

News & Notes



Tuesday 8 August 2017
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Congregations

- **The winner of the 2016 Sydney International Piano Competition, Andrey Gugin**, will perform a classical piano recital at the Busselton Uniting Church on Friday 25 August, 7.30pm. Tickets include supper, cost is \$30 or \$25 concession. Phone 9752 3304 or email bsnuca@westnet.com.au to arrange purchase.
- **York Uniting Church** will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday 20 August. It will be 165 years since Methodism was established in York. A celebration service will be held in the morning at 9.30am, with Rev Ruth Vertigan, Rural Ministry Co-ordinator for the Uniting Church WA. *A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon* Concert with refreshments will also be held at 2.00pm. For more info email June at june.dawson33@gmail.com.
- **Kardinya Uniting Church** is holding a Fashion Parade on Tuesday 12 September, 10.00am, at 133 Le Souef Dve, Kardinya. This year, clothes will be from 'A Little Unique Clothing Boutique!' All are welcome. Cost is \$8 with funds raised going towards Melville chaplaincy. Morning tea included. For more info contact Betty Pearson on 9331 3853.
- **A Family Fun and Dance Night** will be held at Mt Hawthorn St Peter and Emmaus Church on Friday 25 August, 6.00 to 9.00pm. The night will feature a band from Trinity North Uniting Church as well as dancing, singing, games, pizza and drinks. Entry is by gold coin donation. For more info email peter.emmaus@gmail.com or call 9444 1447.
- **Four religious seminars, each led by leaders of different religions**, will be held on Thursday evenings, 7.30 to 9.00pm, at Mt Hawthorn St Peter and Emmaus Church. On 31 August Rabbi Dovid Freilich will speak on Judaism; 7 September Dr Ameer Ali will speak on Islam; 14 September Stewart Jarvis will speak on Buddhism; and on 21 September Rev Prof Bill Loader will speak on Christianity. For more info email peter.emmaus@gmail.com or call 9444 1447. Keep an eye out for the latest edition of *Revive*, for a profile story on Rabbi Dovid Freilich.

- **The St John Ambulance Western Australia** will be giving a First Aid introduction or basic refresher demonstration at Scarborough Uniting Church, 121 Northstead Street, on Wednesday 13 September, 10.00am. Tea and coffee will be available from 9.30am. The demonstration will take about 2 hours and is free of charge. Attendance numbers will be required, please phone 9341 5669 or 9245 3380.
- **A workshop on *Understanding you congregation: how to use NCLS data*** will be held on Saturday 14 October, and one on *Understanding your community: how to use Census data* will be held on Saturday 28 October. Both workshops will be held from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Willetton Uniting Church, and will be led by Rev David Kriel and Rev Elizabeth Raine.

Presbytery of Western Australia

- **In the presence of family**, friends and members of the Uniting Church WA, Rev Justine Wall was ordained as a Minister of the Word on Sunday 9 July, 2.00pm, at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/07/12/ordination-joy-a-life-long-calling/> to read more and view photos from the service.
- **With joy and celebration, Rev Karama Ioapo** was admitted as a Uniting Church Minister of the Word at a service on Sunday 16 July, at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood Worship Centre. Karama was ordained in the Samoan Methodist Church in 2008. He served as a Youth Co-ordinator in Queensland, and then in parish ministry in New Zealand. In 2014, he completed a Masters of Arts in Theology and Transformative Practice in Birmingham, UK. Visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/07/19/welcoming-karama-with-life-changing-love/> to read more.
- **Rev Steve Francis, Moderator of the Uniting Church WA**, recently wrote on his blog reflecting on homelessness in WA and how we can respond to it. Steve was inspired by the recent SBS television show, Filthy Rich and Homeless. Visit <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/blog/category/the-moderators-blog/> to read his post.

