



Tuesday 11 April 2017

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## Congregations

- **The Perth Voice newspaper** has run an article on the new solar photovoltaic system on the roof of the Uniting Church in the City building on William St. The system is the biggest of its kind in the Perth CBD. Visit <https://perthvoiceinteractive.com/2017/03/16/seeing-the-light/> to read the article.
- **Pinjarra Uniting Church** has received a Five Leaf Eco Award for their use of solar panels, energy efficiency, recycling, composting, saving paper and encouraging congregation members to be more environmentally conscious at home. The *Mandurah Mail* newspaper have run an article on the award which you can read by visiting <http://www.mandurahmail.com.au/story/4544349/pinjarra-uniting-church-one-of-was-greenest/>.
- **The annual Women's Weekend Away** will be held from 26 to 28 May at the Swan Valley Adventure Centre (formerly Swanleigh Conference Centre) Middle Swan. Titled 'The Blazing Bush' and led by Rev Prue Littleton, the all inclusive cost for the weekend is \$159.00. This spiritually uplifting and fun weekend is organised by a committee of women from South Perth and Swan View Uniting Churches who invite women from all congregations and denominations. For more information contact Fiona on 0407 771 416 or email [southperthwwa@gmail.com](mailto:southperthwwa@gmail.com).
- **Dongara Uniting Church** is holding a Pilgrimage to Living Water, departing from the church at 9.30am on Monday 15 May. Transport support is available for those who are unable to make the journey on foot. For more info contact Jill Clements on 9927 2677.
- **Pinjarra Uniting Church** is holding a Chaplaincy Market on Saturday 22 April, 8.00am to 12noon, on the corner of Pinjarra Rd and South West Highway. All funds raised will go towards YouthCARE chaplaincy. There will be plants, white elephant, bric-a-brac, handcrafts, books, Devonshire morning tea, sausage sizzle, home cooked cakes, biscuits, slices and preserves plus more. For more info call Trevor Beer on 9530 3205.

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- **Guildford Wesley Chapel**, James Street, Guildford will be holding a Church Fete on Saturday 29 April, 8.00am to 2.00pm in support of the restoration fund for their heritage listed building. There will be morning teas, sausage sizzle, bric-a-brac, handicrafts, cake stall, books and plants. For more info email Arthur at [ascook47@hotmail.com](mailto:ascook47@hotmail.com).
  - **Mundijong Heritage Uniting Church** invite you to join in a service to celebrate the commencement of restoration works at the church. Rev David de Kock, general secretary of the Uniting Church WA, will share a message and the Tongan Youth Band will perform. Volunteers from Mobile Mission Maintenance will also be welcomed. It will be held on Sunday 30 April, 10.00am, at 18 Patterson St, Mundijong. For more info contact Marilyn on 9525 9347 or email [marseys2@optusnet.com.au](mailto:marseys2@optusnet.com.au).

### *Presbytery of Western Australia*

- **The Cool Burn 3 Camp** will be held from Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 May at Alfred Hines Seaside Camp, Peron. Cool Burn is an intercultural camp for families. Enjoy crossing borders by learning about other people's cultural backgrounds, ideas, faith, generations and justice through story, fun and building new friendships. Visit <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Cool-Burn-3-2017-brochure-1.pdf> to download a brochure. For more info contact Alice Boomer on 9260 9800 or email [alice.boomer@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:alice.boomer@wa.uca.org.au).
- **The 12th Annual General Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia** will be held on Saturday 20 May 2017 at Noranda Uniting Church. The Nominating Committee is calling for nominations for Presbytery committees. Committee names and a short description of their responsibilities are available on the Uniting Church WA website at <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/presbytery-meeting/>. For further information on the nomination process please visit <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Call-for-Nominations-to-Presbytery-2017.pdf>. To complete a nomination form please visit <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/2017-Nomination-Form-for-Presbytery.pdf>. Forward your nominations to Maree Kemp at [maree.kemp@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:maree.kemp@wa.uca.org.au) by close of business Thursday 18 May.



All the above forms can also be located on the 12th Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia webpage at <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/presbytery-meeting/>.

