



## SYNOD 2023 REPORT

### UNITING ABORIGINAL & ISLANDER CHRISTIAN CONGRESS (UAICC)

#### REPORT

WA regional Congress has been through some tough times since the passing of Pop Sealín Garlett.

This has caused a need to regather and find ways to gain strength and become a deadly, dynamic body.

Please note that Rev Robert Jetta is the Chair of Regional Congress and is to be respected with notification when contacting WA Congress on Congress matters. It is important to be aware that Congress may need time to deal with whatever is required of them, as we walk together.

It feels at times that the wider Church walks a fair distance ahead being governed by the need to get business done.

WA Congress struggles with this, and is longing for the togetherness to be much more relational and to involve time for yarning, that does not involve clock watching.

Congress is moving forward. We have met at Waroona this year with 7 members able to attend, and Mervyn Anderson has been invited to walk with them.

It is hoped the Chair Person will be in conversation with the Chair of BKI. This relationship is very stressed at the moment.

WA Congress will meet again sometime after Synod.

**Waroona:** Sunday gathering takes place at the Church at 9.30 am every Sunday. Fijian seasonal workers use the Church to meet at 7.00am. The Waroona Congress Church Community are very grateful to the Forest Field UCA and Kalamunda UCA for the time some of their members gave in some maintenance to the Church and Hall.

**Maaman “O” Miya:** Members are thankful for the financial support from All Saints Floreat UCA and to Mount Pleasant UCA for their contribution to maintenance.

Congress gives thanks for these gifts of love and appreciate the gifts of love from many others.

**Tammin:** There is a meeting here as often as possible on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Rev Dennis Doust travels to Tammin for this.

Congress acknowledges that many acts of Covenanting are taking place. Just to mention two: –

the support Alison Longworth provides to Quarading when invited.

and the Boab Network at Mowanjum, an outreach of All Saints Floreat UCA.

*Rev Robert Jetta, Chair of WA regional Congress.*