



Tuesday 12 September 2017

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## Congregations

- **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. They commenced on 31 August with Rabbi Dovid Freilich who spoke on Judaism; 7 September, Dr Ameer Ali spoke 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](mailto:peter.emmaus@gmail.com) or call 9444 1447. The latest edition of *Revive* features a profile story on Rabbi Dovid Freilich.
- **Uniting Church in Church, Ross Memorial** are hosting talks on Tuesdays at 6.00pm during September, as part of Sustainable September. Speakers include: David Galloway from Curtin University Sustainability Program; Craig Donohue from CleanNRG; Bronnie Kemp from Atom Earth and Hydrosoil Enterprises and Felicity Bairstow who will talk about the importance of The Wetlands. All are welcome to pre-talk tea and coffee at 5.30pm. For more info visit [perthunitingchurch.org.au](http://perthunitingchurch.org.au).
- **Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth** will host the following speakers at the 10.00am worship services during September: Rev Dr Herman Nienaber, Bishop Tom Wilmot, Rev Dr John Squires, Rev Elizabeth Raine and Rev Ruth Vertigan. Ecotheology discussions will be held after worship in the Guild Room. For more info contact Uniting Church in the City on 6103 4222 or [admin@ucic.org.au](mailto:admin@ucic.org.au) or visit [perthunitingchurch.org.au](http://perthunitingchurch.org.au).
- **South Mandurah Uniting Church** are holding a Great Outback BBQ, to raise funds for the work of Frontier Services. It will be held on Sunday 15 October from 11.00am, at the park opposite the Leprechaun General Store, Estuary Rd, Dawesville. Come along for a fun filled day. Paddle in the canoes, play in the water, join in the games or simply enjoy the vista. Guests will be invited to make a donation to Frontier Services, to support their work with people doing it tough in Australia's outback. For more info contact Kerry at [rlk1@bigpond.com](mailto:rlk1@bigpond.com).

- **The Perth Symphonic Chorus event**, which was to be held on Sunday 17 September at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church, has unfortunately been cancelled.
- **Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, founder of the Barnabus Fund Australia**, his wife Rosemary, and Caroline Kerslake, Barnabus Fund International Director of Projects, will be presenting at a Pastors and Leaders Breakfast at The Billabong Uniting Church, Canning Vale, on Wednesday 18 October, 8.00 to 10.00am. They will also be presenting a Supporters Evening on the same day at Champion Lakes Christian Church, and a Day Conference on Thursday 19 October at Mercure Perth. For more info visit [barnabasfund.org](http://barnabasfund.org) or call 1300 365 799. To register email [rudolf.vannoppen@barnabusfund.org](mailto:rudolf.vannoppen@barnabusfund.org).

### *Presbytery of Western Australia*

- **The Presbytery of Western Australia special meetings** were held on Saturday 19 August 2017 at Kalamunda Uniting Church. Lay and ordained members from our congregations and faith communities came together for fellowship, to discern the ordination of Rev Claire Pickering and the future direction of theological education for ministry and leadership in the Presbytery. Read the Special Edition News & Notes at <http://bit.ly/2eS5QRM>.
- **A Closure of Ministry Service** was held for Rev Karama Ioapo and Rev Brian Thorpe on Sunday 27 August at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood Worship Centre. Visit [revivemagazine.org.au/2017/08/30/closure-of-ministry/](http://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/08/30/closure-of-ministry/) to read more and to view a gallery of photos.
- **It has been decided to postpone** the North Metro Regional Gathering, which was to be held on Saturday 16 September, in order to support the First Third event, 'A day with Beth Barnett.'
- **The Gospel of Jesus reconciles us to God** and calls us beyond boundaries of age, gender, ability and culture, into community together, to be formed by one another as together we love and serve a world in need. In a one day workshop, international guest speaker Beth Barnett will explore the foundations, the structural frameworks and practical methods and skills that contribute to nurturing a culture of intergenerational connection and community, and more.

It will be held on Saturday 16 September. Visit [unitingchurchwa.org.au/services/faith-in-action/first-third/activities](http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/services/faith-in-action/first-third/activities) for more information, to register contact Janine McDonald, First Third Officer, on [Janine.mcdonald@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:Janine.mcdonald@wa.uca.org.au).

