



Welcome to Seeds

Welcome to SEEDS and the August edition, the season of Djilba here in Nyungar country: the season of conception. I have included a photo of Leanne Hall below so that you can see who answers the phone when you call CEDAL. Leanne will be continuing with us until at least the end of 2022, for which we are very grateful!

Sally Douglas was excellent as presenter on “Church as Salt” and around 25 people participated in various parts of the program. We very much enjoyed her presence among us.

After a short break since School of Ministry, Christine and I are back on deck at CEDAL. Elaine Ledgerwood has now finished up with us in lay education and is awaiting placement for ministry as a Deacon. In the interim we hope to have some volunteer assistance in training lay leaders and those candidating for lay preacher.

I am excited to announce that the Pilgrimage to Israel is now scheduled for 1-14th February, 2023 and is definitely going to proceed and we are seeking any more who would like to be included in this venture. We have five candidates and early graduates coming along. This will be a transformational experience in terms of understanding not just geography of Israel, but also looking at archeological evidence for various sites, and engaging in conversation and observation of the current political context. Israel is a place of great complexity and also of fascination: from the dead sea scrolls to seeing Herodium and the place where King Herod's tomb was exhumed and now on display in the Jerusalem museum; to climbing the heights of Masada, the place of the Jewish rebels' last stand against Rome. It's all fabulous food for the soul. The Candidates will be supported in part by scholarship from the Tabitha Trust.

Back to more immediate matters:

Looking ahead I draw to your attention the Second **Basis of Union Day 2** (5th August). Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Another day of training for **Lay Presiders in Sacraments** will be held on Friday 26th August.

Australian Colonial History and Culture (27-29th July) will be a course suited to those particularly from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse background or seeking AOM and introduces not only some history of our colonial history but also seeks to introduce topics such as feminism in Australia, and contemporary youth culture, and some anthropological understanding of indigenous history. Geof Lilburne and I have

now run this program twice previously and attendees have found it very helpful as an introduction to our cultural identities.

Terence Corkin will be joining us for training in **congregational dynamics** towards the end of the year on 14-16th November. He will be teaching days on the topics of:

Day 1: understanding and responding to conflict,

Day 2: working together well and

Day 3: leading through change.

We look to the future of our church with hope. We aspire to bring the church into the 21st century with creativity and a contemporary mission focus. We pray for God to raise up leaders for the future of our church.

We aim to encourage, engage and empower as we work together.



Your Servant in Christ's service,

Rev Dr Anne Wright
Director of Education and Formation,
Presbytery of WA.

Leanne Hall, our office administrator.



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Calendar

AUGUST 2022						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3	4 Ethical Ministry Workshop Safe Church	5 Basis of Union - Day 2	6	7
8	9	10	11 Advanced Supervision Intensive Part A	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Lay Presider's Refresher Day Church Council Leadership Busselton	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

SEPTEMBER 2022						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Advanced Supervision Intensive Part B	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Key:

Blue – events targeted towards lay people

Pink – events targeted towards ministry agents

Purple – events for all members of the church

Resources

Preventing and Responding to Family Violence: A Faith Leader's Practice Guide and Toolkit

A FAITH LEADERS PRACTICE GUIDE AND TOOLKIT Preventing and Responding to Family Violence

By Manal Shehab



Written by Manal Shehab (Sisters4Sisters Support Services) with support from WIRE and other family violence specialist organisations, including consultation with members from Victoria's diverse faith communities, the Faith Leader's Practice Guide and Toolkit shares the best of Australian and international research evidence on the factors that cause and reinforce family violence in faith communities.

The resource draws from the evidence produced by the National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS), affiliate researchers, and strategies from specialist CALD and LGBTQIA+ family violence organisations. It also uses the 'Change the Story framework' of Our Watch, the national organisation leading the

primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia. It is also informed by the wealth of good work already practiced in diverse faith communities in Australia and across the globe.