- **Chairperson of the Presbytery of WA, Rev Lorraine Stokes**, has called a special meeting of the Presbytery of WA to be held on Saturday 19 August. The business to be considered will be arrangements for theological education, for ministry and leadership in the Presbytery of WA. For further information visit <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/presbytery-meeting>.
- **Rev Dr Chris Walker** will be leading a course on Apologetics at Murdoch University during semester two. This is an ideal continuing education option for ministers, but is open to all interested people as a one-off study unit. Apologetics aims to defend and offer faith through reasoned argument to others, and to strengthen those within the faith community. For more info visit <http://handbook.murdoch.edu.au/units/details/?unit=THE614&year=2017> or contact Chris at christopher.walker@murdoch.edu.au.
- **The WA Uniting Church Adult Fellowship (UCAF)** invite you to the Annual Synod Fellowship Day. It will be held on Friday 8 September, 10.00am, at Maylands Mt Lawley Uniting Church. Guest speaking will be Margaret Pedler, Chairperson of the National Uniting Church Adult Fellowship. The Wembley Entertainers will perform, and there will also be a bring and buy stall, a bring and share lunch, resources for sale from the Uniting Church WA Ministry Resourcing Centre and a stamp sorting demonstration. For more info and to RSVP contact Anne Holland on 9407 7747 or email mrs_a_holland@hotmail.com.
- **Please note that the Makes You Wonder workshop**, which was to be held from Friday 18 to Saturday 19 August has unfortunately been cancelled.

Synod of Western Australia

- **The Uniting Church Synod of Western Australia** is calling for nominations to the 15th Assembly which will meet at the Box Hill Town Hall, Melbourne from 2.00pm Sunday 8 July until 1.00pm on Saturday 14 July 2018. A Nomination Form and the information letter is available on the Uniting Church website. Nominations are due at the Close of Business Thursday 7 September and will be elected and announced at the WA Synod Meeting in September 2017.

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- **The list of official Synod Members for 2017** can be found by visiting <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/2017-Confirmed-Synod-Membership-List.pdf>. All members should have received correspondence regarding their registration and payment. Visitors may attend, cost is \$100 per day. Please confirm visitor attendance with Amanda Badenhorst by calling 9260 9800 or email amanda.badenhorst@wa.uca.org.au.
 - **The next Challenges and Dilemmas Forum** will be held on Tuesday 31 October at UnitingCare West from 8.45am to 12 noon. More details regarding the theme of the forum and who will be presenting will be provided in the next week or two. These forums are valuable education and professional development events for safe church concerns, for people volunteering in their congregation and also staff working in faith-based organisations. Cost is \$20 (pay on the day). Please RSVP by Wednesday 25 October 2017 to Cindy Gorton cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au.
 - **The August edition of Revive** is now on its way to Uniting Church WA congregations. The Media and Communications Unit emailed the latest Revive promotional PowerPoint slide to congregations on Monday 31 July. Adding the slide into your congregation's worship presentation is a good way to promote and encourage your members to pick up a copy. If you would like to receive the slide or need more information, email Elsa Samuel, at digital.communications@wa.uca.org.au.
 - **Students from Wesley College's Moorditj Mob Indigenous program** have captured the imagination of New Yorkers, performing traditional Nyungar dances in Times Square. Visit <https://thewest.com.au/news/offbeat/perth-indigenous-students-wow-new-york-with-flash-mob-dance-ng-b88547844z> for more info and to view the video.
 - **Wesley College presents Rising Stars of the Organ**, featuring Wesley College Organ Scholars and guest artist, Alessandro Pittorino. This recital will be held on Sunday 13 August, 3.00pm in the Wesley College Chapel. Tickets are \$10 including afternoon tea. Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=294511> to book.



