



## SYNOD 2023 REPORT

### ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS NETWORK REPORT

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The Ecumenical Affairs Network has been involved in the following activities:

- Ecumenical Taizé Prayer Service on 7 March 2023 with Br Merric who visited from France. A reception was held after the service with Br Merric as speaker who inspired the many in attendance with his words of wisdom and gentle presence.
- Co-hosted Iftar Dinner with the Perth Intercultural and Interfaith Centre on 12 April 2023. The evening was a great success with those who participated engaging in interfaith conversations and fellowship, sharing stories, making friends, while enjoying delicious food generously provided by the Perth Islamic community.
- Ecumenical Pilgrim Walk in Perth CBD to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on 27 May 2023 involving the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, and Uniting churches in the city. Ecumenical pilgrims visited the various churches and worship places around the city spending time in prayers together, sharing stories and histories.
- UCA 46th Multicultural Anniversary Celebration on Sun 18 June was a wonderful colourful gathering involving communities from various cultural backgrounds and Christian denominations. Multicultural youth led a moving service with beautiful music, liturgical dance, action songs, inspiring reflections, followed by fellowship and multicultural food in the hall.
- We look forward to participating in the 'Together' Global Ecumenical Prayer Vigil to be led by Pope Francis and ecumenical youth in Rome on 30 September 2023. Churches and groups from around the world are participating by hosting prayer vigils in their own countries and locations. This ecumenical event was inspired by Taizé's Br Alois when he addressed the Bishops' Synod in Rome two years ago and Br Merric is our direct link to

the event. Our Multicultural Youth Leadership Team will be hosting and leading this ecumenical prayer vigil at Trinity Uniting Church in the City. Promo materials and details will be in News n Notes after Synod.

- In partnership with the Perth Intercultural & Interfaith Centre we are planning an end of year Interfaith Gathering in Oct-Nov 2023 to continue promoting interfaith dialogue and relations. Promo materials and details will also be in News n Notes in the coming weeks.

Note: We would love new members interested in joining the Ecumenical Affairs Network.

Please contact me if you are interested.

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