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Little Free Pantry: engaging Ormond community

*Needing some inspiration for outreach?
In early April 2020 the Ormond UC
congregation built the Little Free Pantry to
help the community around them. What a
remarkable success it has been! Karel Reus,
supply minister, writes about the project.*

The front grounds of Ormond Uniting Church are located on the busy corner of North Rd and Booran Rd, Ormond. We built the pantry there as a grassroots way of helping those facing food insecurity in the neighbourhood.

It's a place where people can freely receive and give household essentials of mostly non-perishable packaged food, drinks, and toiletries.

Everyone is invited to either donate items to, or if in need, take items from the pantry. The contents change day by day depending on who has stopped by.

The sign on the pantry door says: 'Please, take what you need; give what you can.' Since its opening, the community response has been highly encouraging. Supplies are being left by many local people and are being taken by those in-need, as word-of-mouth spreads.

It's estimated that five percent of the Australian population faces food insecurity. That was before the impact of Covid-19 on jobs and businesses. Those more susceptible to food insecurity include unemployed people, single parent households, low-income earners, people with addictions, homeless and socially isolated.

The pantry was instigated by one of the Ormond Uniting Church home groups who obtained the funds for its start-up and have developed a roster amongst themselves to check its contents twice a week.

One of our great supporters is the Baker's Patisserie in Bentleigh who generously donate a good supply of bread twice a week.

*For further details about this project contact
David (0488 204 049) or Dennis (0408 457 009)*



Building Community at Pakenham UC

Pakenham Uniting Church have been building a strong connection with the South Sudanese community. Sarah Manase spoke with Intergenerational Ministry worker Riak Kiir about their project.



When Riak Kiir came along and joined Pakenham Uniting Church in 2015 he felt a real desire to build a safe, friendly and approachable youth program for the growing South Sudanese community.

Funding from a Synod grant, along with support from other congregations, has enabled Pakenham Uniting Church to employ Riak as Intergenerational Ministry Worker alongside his colleague Jo Crisp.

Working closely with Pakenham's community network services and building a strong rapport with them has given Riak the ability to work with many schools in the area and work alongside the local council and government bodies.

Riak's work has included partnership with Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY), a not-for-profit organisation based in Victoria, providing specialist knowledge and support to young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds.

With the help of CMY, Pakenham Uniting Church created a cooking program for the South Sudanese youth. The purpose of this session was to teach the young South Sudanese girls, who are growing up in Australia, how to cook South Sudanese food.

Photos on this page are of the young women from their cooking day held on September 17.

Go to the CMY website, cmy.net.au, for further details on Centre for Multicultural Youth's work.



Traditional Fijian Stoles

Rev Eseta Meneilly, also known as Eseta Waqabaca-Meneilly, writes about her beloved Fijian culture and her stoles.



I had a career in education as a pre-school educator in both Fiji and Australia. With having a lot of involvement in UCA Presbytery and other committees, I applied for candidacy in ministry and was ordained in 2007.

Sewing has always been one of my favourite hobbies, including sewing my own wedding dress and items for my children. In later years, I began making liturgical stoles as an expression of faith, identity and utilizing Fijian traditional design. Around 14 years ago, the Melbourne Immigration Museum invited contributions from people who had migrated to Australia. The museum criteria included elements of identity in a new land, ways of expressing first language or culture, transition from birth culture or place to a new environment, faith, education and more.

When the museum personnel visited me at our then Doncaster home for an interview, I was in the middle of making a few Fijian tapa print stoles for clergy friends, and those stoles were on the dining table. The museum staff were amazed by my work and decided to place a couple of my early stoles on their display. I cannot guarantee if they are still on display in the Immigration Museum to this day.

As I was giving my stoles away as gifts, the stoles became popular amongst the Pacific Island connected clergy. For my own ordination I made some special personal ones of different liturgical season colours.



In 2012 the President and General Secretary of the Methodist Church in Fiji, (MCIF) both long-time friends of Chris Meneilly (my husband) and myself, visited the Uniting Church in preparation for the 50th anniversary of autonomy of the Fiji Methodist Church. As they knew I was making these stoles they commissioned me to design new stoles for this significant golden jubilee occasion and what was also determined as the theme for the MCIF, the Lako Yani Vou, the New Exodus. The MCIF had been going through difficult times with the changing political situation in Fiji. This converged with a new design logo to also symbolize a new future.



The vibrant new Fijian church logo design inspired me to then create vibrant, fresh stoles for the incoming President and General Secretary. These stoles were well received, and with such enthusiasm the MCIF then requested stoles for the Superintendent Ministers of each Division, which at the time totalled 59. Every third year, at the installation of the new leadership, I made the stoles for the President and General Secretary as a gift from Chris and myself.

This 'gift' was not extended to the growing number of stoles sought for all other leadership positions, so it evolved into a larger contract.

The original aim was to hand this project over to the MCIF but with Covid restrictions the handover was delayed to this year, 2022. In July-August this year I spent 4 weeks in Suva to teach a group of women nominated by MCIF. Yada ni Sarifaci (Widows of Zarephath), are widows of Fijian Methodist clergy. This group gathers to encourage the clergy widows, who often are left without much financial income following the death of their clergy spouse.

