



The Uniting Church in Australia, Western Australia **Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership**

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Staff Update

Rev Dr Cathie Lambert commenced in the new position Formation and learning Culture Coordinator in January this year and Rev Andrew Broadbent commences his placement as Education and Resources Coordinator in March.

Rev David Kriel has completed his one year placement in the interim role of Coordinator Education Coordinator (Lay and Continuing Education). David has made significant contributions to lay and continuing education in that time, and we wish him well in the next stage of his journey.

Cathie and Andrew will be working closely in their new roles and have particular areas of responsibility. Cathie's areas of responsibility include formation and learning for Phases 2, 3 and 4 of ordained ministries, and learning programs for Accredited Lay Preachers (not candidates) and Ministry of Pastor. Andrew will focus on education for Candidates for Lay Preacher and Pastors and Resources for all programs.

Events and Activities

Since the last meeting of Presbytery a number of education and training events have been offered and planned.

14 th - 16 th January.	Annual retreat for leaders of Leeming Uniting Church
Rev Dr Cathie Lambert	

February 9 th and 10 th .	Summer Spirit
Friday evening : Gary van Heerden; Saturday: Rev Dr Christy Capper and others	

February 16 th	CEDAL Commencement Service (Open to all in the Church)
Rev Dr Cathie Lambert and Rev David Kriel at St Peter and Emmaus Church	

February 17 th (half day)	CEDAL Commencement Retreat Theme : 'Courageous Authentic Leadership'
Rev Dr Cathie Lambert and Rev David Kriel at St Peter and Emmaus Church (Open to Candidates for Ordained Ministry, those in their Period of Discernment, Lay Preacher Candidates and members of CMC).	

31 st of January.	Lent and Easter Think Tank
Emeritus Professor Rev Bill Loader	

20 th March, 8 th July 18 th September, 30 th November	Formation For All days
Rev Dr Cathie Lambert, Rev Andrew Broadbent and others	

Dates to be confirmed	Monthly Meeting of Lay Preacher Candidates
Facilitator: Rev Andrew Broadbent	

Candidates for Specified Ministries

Candidates for Ordained Ministries

There are two candidates for ordained ministries - Minister of the Word (MOW) participating in Phase 2, which involves the Formation Community Programme (including the Wednesday programme at Star Street), Academic Studies and Ministry Practice (Supervised Field Education).

Candidate	Ordained Ministry	Formation Year	Academic Study	Field Education
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Julie Ridden	MOW	Third year	Pilgrim, Melbourne	Uniting Generations Network
Susan Sydney Smith	MOW	Third year	Morling, Perth	King Edward Hospital

Candidates for Lay Preacher

All candidates for Lay Preacher must engage in education programmes with CEDAL and demonstrate their competencies in a range of areas. They must also meet regularly with a Mentor who will guide their formation.

Name	Congregation
Bryson Harman	Rockingham
Carolyn Ebell-Taylor	Kalamunda
Iliapi Taoi	Crossways – Fijian Fellowship
Megan Reynolds	Bunbury
Mike Roberts	Fremantle
Naibuka Laqere	Crossways –Fijian Fellowship
Pepe Halatau	Tapu Nuie Faith Community
Rex Evans	Denmark
Richard Hugman	Bunbury
Robin Moore	Rockingham
Simon Cartwright	Rockingham
Sophie Li (on hold)	Nedlands

There are currently 12 candidates with diverse backgrounds, from 8 different congregations – metropolitan, regional and country. Some have no exposure to theological studies, while others already have theological qualifications - one has enrolled for a master's in theology. Some have several years of experience in preaching and leading worship, while others have no experience. Some are retired or semi-retired, and others are employed full-time.

Candidates for Pastor

All Pastors are required to complete the two Core Competencies and must sign a Learning Agreement for further study before they can be commissioned as Pastors.

Cameron Harries was commissioned as a Pastor on 22 October 2022 and is now engaged in fulfilling his Learning Agreement. His Mentor is Rev Rob Douglas.

Joshua Fotu is nearing completion of his assessments on the Core Competencies.

Eulogio (Yoy) Alberastine has yet to complete his assessments in the Core Competencies.

CEDAL REVIEW

The CEDAL Review is now completed and a separate report is provided with two proposals for Presbytery to consider: CEDAL's Vision and Strategy (2024-2026) and Renaming Perth Theological Hall.

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