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Ptilotus flowers from Western Australia in the Outback Garden at Mt Isa museum
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SEEDS

September 2022

Welcome to SEEDS and the September edition, the season of Djilba here in Nyungar country: the season of wildflowers, particularly those of white and yellow.

This semester we are focusing in Formation for candidates on 'leadership in the context of a changing church'. We invite those ministry agents (and ministers seeking admission) interested in discussing change and conflict in our church, to come along and join us in this excellent intensive in November.

To this end, **Terence Corkin** will be joining us for training in UCA **congregational leadership** 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
- Day 3: leading through change

Most recently I have been reacquainting myself with "Rethinking Leadership" by Kaldor, Nash and Paterson (2017) which is excellent and well grounded in NCLS research of 20+ years.

Also reading Rendle, 2010 "Journey in the Wilderness: new life for mainline churches".



"Wilderness is the creative place where people are changed. This is where the Israelites wandered for 40 years with Moses... without the wilderness, without the wandering, without the chaos that made them trust God, they would have arrived in the promised land as unchanged slaves with no purpose other than to escape their oppressors.

We live in such a time: between chaos and sterile traditionalism. It is an exciting place to be... although it has both pain and promise ahead."

Rendle has a way of encouraging us on a path which may not appear promising at first sight and yet is full of opportunities ahead. Reframing our vision from one of managing critical moments to one of potential future and action is something which all of us need to grasp in both hands.

There are still a few places (5 left) on the Pilgrimage to Israel scheduled for 1-14th February, 2023 and we are seeking any more who would like to be included in this venture. We have five candidates and early graduates coming along with a further 20 already enrolled. 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.

Looking ahead I draw to your attention the First **Basis of Union** Day 1 (Saturday 24th September). 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 at South Perth UCA.

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

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Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 46th Annual Meeting of the WA Synod 2022	11
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Key:

Blue - events targeted towards lay people

Pink - events targeted towards ministry agents

Purple - events for all members of the church

Upcoming Events

Developing Theological Reflection in Supervision

22nd - 23rd September, 9.00am - 4.30pm
[South Perth Uniting Church](#)

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

What is Supervision?

Supervision is a safe, confidential relationship which provides regular opportunities to reflect on one's ministry and relationships in a group supervision process.

It seeks to enhance the quality of ministry by supporting, challenging, encouraging learning and self-knowledge, good use of resources and respect for boundaries. Supervision includes theological reflection as part of the ministry reflection process. It seeks to continue our formation process for hearing and responding to God's call in ministry in a covenantal relationship with the supervisor/s.

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.

Cost: \$300

To register, click [here](#) or email [CEDAL](#) for more information.



Basis of Union - Day 1

24th September, 9.30am - 4.00pm

[South Perth Uniting Church](#)

Learning about the Basis of Union is more than simply learning about a document. Rather, we learn about what makes us the Uniting Church. In the first of this two-day training, we will explore how our heritage of pre-union churches has shaped us. We will look at our relationships with other cultures, in particular the importance of our relationship with Congress.

Later in the day we will look at ministry and mission. We will discuss the various lay and ordained ministries in the church and how they fit together. We will also reflect on the role of the different councils of the church and how they work to support us to be the church in our time and place. Finally, we will explore what an “informed faith” means and how this equips us for our ministry for the world.

This course is essential for anyone training for a specified ministry. It is highly recommended for members of church councils, especially if there is no minister in placement. However, anyone who is interested in learning more about the Uniting Church will benefit from attending.

Cost: \$20

To register your attendance, please email [CEDAL](#).



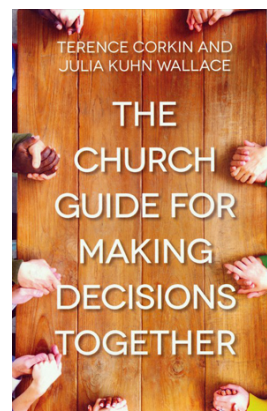
Congregational Dynamics

14 - 16 November, 9.00am - 4.00pm
[South Perth Uniting Church](#)

Rev Terence Corken, former Assembly General Secretary and author of 'The Church Guide for Making Decisions Together' will lead three, day- long workshops. Register for just one, or come to them all....

- Nov 14 Understanding and Responding to Conflict
- Nov 15 Working Together Well
- Nov 16 Leading through Change

Terence is very experienced in ministry and leadership and these workshops are a great opportunity to keep sharpening skills. Pencil this into your diary now, more details coming....



Uniting Church National History Society 4th Biennial History Conference

Darwin, Northern Territory
 Thursday 24th August to Sunday 27th August 2023

CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference Theme: Truth Telling: From Colonising to Covenanting

This conference will have a focus on the history of the Uniting Church and its predecessors in Northern Australia. It coincides with the 100th anniversary of the commencement of the Methodist Mission at Milingimbi in Arnhem Land and the 150th anniversary of the commencement of the Darwin congregation of the now Uniting Church.

Papers to be presented at the conference can address the history of these two

communities in the light of the theme or can address the theme more generally.

Presenters at the conference will have 20 minutes to speak on their topic with ten minutes for discussion to follow. Presentations can be in person or online.

The papers will be published as a record of proceedings after the conference.

Please send paper proposals of no more than 300 words by 28 February 2023 to:

Rev Steve Orme, Convenor of Organising Committee

Phone: 0447 148 744

Email: ucnhs2023conference@gmail.com

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 not accepting any 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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