

Western Australian Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

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We commenced 2017 with a Planning Day facilitated by Cindy Gorton which motivated and encourage us for the year ahead. This has given the committee renewed energy and direction. We have strategies in place and time will see them worked through.

Our Strategic Objectives are:

1. To establish a list of groups in the Synod who meet for fellowship in the Synod
2. To connect and engage with the existing fellowship groups.
3. To raise the profile of UCAF to fellowships groups, congregations and to the Synod and Presbytery
4. To grow UCAF and its membership.
5. To continue links with the National UCAF and other national bodies.

We are working on these objectives hopefully congregations will have received their survey forms before this meeting. Planning Day was a valuable exercise. We hope for positive results.

Because there has been confusion about affiliation to the Synod UC Adult Fellowship we decided that 2017 would be an affiliation free year and plan to set in place means of raising funds for the work we do.

There was no Annual Synod Fellowship Day in 2016 and the AGM was delayed till November Arrangements for the 2017 annual Fellowship Day are in hand.

The Fellowship Day is a time everyone across the Synod is invited to enjoy a day when we meet to sing, pray, greet old friends meet new people and honour our senior members by acknowledging their contributions to the life of the Church.

The 2017 Fellowship Day is planned for Friday the 8th September, at Maylands/Mt Lawley Uniting Church. Mrs Margaret Pedler, National UC Adult Fellowship Chairperson, will be our guest speaker. Margaret will share with us about the work of the National Committee who's theme this triennium is 'Living Water, Come Drink'. She will also bring news from synod committees in the other states across Australia.

The WA UCAF will hold their AGM on Fellowship day at 1.00 pm, after lunch. We have vacancies on the committee and would welcome anyone interested in promoting fellowship activities.

A second ministry to our seniors is to 90 year old's. This year ten greeting cards have been sent on behalf of the Synod. We warmly thank

Olive Caporn from Beldon congregation for the many years she faithfully sent the 90 year old's a greeting. Kaye Lockley from Bicton congregation has taken on this task.

The National Committee of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship is an agency of the Assembly. The theme of the National committee for this triennium is "**Living Water – Come Drink**". The UCAF National Committee for this triennium (2015-2018) is based in the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

The National Committee responsibilities to Assembly are: representing the UCA in women's organisations of the Churches from which we came. This entails involvement with the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC). The National committee send a representative to the World Federation Assembly of the Uniting Church Women held each five years, and the South Pacific Area Seminar, also held every five years. Representatives attended the WFM & UCW Assembly in Houston Texas in 2016.

The Partnership with Dian Kristawati the Christian Church of Bali Women's Committee is in recess at this time, but there is hope that it can be revived.

We are planning to make country visits in September and plans are in progress to visit Badgingarra, Dongara and Geraldton with the National Chairperson. Groups in the metropolitan area will also be visited.

The National Chairperson will address this Synod and hopefully report the highlights of groups across Australia and of the World Federation Assembly in Houston, Texas.

WA UCAF committee have a representative from UC Mission Fellowship. They are doing splendid work keeping in touch with people working in mission, raising considerable funds and selling trimmed and sorted stamps and ice-cream containers to raise funds for Frontier Services.

Fellowship Newslink is compiled and printed each quarter, this is our main means of communication. We are thankful to all our

contributors and to the folk who have allowed us to tell their stories. We endeavor to send at least one Newslink to every congregation.

There are WA UCAF representatives on Australian Church Women and the National Council of Women both of which fill important functions in the church and community.

WA UCAF has a full program. Our future is coloured by the fact we find it difficult to fill positions on the committee. We would welcome any interested persons.

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