- **Hands and Feet** is a new bi-monthly Presbytery of Western Australia newsletter highlighting inspiring stories from congregations and faith communities within the Presbytery of Western Australia. This is an opportunity to share your 'good news' stories of life within your community. To share your story in the May edition, email [handsandfeet@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:handsandfeet@wa.uca.org.au) by Monday 24 April.
- **The Fiji Times** Online has published an article featuring Wanneroo Crossways Uniting Church, who recently welcomed 30 members of the Methodist Church in Fiji in a service of belonging. Visit <http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=395483> to read more.

### *Synod of Western Australia*

- **The death of Rev Les Goode** was recently announced. Les served last as a minister in the Uniting Church WA in the Scarborough Parish prior to becoming an Anglican and serving for many years as a chaplain. Please pray for his wife Meryon and his family and friends.
- **Rev James Bhagwan** recently visited Perth from the Fijian Methodist Church. For James, climate change is not a theoretical concept. For many people in the Pacific, the impacts of rising sea levels and severe tropical cyclones are an all too real experience of a changing climate. The Social Justice Commission of the Uniting Church WA have been closely involved in the development of the RenewWA's climate consensus statement which calls on the State Government to adopt Renewable Energy Targets and develop a holistic plan to transition Western Australia to renewable energy. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/03/10/renewwa-standing-with-the-pacific/> to read more.

### *From the National Church*

- **The President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Stuart McMillan**, has welcomed the Senate's decision not to change the Racial Discrimination Act. Visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2600-standing-firm-against-racial-discrimination> to read more.

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- **The Uniting Church in Australia** is a signatory to the Interfaith Appeal for a Ban on Nuclear Weapons, which was handed to Parliament recently. Visit <http://www.icanw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Interfaith-Poster-web.jpg> for more info.
  - **In preparation for the Uniting Church's 40th anniversary** on Thursday 22 June, the Uniting Church SA Moderator, Rev Sue Ellis will release daily devotions and prayers for members of the Uniting Church. The '40 Days of Prayer' emails will be sent daily from Sunday 14 May to Thursday 22 June. If you would like to subscribe to receive the emails, please add your name and email address to the subscription list at <https://confirmsubscription.com/h/j/FFFF10A1771B7D0A>.
  - **The Uniting Leaders 2017**, 'Growing leaders to grow the church' conference, will take place in Adelaide from Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 August. The three-day leadership conference features keynote speakers Nancy Beach and Mark Conner along with interactive workshops and networking opportunities. There are travel subsidies available for rural congregations. Find out more and register by visiting <http://www.unitingleaders.com.au/> or email [info@unitingleaders.org.au](mailto:info@unitingleaders.org.au).
  - **UnitingWorld** have launched a new crowdfunding project. Many schools in Syria are rebuilding, having sustained damage and weathering years of war. Many in Lebanon are overflowing with children who want to learn but cannot afford to pay. UnitingWorld will support churches as they meet the needs of those within their communities, focussing on training teachers and educating refugee children. Visit <https://chuffed.org/project/syriakids> to donate.
  - **About FACE** has been running in the Uniting Church in Australia for over 30 years. It involves briefing, time living in a Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress community and debriefing. It is open to anyone over 18 years of age to attend and the next program will take place from Saturday 24 June to Saturday 8 July 2017. Visit <http://aboutface.org.au/> for more info and to apply.
  - **The President of the Uniting Church in Australia**, Stuart McMillan, has asked church members to lend their support to Uniting Church appeals for communities suffering in the aftermath of Cyclone Debbie. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/04/03/support-for-communities-affected-by-cyclone-debbie/> for more info and to find out how to donate.

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- **Uniting Church leaders** appearing before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse have pledged to survivors to make the church the safest place it can be for children. President Stuart McMillan assured the Royal Commission hearing in Sydney on Friday 10 March that the Uniting Church would continue to apply the lessons learned from the Commission's work. Visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2582-apology-child-safety-pledge-as-scale-of-uca-abuse-revealed> to read more.

