

Tuesday 9 May 2017

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## Congregations

- **Organisers of the Uniting Church in the City's Stations of the Cross** event invite visitors to the exhibition to complete a short survey on their experience. The survey is available at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZTSV3DW](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZTSV3DW). If you were unable to visit the exhibition, you can view an online catalogue with images, artist statements and a meditation at <http://www.perthunitingchurch.org.au/stations>.
- **Kardinya Uniting Church** invite you to celebrate their 30th Anniversary on Saturday 27 May, 2.00pm, at the church, 133 Le Souef Dve, Kardinya. Come and join in an afternoon of fun and fellowship, looking back and going forward. RSVP to Sue on 0400 336 418.
- **Deep Water Dwelling** are launching the Dream Network, to enable people to interpret and learn from their dreams, using them as a spiritual tool for life. The launch will be held on Wednesday 24 May, 7.30pm, at Margaret River Uniting Church. For more info email [deepwaterdwelling@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:deepwaterdwelling@wa.uca.org.au).
- **South Mandurah Uniting Church** are in desperate need of people willing to register as reserve helpers to serve with the church's Breakfast Club at Ocean Road Primary School, Dawesville. Reserve helpers may be required to serve at short notice, and in case of illness or travel among the regular volunteers. Volunteering with the Breakfast Club is a rewarding way of serving in the community. For more info contact John Lawrence at [jslaw1@bigpond.com](mailto:jslaw1@bigpond.com).
- **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](mailto:rockinghamunitingchurch@gmail.com) or call Gerry Ligtermoet on 0499 988 073.



## Presbytery of Western Australia

- **The Uniting Church WA** was saddened to hear of the passing of Shirley Joiner, from Mandurah Uniting Church. Shirley was the co-ordinator for Uniting Outreach Mandurah and the church's Our Place Boutique op-shop. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this time.
- **The Presbytery of WA** invites all Uniting Church congregations and Faith Communities to send in any photos they would like to share with others at the forthcoming Presbytery meeting on 20 May, about who we are and what we do. Please ensure that any photos you forward are accompanied by a word of permission allowing the photos to be used both at the meeting and any newsletters or publications that may follow. For more information call Frances Stanley on 9260 9823 or email [Frances.Stanley@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:Frances.Stanley@wa.uca.org.au).
- **Are you under 35** and undertaking leadership or theological studies? If so, you may be eligible for the Joan Stott UCAF Bursary. Two bursaries may be awarded each year, to the value of \$1 500. Applications are due 31 May. For more info contact Anne Holland at [mrs\\_a\\_holland@hotmail.com](mailto:mrs_a_holland@hotmail.com).
- **A Safe Church Awareness Workshop** will be held at Manjimup Uniting Church, Bath Street, Manjimup on Saturday 17 June, 9.30am to 3.30pm for ministers, church leaders, church members and those involved in community services. Cost is \$20 for the manual and light refreshments. RSVP by Tuesday 13 June to Cindy Gorton on 9260 9800 or email [cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au). Additional workshops have been scheduled in other regions in 2017 so contact Cindy for details or to request a Safe Church Workshop for your region.
- **A number of ministers in placement** have or are due to retire in the next month or so, they include Rev Mike Fawcett, recently in placement at Leeming Uniting Church retired on 7 May 2017. His final service was held at the church on that date. Rev Francis Hadfield, currently in placement with the Council of Churches WA and as a prison services chaplain, retires from ministry at the end of June 2017. Rev John Barendrecht, placements manager at the Uniting Church WA, retires from ministry at the end of July 2017.



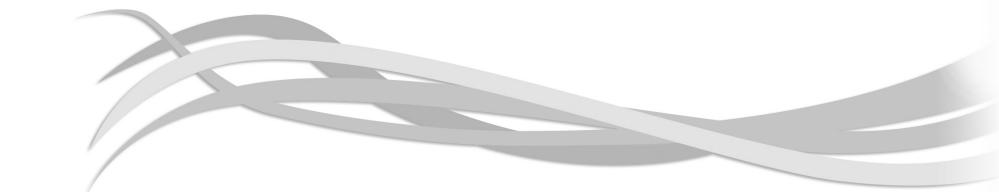
And Rev Zak Cronje currently in placement at Bicton Uniting Church will be retiring at the end of June 2017. Zak's final service was held on 30 April 2017.