To find out more, and download the toolkit, go to:

<https://www.wire.org.au/preventing-and-responding-to-family-violence-a-faith-leaders-practice-guide-and-toolkit/>

WA Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network

Training Workshops

9 – 10 August 2022 (2 Days)

10 August 2022 (1 Day- Refresher)

11 August 2022 (1 Day)



Noranda Uniting Church

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The Council of Churches WA, in partnership with the WA Synod of the Uniting Church, is offering training in Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy 9–10 August 2022, Refresher Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy 10 August 2022, and Peer Support on 11 August 2022. This is open to ministry agents and lay people who have qualifications and experience in the caring professions to assist in the recovery of communities following disasters and emergencies within the state. In 2019 the WA Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network was established with an initial group of 51 people being trained. This state-wide network of pastoral carers can engage with the community and churches following a disaster or emergency as affected communities seek to establish new

beginnings.

Similar networks operate through every state and territory in Australia, and all are aligned to a national body known as AVECA (Australian Volunteer Emergency Chaplaincy Alliance). AVECA is a network of the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA). It is anticipated that the WA DRCN will be incorporated in the State Disaster Welfare arrangements and, even in its infancy, already has representation on AVECA.

A two-day training course will take place on 9 and 10 August 2022. This training is useful for ministers, chaplains and lay people who have qualifications and experience in the caring professions and covers the following units:

AUGUST 9 AND 10 – DISASTER RECOVERY CHAPLAINCY (2 DAYS FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS)

Unit 1 – Introductions;
Unit 2 – The Nature of Chaplaincy in Crisis;
Unit 3 – The Nature of Disaster and Emerging Issues;
Unit 4 – Human Needs and Development;
Unit 5 – Overview of Trauma Response;
Unit 6 – Skills in Caring for Traumatized People;
Unit 7 – The Practice of Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy;
Unit 8 – DR Chaplains' Code of Ethics and Guiding Principles

AUGUST 10 – DISASTER RECOVERY CHAPLAINCY (1 DAY -REFRESHER)

WA DRCN Chaplains are required to attend a refresher training every three years from when they have been accredited. Attending this day will add three new years to your accreditation.

AUGUST 11 – PEER SUPPORT TRAINING: (1 DAY)

This day trains pastoral carers to care for other pastoral carers in disaster, emergency, and crisis situations. It is useful in understanding the dynamics for ministers in disaster situations and strategies in caring for and equipping them in the recovery phase.

The three days of training course will accrue 21 hours of Professional Development. Ministers will obtain training points for Continuing Education/Professional Development and Certificates will be issued on completion.

WHO MAY APPLY?

DRCN chaplains are ministry agents or lay people who have qualifications and experience in the caring professions from a range of faith organisations who are ordained or equivalent, are employed in institutional chaplaincy (e.g., Hospital, Gaol, Aged Care) or have qualifications and experience in the caring professions. Those applying must have the support of their denomination or faith body for involvement.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

There is no cost associated with the training.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Fill out the [application form](#) and email it to gensec@churcheswa.org.au
2. Send the [nomination form](#) to your denominational overseer (e.g., Presbytery Officer or Bishop) and have them return it to gensec@churcheswa.org.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Upcoming Events

Ethical Ministry Workshop

Dates: 4th August, 9.00am – 12.00pm

Location: [South Perth Uniting Church](#)

Cost: \$10

The Ethical Ministry workshop days are an important opportunity for Ministry Agents to reflect with their colleagues and grow in their ministry. They are also a requirement as part of our risk management in relation to some of the recent Royal Commissions.

This refresher day will be taking place in the morning with a Safe Church refresher day occurring in the afternoon.

To register or for further information, please [email us](#).

Safe Church Refresher Day

Dates: 4th August, 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Location: [South Perth Uniting Church](#)

Cost: \$25

Like the Ethical Ministry workshop, regular refreshers about Safe Church is important for everyone engaged in leadership in a congregation. It is also part of our response to recent Royal Commissions and reflects our commitment to making our churches a safe space for all people.