From the National Church

- **The Uniting Church** has thanked and farewelled Rev Dr Chris Walker, its National Consultant on Christian Unity, Doctrine and Worship. Members of the Assembly Standing Committee joined Chris' family, friends and Assembly staff at a closure of ministry service in Sydney on Sunday 9 July. Visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2669-farewell-to-rev-dr-chris-walker> to read more.
- **The Assembly Standing Committee** has approved the appointment of Dr Sureka Goringe as the National Director of UnitingWorld. Sureka is currently UnitingWorld's Associate Director of International Programs for the Pacific region and a previous Chairperson of UnitingWorld's Relief and Development National Committee. Visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2670-new-national-director-for-unitingworld> for more info.
- **Rev Dr Apwee Ting**, National Director for Multicultural and Cross-Cultural Ministry for the Uniting Church in Australia, recently attended the annual Korean National Conference. Read his reflections by visiting <https://makingspaceforgrace.wordpress.com/2017/07/07/living-the-gospel-story/>.
- **Rebecca Beisler**, Communication and Resources Officer for the Uniting Church in Australia, has responded to the Islamophobia Report, released this July. She writes "The Islamophobia Report released this week revealed many disturbing things. Researchers analysed 243 verified reports to the Islamophobia Register. Of those reports, 67.7 per cent of the victims were women while 68.5 per cent of the perpetrators were men. Of the woman targeted, nearly 80 per cent were wearing the hijab. In 30 per cent of cases the women had children with them." Visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/rof/rof-news/item/2676-time-to-take-a-stand-against-islamophobia> to read her article.
- **The Uniting Church in Australia's President, Stuart McMillan**, has called on the Australian Government to sign an historic United Nations treaty banning nuclear weapons. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted by 122 countries in New York on 7 July and will open for signature by UN member states on 20 September. Visit <http://www.unitingjustice.org.au/news/item/1234-saying-no-to-nuclear-weapons> to read more.

- **Uniting Church members** joined their sisters and brothers of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths at the annual Abraham Conference at Parramatta Mission in Sydney on Sunday 16 July. The event was co-hosted by the Uniting Church NSW ACT, Affinity Intercultural Foundation, the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, the Australian Egyptian Forum Council and the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations. Visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/rof/rof-news/item/2678-gathered-in-the-name-of-abraham> to read more.
- **For several reasons, a decision was made** to defer the mid-year About FACE program. A new program will now be held from Wednesday 3 to Saturday 20 January 2018. About FACE is a faith and cultural exchange program, which includes time spent in a Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress community. Visit <http://aboutface.org.au/> for more info.
- **Frontier Services** has made it to the final four in the Aussie Farmers Foundation Rural Hero Grant. The prize is \$50 000 for Frontier Services to support people living in outback Australia who are doing it tough. You can help them win by watching the Outback Links video at <http://www.aussiefarmersfoundation.org.au/grants/aussie-farmers-rural-hero-grant/> and voting for entry #4. The project with the most votes by 14 August will win the \$50 000.

UnitingCare and Congregational Community Services

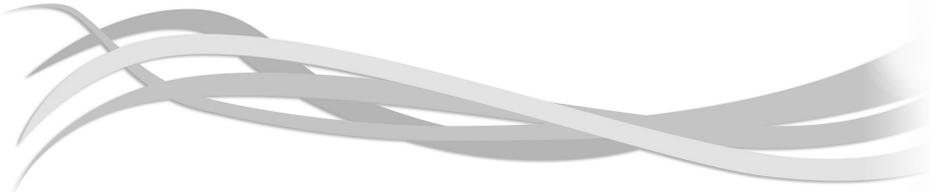
- **UnitingCare West has been able to Turn on the Lights at Tranby** on Saturdays for the first time ever this month. Initially only core hours and services are offered while they keep fundraising through the Winter Appeal. A big thank you to everyone who has supported UnitingCare West. Visit <http://www.unitingcarewest.org.au/donate/2017-winter-appeal/> for more info.
- **Good Samaritan Industries'** latest visual staff update is now online. John Knowles, CEO of Good Samaritan Industries, shares in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDNIWIKnSII&feature=youtu.be> to view the video.
- **UnitingCare Australia** is supporting the Early Learning - Everyone Benefits campaign. The campaign aims to improve programs and services that help all

children to be healthy and to get a good education, for the benefit of us all. Find out more by visiting <http://www.everyonebenefits.org.au/>.