- **The Uniting Church WA** is currently taking group bookings for the Uniting Church Campsite, from congregations, schools and agencies. If your congregation or agency would like to make a group booking or receive updates about the campsite, please contact the Uniting Church Centre in Perth on 9260 9800 or email [campsite@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:campsite@wa.uca.org.au).
- **The WA Progressive Network Inc** presents visiting Australian theologian, Dr Val Webb. Val writes for those who call themselves spiritual rather than religious; those who struggle with faith and doctrines, both inside and outside churches; and those fascinated with the human search for meaning. Val will present on Saturday 23 September at Wembley Downs Uniting Church from 9.30am to 4.00pm. Cost is \$25 including lunch. She will also preach during worship at Wembley Downs Uniting Church on Sunday 24 September, 9.30am, followed by a Q and A session.  
Val will also present a free public lecture on God in the 21st Century, on Friday 22 September, 6.00 to 7.00pm, at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.  
**For more info contact Marie Yuncken on 0410 061 279 or Richard Smith on 9384 3308.**
- **The Uniting Church Adult Fellowship (UCAF)** Committee and the Uniting Church WA are in the process of building a groups data base. UCAF would like to become more effective and be able to support, encourage and communicate with the various group activities across the Synod. To do this, UCAF have a short Survey Form to complete – Download the survey at <http://bit.ly/2y2ODhc>. Your prompt return of this information would help immensely. For further information please contact Aladina Foster on 0428 821 657 or [rayaladina@dodo.com.au](mailto:rayaladina@dodo.com.au).
- **The next Great Eastern Regional Gathering** will be held at Mukinbudin Uniting Church on Saturday 28 October, 9.30am. For more info contact Gordon Jones on 9047 1073.

- **Rev Claire Pickering** was ordained as a Minister of the Word on Saturday 2 September 2017 at Bicton Uniting Church. Rev Trevor Waters, Chair of the Uniting Church WA Pastoral Relations Committee, shared Claire's path to ordination with the congregation. He said that she has been on a life-long journey of faith, raised as a minister's daughter. Visit [revivemagazine.org.au/2017/09/06/claire-pickering-called-to-something-different/](http://revivemagazine.org.au/2017/09/06/claire-pickering-called-to-something-different/) to read more and to view pictures from the event.
- **A Safe Church Awareness Workshop** will be held at Merredin Uniting Church, Fifth St, Merredin on Saturday 16 September 9.30am to 3.00pm. All Ministers, pastors, members of congregations and those involved in community services are urged to attend. Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP by Monday 11 September to Cindy Gorton on 9260 9800 or [cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au). Check out other Safe Church training dates at <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/safe-church/safe-church-training>.
- **Spend two days focussed** on the skills that we need to equip people for discipleship in the 21st century at the Formation of Disciples event. Rev Dr Chris Walker will share with Rev Dr John Squires in leading participants in an engaging exploration of key biblical passages, considering the examples of leading disciples throughout history, and learning practical skills which can help develop mature disciples. It will be held from Wednesday 27 to Thursday 28 September at Maylands Mt Lawley Uniting Church. Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea is provided. Cost is \$75 for the two days. Register with Kerry George at [cedal@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:cedal@wa.uca.org.au).
- **A workshop on Understanding you congregation:** using the NCLS data will be held on Saturday 14 October, and one on Understanding your community: using the 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 Elizabeth Raine. For more info contact Kerry George on 9260 9800 or email [cedal@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:cedal@wa.uca.org.au).
- **You are invited to attend a special series of studies** on the topic of Commending the faith in Australia today led by Rev Dr Chris Walker. The four evenings will cover 'Apologetics', which is the art and craft of explaining the

Christian faith, defending the faith against challenges and criticisms, and commending the life of faith in Jesus as an exciting and viable way of living. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings 3, 10, 24 and 31 October, 7.00 to 9.00pm at Willetton Uniting Church. A \$5 donation will be welcome. People in regional centres are able to join in the sessions via ZOOM. A link will be sent once you register for the studies. Register by contacting Kerry George on 9260 9800 or at [cedal@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:cedal@wa.uca.org.au).

