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Welcome to SEEDS and the October edition, the season of Kambarang here in Nyungar country.

Recently I have been reading two works which complement one another:

“Strengths based leadership” from Gallup focuses on leading from your strengths. You can gain insight into your leadership strengths doing the Clifton Strengths assessment online and for a small fee they will outline for you both strengths and areas to grow in your ministry. This is one of the most well researched set of data on maximizing strengths for leadership.

The other text is *“Overcoming the dark side of leadership”* by McIntosh and Rima (2007 updated edition). This is a good text to follow up on our recent Ethical Ministry training day which focused on ministries that became abusive and collapsed from within. This latter text provides some helpful inner work for ministry agents to assist in overcoming potential pitfalls.

As we come into summer, I encourage you to pray for the three candidates currently undertaking Clinical Pastoral Education with Royal Perth Hospital and elsewhere, as they work through pastoral challenges and work on their skills for practical pastoral ministry and personal integration.

We remind you that **Terence Corkin** will be joining us for training in **Change and Challenge** 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

There are still places on the *Pilgrimage to Israel* scheduled for 1-14th February, 2023 and we are seeking some more who would like to be included in this venture. We have five candidates and early graduates coming along with a further 25+ 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. When I was last there in 2011 we visited the Golan heights with views across to Syria, and walked through remnant tunnels from warfare on the border. We heard from UN peacekeepers about work with the Druze, an Islamic people group living on the border of the two nations. And in Jerusalem we saw the famous tunnel to water outside the city, thought to be associated with the invasion of David 3000 years ago. Rev Dr Ian Robinson will also be coming as second tour guide along with me and the local guides provided by Olive Tree Travel.

On 17th October will be the **Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct** (introduction) at South Perth. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to attend: all ministry agents and lay leaders in congregations are welcome to attend.

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.



Rev Dr Anne Wright
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Presbytery of WA

Vale Anne Watson



Anne was born on 25 March 1939 in Galway, Ireland, and passed away peacefully in Perth on 17 August 2022.

She was Administrator of the Perth Theological Hall and served as Registrar of the Perth

College of Divinity for many years.

Anne was well known to many as a caring listener as well as being an efficient and effective organiser not only of small, everyday events but also of large interstate and international conferences. She personally gave of her time to ensure that all who visited settled in well and safely.

All candidates for ministry were grateful to Anne for her concern for them and their well-being during their time at the Hall. She would always assure them that she had 'big shoulders' there for them to lean on at any time.

Anne's other love in life was music and her wonderful voice was heard and enjoyed by many, including as a member of the WA Opera Chorus, as a cantor at her Mirrabooka parish and on numerous other informal occasions.

Anne's gifts were many and her passing means many have lost a good friend and the world has lost a very strong, independent and colourful character.

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Calendar

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Upcoming Events

Introduction to Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct

Monday 17 October

9.00am - 3.00pm

[South Perth Uniting Church](#)

This course is the basic Introduction to Code of Ethics, which is mandatory for every pastor and minister within the UCA in WA.

Cost: \$20.00 includes all materials and morning tea. Please bring your own lunch.

For further information or to register please contact [CEDAL](#).



Change and Challenge: Leading Congregations

Monday 14 November to Wednesday 16 November

9.00am - 4.00pm

[South Perth Uniting Church](#)

How to navigate relationship dynamics in your congregation with Rev Terence Corkin

Ministry agents and church leaders are invited to come and join us for three days of interactional workshops on:

Mon 14: Understanding and Responding to Conflict

Tues 15: Working Together Well

Wed 16: Leading through Change

You can choose to come to just one day, or take part in all three.

\$125 single day

\$325 for all 3 days

includes morning & afternoon tea and lunch

\$100 Zoom option (per day)

Terence Corkin is Minister of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA). Ordained in 1981 he has served two rural Parishes, as a Presbytery Minister with responsibilities for pastoral care and strategic planning, and for 15 years as the General Secretary of the national Assembly of the UCA. Since concluding his term as General Secretary Terence provides leadership, support and teaching in understanding and

responding to conflict, consensus discernment, facilitating change in congregations, leading seminars and facilitating meetings around the world.



[Click Here to Register](#)

End of Year Thanksgiving Service

Friday 18 November

7.00pm - 9.00pm

[Mount Pleasant Uniting Church](#)

Perth Theological Hall invites you to celebrate with and give thanks for it's staff and students, for those participating in a Period of Discernment, and for the people who make up the Candidates for the Ministries Commission, the Commission for Education, for Discipleship and Leadership, and the Formation Panels of our candidates for ministry.

A light supper will follow the service.

[Click Here to Register](#)



Uniting Church National History Society 4th Biennial History Conference

Thursday 24 August to Sunday 27 August 2023

Darwin, Northern Territory

Conference Theme: Truth Telling: From Colonising to Covenanting

CALL FOR PAPERS

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 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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