### *UnitingCare and Congregational Community Services*

- **UnitingCare Australia** has welcomed an announcement by Federal Minister for Women and Employment, Senator Michaelia Cash, of a \$10million commitment over three years to a new 'Launch into Work' program. UnitingCare Australia has successfully piloted an employment program in partnership with the Australian Government aiming to provide women, and some men, who might otherwise struggle to get a foothold in the job market, with a career pathway. Visit <http://unitingcare.org.au/media-publications/media-releases/unitingcare-australia-welcomes-10m-in-funding-for-new-employment-program> to read more.
- **UnitingCare Australia** has made a submission to the Australian Law Reform Commission Discussion Paper on Elder Abuse. All UnitingCare services, the Uniting Church and its agencies regard elder abuse as a serious and repugnant crime. Visit <http://unitingcare.org.au/media-publications/submissions/submission-to-the-australian-law-reform-commission-discussion-paper-on-elder-abuse> to read the submission.
- **Good Samaritan Industries (GSI)** are selling 2017/18 Entertainment Books to raise funds for the organisation. Purchase a book and you'll receive hundreds of valuable offers while supporting the work of GSI. Cost is \$70.00. Visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/835s10> to order.
- **UnitingCare Australia** is undertaking a strategic planning process to develop and refine their direction for the next 3 to 5 years. They are seeking input from a wide range of people to assist them in shaping their plans for the future, and to ensure they are well placed to respond to the changing needs of their network and environment. Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UnitingCareAustraliaSurvey> to take part in the survey.

- **The Warehouse Gallery** is a community art project and an inclusive gallery space. It seeks to support and provide opportunities for people experiencing social or economic disadvantage to develop their arts practice, learn new skills and facilitate social inclusion. If you know someone who would like to be part of the next exhibition, which will be in late April/May with the theme of 'Hope,' please share this information. For more info, artists can email [warehouse.gallery@unitingcarewest.org.au](mailto:warehouse.gallery@unitingcarewest.org.au).
- **UnitingCare West (UCW)** is excited to announce its third gala dinner dance fundraiser "UCW Christmas in July" to raise funds for its diverse services. The dinner dance will be held on Friday 21 July at Government House, Perth, where the Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC will be the patron for the evening. Set in an Australian Christmas theme, a three-course dinner with exquisite wines will be served. There will be an exclusive auction for unique collectables and luxury experiences.
- **Amanda Hunt** was officially commissioned as the new CEO of UnitingCare West on Tuesday 4 April, at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church. You can see some photos from the day by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/unitingcarewest/photos/>.
- **Long term volunteer Lillian Donald** is a finalist in the 'People Choice' Spirit of Volunteering Awards. Lil is passionate about her beloved Food Rescue program, and at 76 years young her energy and enthusiasm is boundless. Vote for Lillian and you will go in the draw to win \$1,000 for UnitingCare West's Food Rescue program. Visit <https://awards.volunteeringwa.org.au/peoples-choice> to cast your vote, voting closes Sunday 30 April at 5.00pm.

### *Ecumenical and International*

- **Leaders of twelve of Australia's** major denominations and church bodies, including the president of the Uniting Church in Australia, Stuart McMillan, have delivered a Church Leaders Statement on Foreign Policy to the Foreign Minister, Julie Bishop, calling on the Government to "love our neighbours as ourselves." For more info, to download the statement and to sign the petition visit [http://www.micahaustralia.org/white\\_paper](http://www.micahaustralia.org/white_paper).

- **The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA)** invites applications for the annual training of Young Ambassadors of Peace in Asia (YAPA) 2017. The YAPA 2017 program will be held from Sunday 28 May 2017 to Saturday 3 June 2017 at Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Initiated by the CCA, the YAPA program's main aim is to train a new generation of young peace activists and nurture their role in respective societies as peace builders. Applications are open for people aged between 20 to 30, and need to be in by Monday 10 April. Visit <http://cca.org.hk/home/news-and-events/cca-invites-applications-for-young-ambassadors-of-peace-in-asia-training-2017/> for more info.
- **The Australian Christian Teen Writer Awards** discovers and encourages young writers. A \$1000.00 prize is given for the best unpublished manuscript by an Australian citizen under 18 years of age. Entries close Wednesday 31 May. Visit <http://sparklit.org/awards/australian-christian-teen-writer-award/> for more info.
- **East Africa** is in the grip of an intense drought. Two seasons of poor rainfall have wiped out crops and killed livestock. Women are digging holes in the dry earth in an attempt to find water. Act for Peace are running an emergency appeal to assist people affected by famine in the area. Visit <http://www.ncca.org.au/ncca-newsletter/april-2017/item/1018-act-for-peace> for more info and to donate.
- **The National Council of Churches** in Australia has published Easter messages from church leaders around the country. Visit <http://www.ncca.org.au/news/media-releases/item/1024-easter-messages-2017> to read them.
- **The Bible Society's Holy Text campaign** is a Bible based drama where users will receive text messages which play out the Easter story from the perspective of those who were there. Text the word 'Holy' to 0488 222 777 to take part. Standard SMS rates apply to register. Visit <https://www.biblesociety.org.au/holytext> for more info.