We thank God for their faithful service and wish them an enjoyable and fulfilling retirement.

- **Rev Steve Francis, moderator of the Uniting Church WA** has organised two retreats for ministers in placement, to deepen spirituality and build collegiality. The first was held from Sunday 7 May to Wednesday 10 May, and the second is planned for Sunday 15 October to Wednesday 18 October, at New Norcia. For more info contact Justine Woodward on 9260 9800 or email [justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au).
- **The Media and Communication Team** at the Uniting Church WA are looking for skilled photographers to capture stunning photos of their church and congregation. These photos will be used on the Uniting Church Western Australia's website. If you would like to know more, contact digital communications officer, Elsa Samuel at [digital.communications@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:digital.communications@wa.uca.org.au).

## From the National Church

- **Rev Dr John Squires**, director of education and formation for the Uniting Church WA, has written a reflection on what makes up the DNA of the Uniting Church in Australia. Visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2611-the-dna-of-the-uca> to read it.
- **UnitingWorld** has offered a sincere 'thank-you' to all who have recently participated in Lent Event and journeyed with them to witness where God is alive and at work in the world. Donations can still be directly made to UnitingWorld at [www.lentevent.com](http://www.lentevent.com) or call (02) 8267 4267
- **UnitingWorld** are crowdfunding to get Syrian kids back into classrooms. One in every five people in Lebanon is a Syrian refugee. Over half are children, and 48% of them aged 6-14 are out of school. Through their networks, UnitingWorld will support churches in Lebanon to provide education for Syrian children and prevent them falling further behind in their education. They need \$80 000 to get their program off the ground. Visit <http://www.unitingworld.org.au/crowdfunding-get-syrian-kids-back-classrooms/> for more info and to donate.

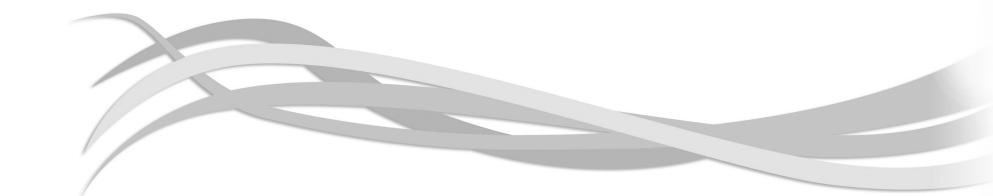


- **Jannine Jackson** has been appointed as the new national director of Frontier Services. Jannine comes to the role with extensive experience in fundraising and marketing in the faith and non-profit sectors, both in New South Wales and nationally. Her background includes senior leadership positions at the McGrath Foundation, the Children's Hospital at Westmead and Mission Australia. She is a member of Toongabbie Anglican Church in Sydney's west. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/04/26/new-national-director-for-frontier-services/> to read more.
- **The president of the Uniting Church in Australia, Stuart McMillan**, has welcomed the combined advocacy efforts of ecumenical, interfaith and community partners in support of a Modern Slavery Act for Australia. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/05/01/working-together-against-modern-slavery/> to read more.
- **President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Stuart McMillan**, has written to Foreign Minister Julie Bishop to express concerns about the deteriorating situation in South Sudan. In a letter co-signed by the national director of UnitingWorld, Rob Floyd, they asked the Government to maintain its support for South Sudan after reports of increasing violence and civil unrest in the troubled region. Visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2617-prayers-for-south-sudan> to read more.
- **A new Doc.Byte discussion starter** from the National Working Group on Doctrine is available. It offers guidance on reading the scriptures in worship and can be downloaded at [https://assembly.uca.org.au/images/DocByte\\_ReadingTheScriptures.pdf?utm\\_source=National+Update&utm\\_campaign=c87f8b09f8-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2017\\_04\\_26&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0949be2046-c87f8b09f8-9224845](https://assembly.uca.org.au/images/DocByte_ReadingTheScriptures.pdf?utm_source=National+Update&utm_campaign=c87f8b09f8-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_04_26&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0949be2046-c87f8b09f8-9224845).
- **Applications for About FACE** close on Friday 12 May. The program runs from 24 June to 8 July, and aims to live out the covenant between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) and the Uniting Church in Australia. It involves briefing, time spent in a UAICC community, and debriefing. Visit <http://aboutface.org.au/> for more info.