If it has been more than three years since you completed the original Safe Church training, you need to participate in the refresher day to maintain your compliance. Those who are coming up to the three years are also welcome to participate.

Light refreshments will be provided.

For further information or to register, please [email us](#).



Basis of Union - Day 2

Dates: 5th August

Location: [South Perth Uniting Church](#)

Cost: \$20



The second Basis of Union Day explores the practical outcomes of the BoU for how we are the Uniting Church. From reconciliation to scholarly interpreters, governance to creeds, this training day will explore the breadth of how this church with its many different perspectives works together as a uniting church (rather than as a dividing church).

You do not need to have completed the first Basis of Union day to participate in this one. All Ministers seeking reception, candidates for Lay Preachers and Pastors in their initial training need to complete this day's training.

Please [email us](#) for further information or to register.

Advanced Supervision - Developing Theological Reflection

Dates: 11th – 12th August & 22nd – 23rd September

Location: [South Perth Uniting Church](#)

Cost: \$300

To Register: [Eventbrite](#)



This course will develop theological reflection skills for the supervision context, gaining facility in at least two different models of reflection.

Who can come?

All ministry agents under pastoral supervision with two years experience in ministry.

Lay and ordained ministry agents who are in a pastoral relationship with those in their communities, and who care for them with spiritual care or support. They have a particular place in the community, with responsibility to ensure that they embody integrity, trust and compassion in their relationships.

Please [email us](#) for further information.

Lay Presiders Sacraments Refresher Day

Dates: 26th August

Location: [South Perth Uniting Church](#)

Cost: \$20

It's a question that needs to be asked. What is the difference between experiencing a sacrament, such as Holy Communion, as opposed to sharing a snack? Is it simply having the right words or the right set of hands or is there something deeper than this?

Sacraments, in the Protestant tradition, are instituted by Jesus in our Gospels. However, they provide a powerful connection to God in a tangible way. When we speak of the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, we are neither speaking of a literal presence or simply a memorial meal. In the sacrament of Holy Communion, we encounter the risen Christ in a unique way. Similarly in the sacrament of Baptism we are enacting the truth of God's grace. In both cases we are leading people through an experience of the sacred in a way that connects to all our senses.

This workshop is a requirement for anyone whose recognition as a lay presider expires this year.

To register or for further information, please [email](#) us.



Ongoing Training

ACD Certificate IV & Diploma

The Adelaide College of Divinity has announced they will be ceasing as a Registered Training Organisation as of the end of this year. This means they are accepting no new enrolments into the Certificate IV or Diploma of Christian Theology & Ministry.

You are still able to access the course and units via the CEDAL workshops each term and supplemented with learning via Uniting Learning.

Please contact [CEDAL](#) if you wish to know more about these changes.

Theology Bites

Theology Bites is designed as a brief introduction to theological studies. In units that take approximately 9 hours to complete, you will have a supported taster course into theology. It is designed for those who are simply curious, want to explore theology without ongoing commitment, or for local preachers who would like to develop their skills. You are welcome to complete individual units if you prefer.

Please note, the materials for this course are still being developed and not all units are currently available online.

Currently available units include:

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Christology
- Theme in Theology
- Church History (currently being written)

There are no assessments for Theology Bites.

For further information or to be enrolled online, please contact [CEDAL](#).

United Learning

An as yet unnamed course in theology is available on Uniting Learning and is the equivalent to the ACD Diploma. This course is designed for Lay Preachers and Pastors but is available for anyone who wishes to take their theological learning further than the introduction offered in Theology Bites. Assessments are optional if the course is NOT being used for accreditation as a Lay Preacher.

All learning materials are supported by the workshops each term and can be accessed independently if preferred.

Materials currently available online are:

- Biblical studies
- Christology & Trinity
- Ethics
- Leadership

Units that can easily be made available online include:

- Themes in theology
- Preaching & worship
- Pastoral Care
- Group work

If you would like further information or to access the learning materials, please contact [CEDAL](#).



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