### *Synod of Western Australia*

- **Ministers and those in ministry placements** in the Uniting Church Western Australia are invited to attend a three-day training course from Tuesday 24 to Thursday 26 October at 76 Gifford Road, Dunsborough WA. The Assembly Disaster Recovery Officer, Rev Dr Stephen Robinson, will facilitate the course, covering topics of Peer Support and Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy. The course will accrue 15 hours of Professional Development. Ministers will obtain training points for Continuing Education/Professional Development and Certificates will be issued on completion. Places are limited. Send applications in writing to Rev David Jackson, Convener of the Disaster Relief & Community Recovery Committee at [de.jackson@bigpond.com](mailto:de.jackson@bigpond.com). Visit <http://bit.ly/2wWXORL> for further information.
- **The Uniting Church WA** has a new Privacy Policy. Visit [unitingchurchwa.org.au/privacy](http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/privacy) to read it.

### *From the National Church*

- **President of the Uniting Church, Stuart McMillan** was recently interviewed by *Sight Magazine*. When asked the highlights of the Uniting Church's 40 years he nominated social reform and justice, particularly the areas of our reconciliation journey with Indigenous people, global warming and refugees. Read the whole interview by visiting [www.sightmagazine.com.au/features/7780-the-interview-stuart-mcmillan-president-of-the-uniting-church-in-australia-part-ii](http://www.sightmagazine.com.au/features/7780-the-interview-stuart-mcmillan-president-of-the-uniting-church-in-australia-part-ii).

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- **President of the Uniting Church, Stuart McMillan** condemns One Nation Senator Pauline Hanson's behaviour in the Senate, recently. Senator Hanson put on a burqa during Senate Question Time, which drew immediate and strong rebukes from Attorney-General Senator George Brandis, Labor's Senate leader Penny Wong and Greens leader Richard Di Natale. Read it by visiting [assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2696-hanson-burqa-stunt](http://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2696-hanson-burqa-stunt).
  - **The Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC)** has called for the urgent implementation of the 2015 Paris climate agreement, and for leaders to hear the voices of Pacific Islanders – the most vulnerable people to the impacts of climate change. Visit [www.unitingworld.org.au/pacific-churches-call-climate-action-cop23/](http://www.unitingworld.org.au/pacific-churches-call-climate-action-cop23/) to read more.
  - **Six members of the Love Makes A Way** refugee advocate group, including Uniting Church Ministers, were forcibly removed from federal Health Minister Greg Hunt's Melbourne office on Tuesday evening, 22 August, after staging a four-hour sit-in protest. Visit [crosslight.org.au/2017/08/23/love-makes-way-protesters-dragged-ministers-office/](http://crosslight.org.au/2017/08/23/love-makes-way-protesters-dragged-ministers-office/) to read more.
  - **Susannah Brown, Uniting Church representative** at the interfaith youth event, Youth PoWR, reflects on her experience at the event. Youth PoWR is an event of the Parliament of the World's Religions, held in Sydney. Visit [assembly.uca.org.au/rof/rof-news/item/2698-enriched-by-diversity](http://assembly.uca.org.au/rof/rof-news/item/2698-enriched-by-diversity) to read Susannah's reflection.
  - **Rev Steve Lee, Chair of the Korean National Conference**, reflects on their recent ministers' gathering, held in July. Visit [assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2699-your-story-our-story](http://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2699-your-story-our-story) to read more.
  - **Uniting Church in Australia President Stuart McMillan** has called on people to pray for peace on the Korean Peninsula. Stuart reiterated the call by the World Council of Churches for the international community to work towards a context where dialogue and peace negotiations can take place. Visit [assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2704-dialogue-is-the-way-to-peace](http://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2704-dialogue-is-the-way-to-peace) to read more.