### *Community*

- **The Wilderness Society** invite you to share a meal with family and friends to raise funds for a safe climate future. Prepare a meal, invite your guests and ask them to pay what they think it's worth, donating the funds to The Wilderness Society. Visit <http://www.whatsitworth.org.au/> for more info.

- **Family-Friendly Communities** is an initiative of parents, families and carers who aim to develop their neighbourhood, town or locality as a village in which to raise a child or care for others across generations. They would like to hear from individuals and organisations around the country interested in developing Family-Friendly Communities (FFC) in their locality. Register your interest in participating by visiting <http://www.civilsociety.org.au/FFC.htm>.
- **Stop the Traffik** have released A Matter of Taste, which examines what the six biggest chocolate companies and the three certifiers are doing to prevent and end human trafficking and child labour in the cocoa farms in West Africa. Visit <http://stopthetraffik.com.au/chocolatebox> 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/>.

### **Transforming Ministry Connexions Officer and Transforming Ministry Projects Co-ordinator**

Applications are invited from gifted and highly motivated mission and ministry people (ordained or laypersons) to fill these strategic positions within the Uniting Church SA. The two positions are: TM Connexions Officer, with a focus on resourcing and providing ministry leadership to the relational connections across the church working in these diverse mission areas; and TM Projects Co-ordinator, with a focus on giving oversight to a range of projects relating to international/world mission, justice, culturally and linguistically diverse mission and ministry and covenanting between First and Second Peoples. Applications close Thursday 27 April. Visit <http://sa.uca.org.au/uc-positions-vacant/current-positions/transforming-ministry-connexions-officer-and-transforming-ministry-projects-co-ordinator> for more info.

### **General Secretary, Uniting Church NSW and ACT**

The Synod of NSW and ACT plans to appoint a new General Secretary at the Synod meeting to be held in late September 2017. Expressions of Interest are

invited from both ordained and lay persons who are active members of the Uniting Church and, through their strong personal faith feel called to serve in this pivotal position. This is a challenging position for an experienced and influential leader. Visit <https://nswact.uca.org.au/about-us/work-with-us/employee-vacancies/general-secretary-synod-of-nsw-act/> to download the position description, or contact Peter Andrews on 0414 500 880. Applications close Friday 12 May 2017.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Executive Officer**

The Uniting Church Victoria and Tasmania is seeking expressions of interest for a full-time ministry placement in their new Mission and Capacity Building Unit. The Executive Officer is a key leadership role required to lead and inspire in a time of change. The role will focus on mission including attention on context, social justice, relationship building, new forms of church, First Peoples, young people and families and cross-cultural communities. Applications close Friday 28 April. For more info, including a position description, email [robyn.hansen@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:robyn.hansen@victas.uca.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](mailto:resource@wa.uca.org.au).

***Reinventing Church: stories of hope from four Anglican parishes***, by James Collins, Helen Collins and Douglas Ezzy. "A story of hope in the context of change, loss, and sadness. Four Anglican communities of faith in Tasmania faced long-standing decline and the possibility of closure. Instead, they chose to adopt a new type of ministry called 'Enabler Supported Ministry' where local Christians voluntarily take on the work of parish ministry. In so doing, they forged a new future for themselves." **\$25.95**

***Did He Say That? The difficult words of Jesus***, by Charles Sigel, Mitchell Mackinem. A study that explores the sayings that have challenged and continue to challenge the church, and how the church has responded to the sayings. In eight chapters using key terms, historical context, and historical attempts to understand them and what they might be saying to us today. **\$16.95**

