

Calendar of Events

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

Day/Date	Time	Details
Saturday 15 July	8.00am - 4.00pm	Winter book sale at South Perth Uniting Church.
Saturday 15 July	9.00am-12noon	Treasure Sale at Maylands Mt Lawley Uniting Church.
Saturday 15 July	9.30am-3.00pm	Safe Church Awareness Workshop at Forest Lakes Uniting Church.
Sunday 16 July	2.30pm	Admission to the Uniting Church Service for Rev Karama Ioapo at Trinity Uniting Church, Greenwood Worshiping Centre.
Monday 17 - Thursday 20 July		School of Ministry at The Billabong Uniting Church.
Wednesday 19 July	9.00-10.00am	First Third Ministry Conversation online.
Wednesday 19 July	10.00am	Uniting Church Mission Fellowship WA meeting with John Jefferys in the Guild Room at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
Wednesday 19, 26 July and 2, 9 and 16 August	4.30-6.00pm	Christ and the Chocolaterie at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church.
Thursday 20 July	5.30-6.30pm	First Third Ministry Conversation at The Uniting Church Centre.
Monday 31 July		Mission Grants Applications Deadline.
Monday 31 July		Closing Date for applications for candidature for the ministries.
Saturday 5 August	6.30pm	'Cast from the Storm' film screening at Trinity Uniting Church, Greenwood Worshiping Centre.
Sunday 6 August	2.00pm	Admission to the Uniting Church Service for Rev Hannes Halgryn and Rev Herman Nienabar at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth.
Thursday 10 August		International Prisoner Justice Day.
Monday 14 August		Synod Standing Committee.

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.

News & Notes



Tuesday 11 July 2017
Ph: 1300 736 692

Congregations

- A course of five Bible studies by Hilary Brand, *Christ and the Chocolaterie* will be held at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church. This study uses the story and characters of the movie *Chocolat* to explore what it means to be truly and completely human as God intended. The group sessions, facilitated by Rev Raymond Clee, will be held on Wednesdays from 19 July to 16 August, 4.30pm to 6.00pm. To cover the cost of the study book, the course will cost \$10. For more info contact Raymond on 9387 6371.
- Maylands Mt Lawley Uniting Church is holding a Treasure Sale on Saturday 15 July, 9.00am to 12noon. Come by for plants, car wash, Devonshire teas, children's activities, clothes and more. For more info email Kim at kim.rose.francis@gmail.com.
- Meet some ordinary teenagers, with extraordinary stories at a special film screening on Saturday 5 August, 6.30pm, at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood Worship Centre. *Cast from the Storm* is an award-winning documentary which tells the story of a group of teenage refugees who join the Treehouse Theatre. Donations towards the ongoing support of refugees will be taken on the night. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cast-from-the-storm-film-screening-tickets-35804874343> to RSVP your attendance or phone Karen on 0421 895 697 for more information.

Presbytery of Western Australia

- The First Third Committee is currently developing a new model to equip the Uniting Church WA for effective First Third Ministry. They will be holding three conversations with the intention of sharing thoughts, ideas, inspiration and feedback regarding the direction First Third Ministry is heading. These conversations will be held digitally on Friday 14 July 2.00 to 3.00pm, Wednesday 19 July 9.00 to 10.00am, and in person at the Uniting Church Centre on Thursday 20 July 5.30 to 6.30pm. For more information visit <http://uitingchurchwa.org.au/services/faith-in-action/first-third/>.

- **Campfire is a low key family camp** organised by the Pastoral Network of Evangelicals Uniting in Mission Action (PNEUMA). This year's theme is 'Surprise the world - Live a questionable life.' The program includes space for rest, renewal and time together. Speakers this year include Rev David de Kock, General Secretary of the Uniting Church WA, and Rev Mark Illingworth, Pastoral Relations Manager at the Uniting Church WA. It will be held from Friday 22 to Monday 25 September at Lake Yealering. Cost is \$55 per adult, \$25 per child, children under 5 are free. For more info email Andy Broadbent at andybroadbent@gmail.com or Phil Sparrow at sparrowp@gmail.com.
- **In many countries and regions**, including West Papua, it is not uncommon for women and girls to withdraw from school, employment and social connection when they are menstruating. Through the Black Pearl Group, which supports the development work of Uniting Church partner church, Gereja Kristen Injili Indonesia di Tanah Papua (GKI-TP), and Days for Girls, pre-made re-useable feminine hygiene kits are carefully designed for culturally appropriate use, along with training for local Papuan women in how to make them. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/06/29/sewing-the-seeds-of-change-in-west-papua/> to read more.
- **Rev Dr John Squires' article**, the *DNA of the UCA*, was distributed at the Meeting of the Presbytery of WA in May, and on the Assembly website. Brian Hill, from The Billabong Uniting Church has responded to this article. His response can be found by visiting <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/07/05/genes-re-uniting/>.
- **WA Uniting Church Adult Fellowship**, at their annual Fellowship Day on Friday 8 September at Maylands Mt Lawley Uniting Church, will on behalf of the Synod, present certificates of appreciation to octogenarians nominated by their church or fellowship group for faithful service now and over the years past. Those who reach their 80th year during 2017 are eligible to receive this recognition. Application forms are available in the May Newslink or from rayaladina@dodo.com.au. Applications close on Friday 28 July 2017.