- **UnitingCare West's Food Rescue** is delighted to be supporting the Plastic Free July initiative by showcasing how they are leading the way in the food rescue industry with their Aerobic Digester – The ORCA and Plastics and Packaging Recycling Project. Find out more about Food Rescue by visiting <http://www.unitingcarewest.org.au/services/food-rescue/>.
- **UnitingCare West report that people** experiencing homelessness in our community are currently in need of socks. Donations of new socks can be dropped off at UnitingCare West's Tranby Centre, Fremantle Centre, or their main office in Victoria Park. Visit <http://www.unitingcarewest.org.au/donate/2017-winter-appeal/> for other practical donation ideas and for information on the UnitingCare West Winter Appeal.
- **The UnitingCare West Annual Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 12 September, 4.00pm, at the Warehouse Cafe.

Ecumenical and International

- **Delegates from around the world** recently 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.
- **The Walk to Emmaus** is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being 'a servant of all'. The next 'walk' weekends will be held from Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 August for men, and Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 August for women, in Katanning. Visit for more info.

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- **In 2016, the Uniting Church WA** agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Synod of WA that congregations should be encouraged to apply for Five Leaf Eco Awards and in so doing express their action to care for creation in line with our resolutions and policies. Find out more by visiting <https://fiveleafecoawards.org/>.
 - **The World Council of Churches (WCC)** is inviting people across the world to unite in peaceful actions to create a common international public witness for peace in Palestine and Israel. Visit <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/wcc-invites-global-participation-in-world-week-of-peace-in-palestine-and-israel> to read more.
 - **The Energise Mission Conference** will be held on Saturday 12 August, 9.00am to 3.30pm at Mount Hawthorn St Peter and Emmaus Church, Joondanna. Speaking will be Peter Lyndon-James from Shalom House; Patricia Lavater from Esther House; Craig McKinley from Street Chaplains; and Miles Prosser from Men's Business. Cost is \$20. Visit <http://www.energise.org.au/> for more info and to register.

Community

- **Stop the Traffik** are running two education and awareness trips in 2018, giving you the opportunity to learn how to prevent human trafficking and engage with work on the ground to build resilient communities. From Sunday 7 to Thursday 18 January they will guide you to India, or from Sunday 28 January to Thursday 8 February you could travel to the Mekong region. Visit <http://stophetraffic.com.au/shop/?category=Trips> 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/>.

Synod Liaison Minister, Tasmania

This key role provides the principal link between the Uniting Church 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 in Tasmania, and leadership of various kinds within the Presbytery of Tasmania. The person appointed will be a lay or ordained person who is a member of the Uniting Church and has a good knowledge of Uniting Church Regulations and processes. Expressions of interest close Friday 25 August. For further information, please request a ministry description from Robyn Hansen on (03) 9251 5215 or email robyn.hansen@victas.uca.org.au.

Youth and Young Adults Co-ordinator

Nedlands Uniting Church and Trinity Residential College are partnering to employ a person to work across both organisations in a mutually beneficial role. They are seeking a person for the role of Youth and Young Adults Co-ordinator at Nedlands Uniting Church and Community and Service Co-ordinator at Trinity Residential College. Each role is nominally 0.4FTE. A full job description is available on the Nedlands Uniting Church website. For more information contact Rev Stephen Larkin at stephen.larkin@nedlandsuniting.com.

Superintendent Minister

Wesley Mission Queensland is seeking expressions of interest for the placement of Superintendent Minister.

For information about Wesley Mission Queensland visit – www.wmq.org.au.
For a copy of the position description and further information contact: Danielle Sullivan 07 3621 4550, d.sullivan@wmq.org.au

Expressions of interest are to be submitted to placements@ucaqld.com.au by 25 September, 2017.



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.

A Costly Freedom: A theological reading of Mark's Gospel, by Brendan Byrne. The third study in the trilogy on the Synoptic Gospels. "This Good News according to Mark is essentially a message of freedom—a freedom, however, that does not come about without cost: a cost to Jesus, a cost to the Father, and a cost to those called to associate themselves with his life and mission." **\$29.95**

Provoking the Gospel of Mark: A storytellers commentary Year B, by Richard W Swanson. The author says of biblical stories: "The longer I work with biblical stories, the more it is clear to me that these old stories are not drowsy old house pets that stretch themselves and then go back to sleep on your lap. These stories are lively, even wild, and they challenge anyone who encounters them to share their wild freedom." Explore how to tell the stories to reflect just how lively they are. A DVD is included to illustrate 'embodied biblical storytelling'. **\$52.75**