***On The Third Day: re-looking at the resurrection***, by John Queripel. "What occurred to turn disillusioned followers of this seemingly defeated Jesus into fearsome proclaimers of the gospel? How has the power of the resurrection enabled many followers of Jesus to stand firm for justice and ethical living often in the face of tremendous challenges? How is it that the resurrection so often associated with passing to another world has had such transformative power in this world? And how can we harness this liberating power today?" **\$24.95**

***Pastoral Theology in an Intercultural World***, by Emmanuel Y Lartey. Practices of giving and receiving of care are embedded in and arise out of the beliefs and values of the people who engage in them. Societal and cultural factors influence the shape and form of all caring activities. The art of pastoral theology explores the rationale, nature and ethos of care, as practised by and through communities of faith. The purpose of this book is to make the subject accessible to those engaged in caring activities, as well as those who would like to understand what is involved in care at the levels of both reflection and action. **\$27.95**



## *Easter Stories from Lost Sheep*, by Andrew McDonough

***Peter and the Big Breakfast***, based on John 21: 1-22 where the risen Jesus, Peter and the disciples gather around a fire and share breakfast. "The last time they shared a meal together Peter claimed he'd die for Jesus. And the last time Peter joined a group gathered around a fire he denied that Jesus was his friend. It all ended in tears. So, Peter headed back to the beach, to do the one thing he know he was good at – catching fish. Every follower of Jesus will experience failures of faith and courage. So, to sustain children in a lifetime of faith, I recommend you feed them up on this big breakfast story." **\$5.99**

**Also: *Peter and the Rooster***, based on Luke 22: 54-62, and ***Dave the Donkey***, based on Mark 11: 1-10.

All prices plus postage and packing.

## *Prayer Calendar*

For the week commencing Sunday 16 April: Wellington Regional Mission (Bunbury St Augustine, Eaton Millbridge Faith Community, and Waterloo congregations). Please also pray for the Defence Force Chaplaincy and Uniting Singers.

For the week commencing Sunday 23 April: Lay Preachers', PNEUMA, Uniting Church Adult Fellowship and Uniting Church Mission Fellowship. Please also pray for the Synod of South Australia.

For the week commencing Sunday 30 April: The Covenanting Commission and the National Working Group on Relations with Other Faiths.

For the week commencing Sunday 7 May: The Presbytery of Western Australia chairperson, Rev Steve Francis; chairperson-elect, Rev Lorraine Stokes; secretary, Rev Dr Ian Tozer and the Presbytery Standing Committee.



# Calendar of Events

For more information on these events visit [www.unitingchurchwa.org.au](http://www.unitingchurchwa.org.au)

Day/Date	Time	Details
Saturday 15 April		Lent Event finishes.
Sunday 16 April		Easter Sunday.
Wednesday 19 April	10.00am	Uniting Church Mission Fellowship WA meeting on the topic <i>Australian Church Women</i> in the Guild Room at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
Wednesday 19 April	4.00–5.00pm	Amnesty International Letter Writing Group at Wembley Downs Uniting Church.
Saturday 22–Monday 24 April		Godly Play Core Training at St Columba's Anglican Church, Scarborough.
Saturday 22 April	8.00am–12.00noon	Pinjarra Chaplaincy Market at Pinjarra Uniting Church.
Thursday 27–Sunday 30 April		Chrysalis Flight.
Friday 28–Sunday 30 April		Godly Play Core Training at Bunbury St Augustine Uniting Church.
Saturday 29 April	8.00am–2.00pm	Church Fete at Guildford Wesley Chapel.
Sunday 30 April	10.00am	Service to celebrate the commencement of restoration works at Mundijong Heritage Uniting Church.
Monday 1–Friday 5 May		Basic Supervision Intensive.
Friday 5 May		Revive contribution deadline for June 2017 edition.
Friday 5–Sunday 7 May		Indonesian National Conference in Perth.
Friday 5 May	9.30–11.00am	WA Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Synod Committee meeting at the Uniting Church Centre.
Saturday 6 May	9.30am–12.30pm	Safe Church Refresher at Victoria Park & Districts Star St Uniting Church.
Sunday 7–Wednesday 10 May		Moderator's Minister's Retreat.

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.