A Fellowship of Differents: Showing the world God's design for life together, by Scot McKnight. Explore the image of the church as "God's world-changing social experiment" bringing everyone, "unlikes and differents to the table, showing the world what love, justice, peace, reconciliation, and life together is designed by God to be." \$29.99

Lady Midrash: Poems reclaiming the voices of biblical women by Elisabeth Mehl Greene forward by Kendra Weddle Irons. "These compelling narrative poems give honour to the cursed, voice to the voiceless, names to the nameless, agency to the powerless, recognition to marginalised females and the Female Divine—thereby affirming all women in the image of Divine Wisdom." \$26.95

Let There Be Light: The story of creation retold by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and illustrated by bestselling author and illustrator Nancy Tillman. This retelling of the biblical story of creation vividly portrays the wonder and beauty of God's creation on each of the seven days. \$16.99

Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim book of colour, by Hena Khan, illustrated by Mehrookht Amini. A book of beautiful illustrations and informative text about the beauty and traditions of the world of Islam inviting questions about world religions and cultures. \$34.95

All prices plus postage and packing.

Prayer Calendar

For the week commencing Sunday 16 July: Northam, Toodyay and York congregations. Please also pray for Formation, Education and Discipleship.

For the week commencing Sunday 23 July: Eastern Wheatbelt Group (Merredin, Mukinbudin and Southern Cross congregations). Please also pray for the Council of Christians and Jews in WA.

For the week commencing Sunday 30 July: Wongan Hills – Goomalling Group (Goomalling, Konnongorring and Wongan Hills congregations). Please also pray for the Council of Churches of WA and YouthCARE.

For the week commencing Sunday 6 August: St Andrew's Uniting Church, Uniting Church in the City (Ross Memorial, Trinity and Wesley congregations). Please also pray for The Korean Christian Church in Japan and Uniting Network.



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/>.

Presbytery worship

The Presbytery of WA is seeking a volunteer to prepare worship PowerPoint presentations for Presbytery services, such as ordination and induction services. For more info contact Rev Lorraine Stokes, Chairperson of the Presbytery of WA, at lkstokes@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.

Year B Resources are now available

Calendar and Lectionary 2017-2018. Start planning the new church year commencing Sunday 3 December. The Uniting Church Calendar and Lectionary includes dates of Sundays, readings, liturgical colours, lectionary notes and guidance for resources, plus additional community and multi-faith days, and special days/weeks for 2018. **\$3.00**

Table Talk, Year B, beginning the conversation on the Gospel of Mark, by Jay Cormier. Ideal reflections to spark the conversation around the table or in groups: with adults, with children or individuals. **\$38.95**

Marking The Gospel: An exploration of the Gospel for Year B, by Elizabeth Raine and John Squires. In this study, lay preachers and worship leaders particularly, are invited to explore the Gospel of Mark. The set of resources in this study cover the background to the writing of the Gospel, the questions raised in it; how Jesus relates to the Pharisees, those he heals, importantly who Jesus was for many of the earliest believers and how those men and women lived out their faith as Jesus' disciples. **\$10.00**



Synod of Western Australia

- **Uniting Church groups across the country** have celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/06/28/celebrating-40-years/> to view pictures from events around the Uniting Church WA.

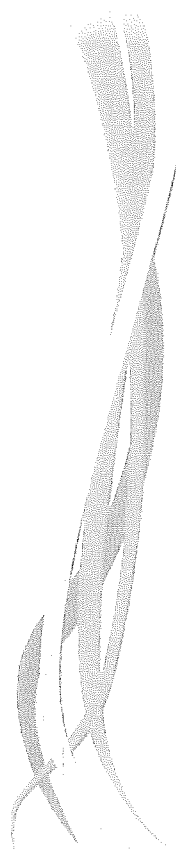
- **Synod Standing Committee News and Notes** is now available to read online. Visit <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/news-notes/> to download.