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**

At Table With Luke, by John T Squires. A book of four Bible studies for groups: Letters to Luke, Jesus Across the Cultures, The Mission of the Lukan Jesus, and the Faithful Followers of Jesus. These studies were given as keynote addresses at the Conference on Preaching and Teaching in the Year of Luke, held in Melbourne in November 2000. **\$10.00**

How Odd of God: Chosen for the curious vocation of preaching by William H Willimon. "The preacher, in spite of personal limitations and faults, has been elected by God and the church to risk God talk." This book is William Willimon's extended reflection on Barth's Church Dogmatics with the intention to induce in preachers a fresh conviction that the vocation they have been chosen for is "a major way God intends to get back what belongs to God." **\$31.95**

How God Became King: The forgotten story of the Gospels by NT Wright. With no focus on Gospel sources and origins, form criticism or redaction criticism, NT Wright expands the two interlinked questions: Who was Jesus? (What did he do and say and think? Why did he die? What happened next?); and Why did the four Gospels tell his story the way they did? **\$24.99**

NIV Adventure Bible Book of Devotions by Robin Schmitt. Specifically for ages 9 to 12 to read, but also contains a store of topics with Bible references for you to share faith and build relationships with young people. This devotional book is full of stories about life experiences related to our Bible stories, and if they don't hit the spot, will inspire you to create others to make your relationship authentic. **\$20.00**

All prices plus postage and packing.

Prayer Calendar

For the week commencing Sunday 13 August: Rowethorpe congregation, UnitingCare West, Prison chaplains, Uniting Church Archives and the Uniting Church Centre. Please also pray for UnitingWorld and the Education for Ministry Working Group.

For the week commencing Sunday 20 August: South Perth and Victoria Park and Districts Star Street congregations. Please also pray for the Church of Christ in Thailand and United Church in Papua New Guinea.

For the week commencing Sunday 27 August: Penrhos College and Wesley College, Royal Perth Hospital chaplains. Please also pray for the Northern Synod.

For the week commencing Sunday 3 September: Joint Bodies of the Synod of Western Australia and the Presbytery: Business Committee, Church Law Committee and the Nominating Committee.



Calendar of Events

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

Day/Date	Time	Details
Saturday 12 August	9.00am - 3.00pm	Energise Mission Conference at Mount Hawthorn St Peter and Emmaus Church, Joondanna.
Sunday 13 August	3.00pm	Rising Stars of the Organ at the Wesley College Chapel.
Monday 14 August		Synod Standing Committee.
Monday 14 August	10.00am	Uniting Church Mission Fellowship WA meeting. Topic Good Samaritan Industries, in the Guild Room at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
Wednesday 16 August	4.30– 6.00pm	Christ and the Chocolaterie at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church.
Thursday 17– Sunday 20 August		Great Southern Walk to Emmaus (Men) in Katanning.
Saturday 19 August	9.00am– 12.30pm	Special Meetings of the Presbytery of WA at Kalamunda Uniting Church.
Saturday 19 August		Mission Shaped Ministry Course at the Uniting Church Campsite in Busselton.
Sunday 20 August	9.30am	165th Anniversary Celebration Service at York Uniting Church.
Thursday 24– Sunday 27 August		Great Southern Walk to Emmaus (Women) in Katanning.
Friday 25 August	6.00– 9.00pm	Family Fun and Dance Night at Mt Hawthorn St Peter and Emmaus Church, Joondanna.
Friday 25 August	7.30pm	Classical Piano Recital at Busselton Uniting Church.
Sunday 27 August		Refugee and Migrant Sunday.
Sunday 27 August	9.30am	Conclusion of Placement and Retirement Service for Rev Brian Thorpe and Conclusion of Placement Service for Rev Karama Ioapo at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood Worship Centre.
Thursday 31 August		Revive contribution deadline.
Thursday 31 August	7.30– 9.00pm	Who is my Neighbour? Judaism at Mt Hawthorn St Peter and Emmaus Church, Joondanna.

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.