## **UnitingCare and Congregational Community Services**

- **The UnitingCare Australia Aged Care network** welcomed the recent report: Alternative Aged Care Assessment, Classification System and Funding Models, and the announcement by Minister Ken Wyatt of further consultation to determine the best way forward for funding aged care in Australia. The report outlines a number of options for consideration for allocating residential aged care funding. Visit <https://www.unitingcare.org.au/media-publications/media-releases/unitingcare-australia-welcomes-consultation-on-future-of-aged-care-funding> to read more.
- **UnitingCare West (UCW)** is proud to promote the UCW Dollar Club. By donating just a dollar a day, you can provide a consistent level of support to vulnerable people in Western Australia. A dollar a day can make a big difference. This donation can buy 7 family sized food hampers, 10 hygiene packs or 7 swags for people sleeping rough. If you would like to support people most in need please call Gillian on 9355 9139.
- **Two of UnitingCare West's disability support workers**, Joyce Merritt and Gavin Denz, were nominated for the WA Disability Support Awards for the work they do with UnitingCare West participants. Their contributions were celebrated with 750 other sector delegates at the annual awards night at Crown Casino. Joyce and Gavin were put forward for the Excellence in Personnel and Community Support Award and the Excellence in Improving Participation Award.
- **UnitingCare West** is excited to announce its third gala dinner-dance fundraiser, *UnitingCare West Christmas in July* to raise funds for its diverse services which support and empower people most in need. It will be held on Friday 21 July, 6.30pm, at Government House, Perth. Visit <http://www.unitingcarewest.org.au/about-us/news-and-events/2017-christmas-in-july-dinner-dance/> for more info.



- **The creation of an innovative aged care service hub** in Kununurra has taken a big step forward. Juniper, a Uniting Church WA agency providing community and residential aged care, has announced that Pindan Contracting, an experienced construction company, has been appointed to build the organisation's new 30-place care facility. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/04/26/innovative-aged-care-services-hub-milestone-in-the-kimberley/> to read more.

## *Ecumenical and International*

- **The Royal School of Church Music Australia** offers a residential camp for 8 to 18 year olds who have a passion for singing. It is also a place of companionship, acceptance, laughter and fun. The camp will be held from 4 to 9 July at the WA College of Agriculture, Narrogin. For more info email [laphillips@iinet.net.au](mailto:laphillips@iinet.net.au).
- **The Council of Churches WA** and church denominations in the City of Perth are offering an amazing opportunity to explore in this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, ending with a pilgrimage walk. The date for the week starts at 5.00 pm on Sunday 28 May, when the Pilgrimage for Unity will be launched at Evensong at St George's Cathedral. The week will continue with events at all the city churches. For more information contact Rev Frances Hadfield at 9275 3144 or email [ecumenical@churcheswa.com.au](mailto:ecumenical@churcheswa.com.au).
- **Operation Hope** is made up of refugee advocates, involved at local church and community level with social justice groups and refugee support groups. A group of Operation Hope volunteers will be travelling to northern Iraq on 3 May to volunteer as medical and humanitarian staff at a new field hospital being set up by AdventistHelp. Operation Hope are hoping to raise \$30 000. Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/field-hospital-23km-east-of-mosul> to donate.
- **The 3DM program** provides congregations with skills in mentoring members in growth in faith and discipleship, equipping them to form new missional communities. 3DM Training will be held from Thursday May 25 to Saturday May 27. For more info contact Rev Mark Illingworth at [mark.illingworth@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:mark.illingworth@wa.uca.org.au).

- **This year's Hymnfest event** will be celebrating the bicentenary of the Bible Society Australia on Saturday 10 June, 6.00pm to 8.00pm, at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. The festival will include the Perth Adventist Orchestra and the Perth Adventist Choir. For more info contact Rick on 0447 973 273 or email [rick.pekan@biblesociety.org.au](mailto:rick.pekan@biblesociety.org.au). Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hymnfest-perth-tickets-33235601579> to book your tickets.

