Word

Pilgrim Uniting Church, Adelaide, are seeking expressions of interest for a full-time Minister of the Word to join a diverse ministry team including a full-



time Deacon and lay leaders. In a central city location, strategic emphasis for this position include: creative worship; pastoral care and faith development; public liturgical celebrations; relationships with the Chinese (SA) Christian Congregations; and Pilgrim's three-year vision and mission priorities. Applications close 14 March. For more info contact Rev Diane Bury on (08) 8236 4254 or email dbury@sa.uca.org.au. For more info on the congregation visit <http://www.pilgrim.org.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.

CPioneers 4 Life: Explorations in theology and wisdom for pioneering leaders, edited by David Male. This book emerged from the strategic thinking and shared experiences of those attending the Breakout Pioneers Conference (prior to 2011) in the UK which still meets annually to seek out and draw together pioneers, and looks to support and train them so that they are free to pioneer as God leads them. **\$10.00 special price**

Follow this link for information about the Breakout Pioneers Conference 2017:
<http://www.breakoutpioneer.org.uk/>

Faith Formation 2020: Designing the future of faith formation, by John Roberto. This initiative was created to guide churches to envision and design dynamic, engaging, and inspiring faith formation in the second decade of the twenty-first century – to imagine the possibilities for faith formation in 2020. Churches are challenged to provide vibrant faith formation for all ages and generations across the faith community through new thinking, new models, practices, resources and technologies. **\$20.20 special price**

A New Monastic Handbook: From vision to practice, by Ian Mobsby and Mark Berry. Ian Mobsby and Mark Berry have valuable experience with Fresh Expressions in the UK and are leading practitioners of new monasticism. Practical experience and story is set alongside reflection and liturgies as a creative resource for all who are already involved in, or are exploring, intentional living in community. **\$40.95**



Messy Church: Fresh ideas for building a Christ-centred community, by Lucy Moore. The first book in the Messy series is still the starting point for your future Messy Church and there are many more to inspire and sustain your community once your Messy Church has begun. This book sets out the theory and practice of Messy Church and offers 15 themed program ideas to get you started. **\$18.25**

See also www.messychurch.org.uk

The Complete Guide to Godly Play, volumes 1 – 8, by Jerome Berryman. This unique approach to religious education invites children to wonder about themselves, God and the world in a way that is playful and meaningful to them. It respects the innate spirituality of children and encourages them to use their curiosity and imagination to experience the mystery and joy of God. **\$54.45 each**

All prices plus postage and packing.

Prayer Calendar

For the week commencing Sunday 19 March: Fremantle Wesley and Rockingham congregations as well as Tranby College. Please also pray for the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, Indonesian Christian Church and Protestant Church in Timor Lorosa'e.

For the week commencing Sunday 26 March: Spearwood, Leeming, The Billabong and Willetton congregations. Please also pray for Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

For the week commencing Sunday 2 April: Busselton Parish (Busselton, Capel and Nannup congregations), Augusta and Margaret River congregations. The Uniting Church Family Campsite. Please also pray for Nauru Congregational Church, the Methodist Church in Fiji and Rotuma.

For the week commencing Sunday 9 April: Pinjarra, Waroona, Warren-Blackwood Group (Boyup Brook, Bridgetown, Greenbushes-Wilga, Manjimup, Northcliffe and Pemberton congregations). Please also pray for Protestant Church in Maluku and the United Church in the Solomon Islands.

Calendar of Events

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

Day/Date	Time	Details
Saturday 18 March	5.00pm	KCO all-ages 40th Anniversary party at Advent Park Maida Vale.
Sunday 19 March	7.30–9.00pm	Light and Shade in Matthew with Rev Prof Bill Loader at Wembley Downs Uniting Church.
Monday 20 March		Margaret River English Language Institute program commences.
Tuesday 21 March		International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
Wednesday 22–Thursday 23 March		Building a Missional Church Intensive.
Thursday 23 March	6.30–8.00pm	Religion, Violence and a Vision for the Twenty-first Century Civilization lecture with Prof David Ford in the Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre, Murdoch University.
Thursday 23 March	8.45am–12noon	Challenges and Dilemmas: creating safety in the church forum at the Warehouse Café, Shenton Park.
Saturday 25 March	9.30am–12noon	Metro South Regional Gathering at Mandurah Uniting Church.
Sunday 26 March	7.30–9.00pm	Light and Shade in Matthew with Rev Prof Bill Loader at Wembley Downs Uniting Church.
Tuesday 28 March	6.00–9.00pm	Sri Lankan Feast in Fremantle.
Wednesday 29–Friday 31 March		Foundations of Transitional Ministry in Brisbane.
Saturday 1 April	5.00pm	Assyrian New Year celebration service at Fremantle Wesley Uniting Church.
Saturday 1 April	5.00pm	Marhaba Multicultural Community Centre 6th Anniversary celebration service at Fremantle Wesley Uniting Church.
Friday 7 April	9.30–11.00am	WA Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Synod Committee meeting at the Uniting Church Centre.
Friday 7 April	6.00pm	Opening of the Stations of the Cross Art Exhibition at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
Sunday 9 April	1.00pm	Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees beginning at St George's Cathedral.

If you are planning an event 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.