From the National Church

- **Sovereignty is about honouring** those who were here first and starting to negotiate a new way for us to occupy this land together. It raises many issues and questions, challenging assumptions and beliefs. Rev Dr Chris Budden, Interim National Co-ordinator for the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) has prepared a guide for an open conversation on sovereignty and treaty. Visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/resources/covenanting/item/2654-sovereignty-and-treaty-a-discussion-guide> to download it.


- **The 2016 Census figures**, released yesterday, show that a majority of Australians (57.7%) still identify as Christian amid a long term trend of falling religious affiliation. President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Stuart McMillan, described the Census result as expected, and spoke of the transformation taking place. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/06/28/20016-census-church-in-transformation/> to read more.

- **Colleen Geyer, General Secretary of the Uniting Church in Australia**, has announced four staff appointments for the Assembly. The new staff include three appointments for National Consultant positions in the Assembly Resourcing Unit: Rev Dr Apwee Ting, Rev Lindsay Cullen and Rev Charissa Suli. Rev Dr Ji Zhang has also been appointed as the Assembly Theologian in Residence. For more info visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2656-assembly-appointments>.



UnitingCare and Congregational Community Services

- **From 2 to 9 July, UnitingCare West** embraces NAIDOC week's theme, Our languages matter, to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through storylines, songlines and dance. UnitingCare West engages with the Aboriginal community through 'yarning and sharing stories'. Activities celebrating NAIDOC week are held at UnitingCare West's Tranby Centre in Northbridge, Fremantle Service Centre as well as the Victoria Park head office to celebrate Aboriginal languages with programs that capture their stories through photography and dialogue.
- **On a Saturday morning in Perth** there is nowhere to go if you are homeless or at risk of homelessness: the city is a dark and bleak place, particularly in winter. UnitingCare West's Tranby Shelter currently offers free breakfast, shower facilities, support services and a warm venue to the homeless community on Mondays through Fridays. On Sundays there are other support services available to those doing it tough but on Saturday mornings there is nowhere to go in Perth. Tranby stays dark. UnitingCare West need your help to turn on the lights. Your donation will make a significant impact in our quest to raise the \$150 000 needed to offer Saturday services for a year.
- **For NAIDOC Week this year**, Stuart McMillan, President of the Uniting Church in Australia, offers a greeting in Yolngu, the Indigenous language of northern Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajG3e9uM7M> to watch it.
- **Attendees at the President's Ministers' Conference** held recently in Darwin were challenged in many ways; to think about what the church could do to honour First Peoples as sovereign, to hear how we had not been living up to Covenant between the Uniting Church in Australia and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and to start thinking about renewal. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/UnitingChurchAu/> to view the pictures.



Ecumenical and International

- **The fourth International Conference on Receptive Ecumenism** will be held from 6 to 9 November in Canberra. The theme is 'Leaning into the spirit: discernment, decision-making and reception'. Keynote speakers include Prof Paul Murray, from Durham, UK, and Prof Michael Welker, from Heidelberg, Germany. Visit <https://arts-ed.csu.edu.au/centres/accc/projects/2017-conference-receptive-ecumenism> for more info.
 - **As young people from across the world** gathered for a three-week Interreligious Summer School at the World Council of Churches (WCC) Bossey Ecumenical Institute, they heard inspiring greetings about interreligious dialogue from people who encouraged them to contribute to issues of religious pluralism and intercultural acceptance in a society based on migration and globalisation. Visit <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/young-people-gather-for-peacebuilding-in-judaism-christianity-and-islam> to read more.
 - **Delegates from around the world** last week explored strategies that lay and religious leaders and other civil society actors can use to increase the impact of faith-based advocacy for women's human rights. The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Church of Sweden, Finn Church Aid, Mission 21, Swiss Peace and the World Council of Churches co-hosted the event, held in Geneva. Visit <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/strengthening-advocacy-for-women2019s-human-rights> to read more.
- ### Community
- **Anti-Poverty Week** is when all Australians are encouraged to organise or take part in an activity highlighting or helping to overcome issues of poverty in Australia and overseas. It was established in Australia as an expansion of the United Nation's annual International Anti-Poverty Day on 17 October. In 2017, Anti-Poverty Week will be held from 15 to 21 October. For more information about the week, or about how to organise or take part in an activity, visit <http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/about/about-anti-poverty-week>.