## *Community*

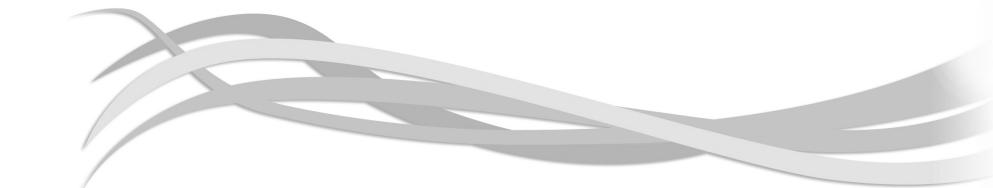
- **A Sorry Day event** will be held on Friday May 26, 10.00am to 1.00pm, at Wellington Square, East Perth. Sorry Day is held each year to remember and commemorate the mistreatment of Australia's Indigenous people. Schools can register for the day by emailing [admin@recwa.org.au](mailto:admin@recwa.org.au).

## *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/>.

## *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.



## **Ecumenical Ministry Officer**

The Council of Churches of Western Australia (Inc) is seeking an enthusiastic Ecumenical Ministry Officer to support ongoing dialogue and co-operation amongst churches in Western Australia. This is a part-time position (0.8 FTE). Email applications to [executive@churcheswa.com.au](mailto:executive@churcheswa.com.au) as a single PDF file by close of business on Tuesday 16 May 2017. Initial inquiries should be directed to Alan Jennings, Executive Officer on 9275 3144.

## **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.

## **Associate Director of Mission, UnitingCare Qld**

UnitingCare Queensland are seeking applications for an Associate Director of Mission (ADOM) -pastoral care to perform key leadership roles in supporting UnitingCare Queensland to be a mission and values led organisation. This is a full-time placement having oversight of pastoral care across UnitingCare Queensland services, in particular providing professional support and leadership to our chaplaincy services. For a position description email Bruce Moore, director of mission. Applications must address selection criteria and be emailed to [placements@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:placements@ucaqld.com.au). Applications close 26 May.

## **Synod Liaison Minister, Tasmania**

The Uniting Church Victoria and Tasmania are seeking a Synod Liaison Minister, Tasmania. This key role provides the principal link between the Synod offices in Tasmania and Victoria, management of the Synod office in Launceston, exercising responsibility on behalf of the Presbytery of Tasmania for the pastoral care of ministry workers, and leadership of various kinds within the Presbytery of Tasmania. Request a ministry description from Robyn Hansen by calling (03) 9251 5215 or emailing [robyn.hansen@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:robyn.hansen@victas.uca.org.au). Expressions of interest close on 26 May.

## **National Committee Chair, UnitingCare Australia**

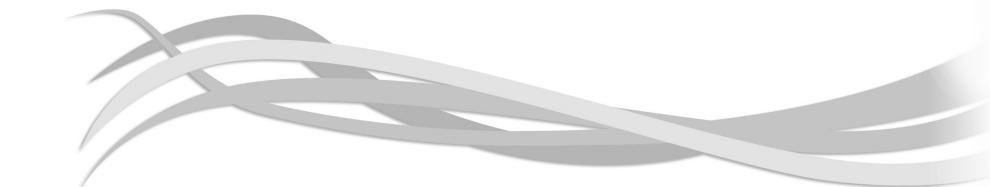
UnitingCare Australia (UCA) is seeking a new Chair for its National Committee to support the National Director. The role will require a passionate and progressive leader who can understand and respond to the myriad of challenges, who is ideally a member of the Uniting Church. Responsibilities include chairing the National Committee which develops policy, builds the UnitingCare network and advocates on behalf of the network, the Uniting Church and vulnerable Australians; working closely with and supporting the National Director and National Office to fulfill the organisation's strategic directions and championing the role of UCA within the wider church. For more information about the role or if you are aware of someone who may be a potential Chair, email Colleen Geyer at [ColleenG@nat.uca.org.au](mailto:ColleenG@nat.uca.org.au) by the end of May 2017.