## *Ecumenical and International*

- **Rev Dr Margaret Krych** will preach at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth on Sunday 8 October at 10.00am, followed by fellowship over morning tea. Margaret was the first Methodist woman to be ordained in Australia, in Perth Wesley Church in 1969. Margaret was part of the proposal to 'investigate the possibility of ordaining women' which was carried in this Church at the 1961 State Synod. If you wish to join for lunch, at your cost, at a King's Park restaurant please RSVP to [leerev1@bigpond.com](mailto:leerev1@bigpond.com) or 9277 9324 by Thursday 4 October.
- **As tens of thousands of people** coped with the aftermath of flooding in South Asia and the USA, World Council of Churches (WCC) General Secretary Rev Dr Olav Fykse Tveit said the WCC fellowship is praying for flood survivors and those helping them. Visit [www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/wcc-general-secretary-extends-condolences-to-flooded-communities](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/wcc-general-secretary-extends-condolences-to-flooded-communities) to read more.

## *Community*

- **The Coalition for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees (CARAD)** would greatly appreciate donations to their foodbank pantry. The pantry is for asylum seeker clients with no income. Due to an increase of people in this circumstance, their pantry has run out and is in need of items such as long life milk, sugar, table salt, cooking oil, honey and jam, biscuits, shampoo and laundry liquid. CARAD are also seeking mobile phones with and without cameras. These are provided to clients so they can keep in touch with CARAD and other community supports. Phones without cameras can be provided to some of their clients in detention centres.

Donations can be delivered to CARAD at 245 Stirling St, Perth, between 9.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.

- **A Come and Sing workshop**, with Jonathan Grieves-Smith will be held on Saturday 7 October, 2.00 to 5.00pm, at Trinity College East Perth. This will be an opportunity for choral singers to study Haydn's Nelson Mass in a practical session that will focus on choral technique and interpretation. Cost is \$25, or \$15 for students and concession. For more info email [nicholas.bannan@uwa.edu.au](mailto:nicholas.bannan@uwa.edu.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 [unitingchurchwa.org.au/administration/pastoral-relations-and-placements-commission](http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/administration/pastoral-relations-and-placements-commission).

### **Presbytery Ministers - Formation and Discipleship, Western Australia**

“The Uniting Church in Western Australia upholds as a central purpose the achievement of a culture in which faith formation for discipleship and leadership is prized, appreciated and accessible and seeks to build an informed and integrated learning community directed to the mission of God” (Synod 2009).

The Presbytery of WA is seeking expressions of interest for two new 0.5 FTE Ministry Placements. The core purpose of these positions is to participate in the educational team which is focused on achieving this purpose within the Uniting Church Western Australia (UCWA) and to assist the Presbytery of WA to achieve strategic directions in relation to education for formation, discipleship and leadership. These are new positions which will play a key role in the reshaping of education and formation in the UCWA. For more information, contact Rev Mark Illingworth at [mark.illingworth@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:mark.illingworth@wa.uca.org.au).

### **Canterbury Balwyn Road Uniting Church, Victoria**

Canterbury Balwyn Road Uniting Church in Victoria is seeking expressions of interest for a ministry placement. This congregation, of predominantly Tongan heritage, has about 60% of its membership under 40 years of age. It is vibrant and active with a strong sense of community and a commitment to focus on young people and their growth in discipleship. Worship services are held in both English and Tongan. For more info email Emma Gordon at [emma.gordon@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:emma.gordon@victas.uca.org.au).



## **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](http://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](mailto:d.sullivan@wmq.org.au)

Expressions of interest are to be submitted to [placements@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:placements@ucaqld.com.au) by Monday 25 September, 2017.

### **Presbytery Mission Development Officer, Queensland**

Moreton Rivers Presbytery is seeking to fill the full-time position of Presbytery Mission Development Officer: Inner Ring. The purpose of this role is to develop a network of strong ‘inner ring’ suburb Uniting Churches, through missional redevelopment, support and equipping of congregational leadership and to provide resource ministry support for the existing team of lay worship leaders at Ashgrove West Uniting Church. For more information and a position description contact Rev John Ruhle at [presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) or call (07) 3366 0236. To submit an expression of interest please email ‘Secretary of Placements’ at [placements@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:placements@ucaqld.com.au). Applications close Saturday 30 September.





## 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).

***40 Days of Prayer, from the Assembly to mark the 40th anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia. Not necessarily to be read in 40 days; but a resource for prayer for our ministries and mission in the world. \$14.95***

***Fresh Expressions: A new kind of Methodist Church for people not in church***, by Kenneth H Carter Jr and Audrey Warren. This book, from the USA experience of Fresh Expressions, reinforces how important it is to reach unchurched and dechurched people in a culture that is increasingly nonreligious and multireligious. The new communities are deeply ecumenical and learn fresh ways to communicate their identity through faithful discipleship. **\$23.95**

***The Way of Wisdom: An exploration of some wisdom writings in Hebrew Scripture***, by Elizabeth Raine and John Squires. "Which is the path of wisdom that we will choose? Will we follow what is the way of the world, where power, individual status, spin and exploitation are the order of the day? Or will we choose the unladylike Wisdom, who offers us the potential to transform contemporary situations of injustice, brokenness and violence into communities that truly reflect the love of God?" **\$10.00**

***Moral Injury: Restoring wounded souls*** by Larry Kent Graham. "Our moral actions and those of others against us sometimes have harmful outcomes. When this happens, we experience an erosive diminishment of our souls called 'moral injury'. It is personal, interpersonal and collective. None of us escapes moral injury." This book provides a resource for addressing the harm that can occur naturally from trying to do the right thing, and help for those offering healing care. **\$31.95**

***Messy Parables: 25 retellings for all ages***, by Martyn Payne. Here are 25 creative ways of telling the stories which Jesus challenged listeners to think again; about life and death, about heaven and hell, about themselves and their neighbours, and about the ways of the world and those of the kingdom of heaven. We are invited to do the same to help new audiences hear and respond to God's call. **\$23.95**



All prices plus postage and packing.

## Prayer Calendar

**For the week commencing Sunday 17 September:** 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 24 September:** 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 1 October:** Penrhos College and Wesley College, Royal Perth Hospital chaplains. Please also pray for the Northern Synod.

**For the week commencing Sunday 8 October:** 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 [unitingchurchwa.org.au](http://unitingchurchwa.org.au)

Day/Date	Time	Details
Saturday 16 September	9.30am - 4.00pm	Beth Barnett Workshop at the Uniting Church Centre, Edward Street, Perth.
Saturday 16 September	9.30am - 3.00pm	Safe Church Awareness Workshop at Merredin Uniting Church.
Sunday 17 September	6.00pm	Voices in Praise Spring Presentation at Mount Pleasant Uniting Church.
Tuesday 19 September		Presbytery Standing Committee.
Tuesday 19 September	6.00pm	Sustainable September: Energy Assessments at Uniting Church in the City, Ross Memorial West Perth.
Wednesday 20 September	10.00am	Uniting Church Mission Fellowship WA meeting with a Thanksgiving Communion Service in the Guild Room at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
Thursday 21 September		International Peace Day.
Thursday 21 September	7.30– 9.00pm	Who is my neighbour? Christianity at Mt Hawthorn St Peter and Emmaus Church.
Friday 22–Monday 25 September		PNEUMA Campfire at Lake Yealering.
Friday 22 September	6.00– 7.00pm	Free Public Lecture with Dr Val Webb at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
Saturday 23 September	9.30am– 4.00pm	Dr Val Webb seminar at Wembley Downs Uniting Church.
Tuesday 26 September	6.00pm	Sustainable September: Improving Soils at Uniting Church in the City, Ross Memorial West Perth.
Wednesday 27–Thursday 28 September	9.30am– 4.00pm	Perth Theological Hall (PTH) Intensive: Formation of Disciples with Rev Dr Chris Walker and Rev Dr John Squires at Maylands Mt Lawley Uniting Church.
Thursday 28– Friday 29 September	9.00am– 5.00pm daily	Wildflower Exhibition at Busselton Uniting Church.
Tuesday 3 October	7.00– 9.00pm	Commending the faith in Australia today week 1, with Rev Dr Chris Walker at Willetton Uniting Church.
Monday 9 October		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.