## **Presbytery Ministers, Central Queensland and South Moreton Presbyteries**

The Presbyteries of Central Queensland and South Moreton invite Expressions of Interests (EOI) for the role of Presbytery Minister within their individual Presbyteries. These significant placements within the life of the Uniting Church in Queensland are seeking to call individuals with vision, energy and a strong team commitment who will provide strategic leadership, pastoral oversight, missional direction and support across the Presbytery. Email [placements@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:placements@ucaqld.com.au) for a position description. EOIs can be posted to: Central Qld Presbytery Minister or South Moreton Presbytery Minister JNC, c/- Secretary of Placements, Uniting Church (Qld Synod) GPO Box 674 Brisbane QLD 4001 or emailed to [placements@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:placements@ucaqld.com.au) by close of business Monday 15 May 2017.

## **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](mailto:robinson1@iinet.net.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).

**All Will Be Well: Spiritual reflections in conversation with Julian of Norwich**, by Sharonne Price. A study in five parts for groups. The visions of Julian of Norwich are viewed as relevant today as they were in the 14th Century and are especially helpful to those of us who are apprehensive about the future. The studies encourage us to be strong in faith and move forward with confidence in Christ.

**\$11.75**

**Thinking the Faith Living the Faith, An Introduction to Christian Theology**, by Christopher

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**

**Reproducing Churches**, by George Lings. By using deeper theological foundations the author's experience has developed from the idea of planting churches, to mission-shaped church to Fresh Expressions and the idea that God's church can reproduce beyond the organisational spread of an institution to be thought of in communal, interpersonal terms. **\$22.25**

**Pray and Color: A coloring book and guide to prayer**, by Sybil MacBeth. A colouring book to help quiet the mind and transition from busyness to stillness and pray while creating something visual and inspired. Includes an introduction and guide to fourteen types of prayer, and 32 pages to colour. **\$29.95**

All prices plus postage and packing.



## Prayer Calendar

For the week commencing Sunday 14 May: The Candidates for the Ministries Committee, the Congregational Community Services Committee and the Pastoral Relations Committee. Please also pray for the Church Polity Reference Committee.

For the week commencing Sunday 21 May: The First Third Ministry Committee, the Multicultural and Cross-cultural Ministries Committee, the Property Committee, the Rural Ministry Committee and Strategy and Mission Planning Commission. Please also pray for Veritas and the Sudan Council of Churches.

For the week commencing Sunday 28 May: The Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL) and the Liturgy Committee. Please also pray for the Church of South India, including the Jaffna Diocese, Sri Lanka.

For the week commencing Sunday 4 June: All Saints Floreat, St Aidan's Claremont and Swanbourne congregations. Please also pray for the Evangelical Church of New Caledonia and the Loyalty Islands





# Calendar of Events

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

Day/Date	Time	Details
Sunday 14 May–Thursday 22 June		40 Days of Prayer and Fasting including a week of Prayer and Fasting.
Monday 15 May	9.30am	Pilgrimage to Living Water departing from Dongara Uniting Church.
Wednesday 17 May	10.00am	Uniting Church Mission Fellowship WA meeting on the topic of <i>Leprosy Mission</i> in the Guild Room at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
Wednesday 17 May	4.00–5.00pm	Amnesty International Letter Writing Group at Wembley Downs Uniting Church.
Wednesday 17, 24 and 31 May	7.30pm	Bible Study on Philippians at Osborne Park Uniting Church.
Thursday 18–Sunday 21 May		Perth Walk to Emmaus (Men).
Friday 19 May		Code of Ethics overview.
Friday 19 May		Community Service Conference.
Saturday 20 May		12th Annual General Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia at Noranda Uniting Church.
Wednesday 24 May	7.30pm	Launch of the Dream Network at Margaret River Uniting Church.
Thursday 25–Sunday 28 May		Perth Walk to Emmaus (Women)
Friday 26 May	10.00am–1.00pm	National Sorry Day event at Wellington Square, East Perth.
Friday 26–Sunday 28 May		Women's Weekend Away at the Swan Valley Adventure Centre Campsite.
Saturday 27 May		Mission Shaped Ministry Course at the Uniting Church Campsite Busselton.
Saturday 27–Sunday 28 May		Intercultural Cool Burn 3 Camp at Alfred Hines Seaside Camp Peron.
Saturday 27 May	2.00pm	30th Anniversary celebration at Kardinya Uniting Church.

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.