Some of the photos in this article are of the project in process in August, conducted at the Women's Ministry Centre of the MCIF in Suva.

An ongoing extension of my interest in sewing these significant stoles has been that many Pacific Islander UCA clergy and other clergy, have placed orders for these stoles.

Currently a Tongan minister in NSW has ordered a set of 4 colours, and the incoming President, Rev Clarissa Suli was presented one of these red stoles for her ordination by the Tongan youth. It has been, and continues to be a great joy to find expression of my faith and my culture within the Uniting Church and this new land Australia.

I am excited that people are intrigued to inquire about this symbolism seen in these stoles which provides opportunity to talk about all these aspects of faith, identity, inclusivity and diversity embraced in the UCA. These are part of the fabric of the stoles and part of the fabric of Australia.



Stoles for induction of President Rev Tuikilakila (red stole centre), General secretary Rev. Tevita Banivanua (blue stole far right), and their respective assistants.



Division Superintendent Ministers with green stoles in 2014

Climate Change – Taking Action

Rev Deacon Andrea Mayes and Tom Spurling have encouraged the Presbytery to form a Climate Action Network to assist and encourage congregations and individuals in reducing emissions and in mitigating the effects of climate change.

The average surface air temperature of the Earth has risen rapidly over the past 100 years due to the emission of greenhouse gases, mainly carbon dioxide and methane, from modern energy production and agricultural practices. Limiting the global effect of climate change needs to happen at a number of levels.

Firstly, it is a task for nations acting together through international agreements and individual nations as they determine their energy investment priorities and incentives. Global cooperation will be facilitated at COP 27 (United Nations Climate Change Conference of Parties) from 6-18 November.

Secondly, there is also some action that can only be done by the Federal Government. Progress has been made under the current government, by putting the emissions reduction target of 43% by 2030 into law. However, there is much more to be done.

The Australian Religious Response for Climate Change (ARRCC) have organised an interfaith service on Thursday 13 October at 5:10pm at St Paul's Cathedral, corner Flinders & Swanston Street. On this day senior faith leaders both from Australia and the Pacific will be calling on the Australian Government to:

- Stop approving new coal and gas projects
- End public subsidies for coal and gas projects
- Actively participate in creating a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to phase out fossil fuels and support a just transition to renewables at [COP 27](#).

Thirdly, there are many opportunities to take action towards climate change at a congregational level and individual level.

They include: increasing energy efficiency and reducing emissions; working towards the five leaf eco awards; installing solar power; switching to green power; changing gas appliances to electric; and selecting ethical options for our bank accounts and superannuation funds.

Let's all take more action now!

The first meeting of our Presbytery climate action network will be on 4 October from 5 to 6 pm by Zoom. All are welcome. Experiences of climate action will be shared, including getting funding to help upgrade gas heaters in the church to electric, and a home gas hot water system to electric hot water heat pump.

Email Andrea Mayes andreamayes@gmail.com or feel free to call her on 0408 615 939 if you are interested or if you want to join the network, even if you can't come to the meeting.

Jon O'Brien and Jessica Morthorpe leading a Uniting Church action group at the Climate Change Strike in Sydney, September 2019





Healthy growth in home care services

Rebecca Ryan explains how significantly Uniting AgeWell have expanded home care and support services in the Port Phillip East Presbytery region to meet current and future community needs.

In September, we welcomed 1,500 new Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) clients from the City of Casey following our successful appointment by the Department of Health to deliver in-home care, social support and home maintenance services to older people in the southern suburbs of Casey.

This decision was based on our strong service reputation and our already strong and established presence in Melbourne's east, south east and Mornington Peninsula, where we deliver residential aged care, Home Care Packages and a range of CHSP services. In the eight weeks prior to the 1 September transition date, we were able to establish a new office and team in Cranbourne, recruit additional staff and contact every client and roster their services.

1 October marks the transition of 2,400 CHSP clients to Uniting AgeWell from our sister organisation Uniting Vic.Tas. This follows a decision earlier this year by Uniting Vic.Tas to transition their Home Care Packages program to Uniting AgeWell, given we are a specialist aged care provider. This latest transfer is a further reflection of our strong relationship with Uniting Vic.Tas and our collective commitment to ensuring our customers are at the heart of everything we do.

Together we have worked hard to ensure a seamless transition for customers, staff and volunteers, with the vast majority of Uniting Vic.Tas staff and volunteers from these programs also transferring to Uniting AgeWell.

We are grateful for the trust placed in us to deliver these services and are committed to providing the very best care and support people need to continue living independently and ageing well at home.

Uniting AgeWell looks forward to continuing to provide social support group activities at John Macrae Social Support Centre at Toorak Uniting Church and at St Mark's Adult Day Care Centre in Chadstone in conjunction with the Melbourne Fijian Uniting Church, and also building our relationships with congregations across the Port Phillip East Presbytery.

Rebecca Ryan, General Manager Marketing & Community Relations, Uniting AgeWell



Uniting AgeWell

An insight into what our Chaplains and care givers are doing in our Presbytery from pages 7 -9

Connection in Andrew Kerr Care, Mornington



Trish Campbell, Chaplain, Uniting AgeWell Andrew Kerr Care Community in Mornington, shares about connections made with residents, families and staff.

I would like to introduce you to George Robertson and his wife Ann. George is a 92 year old gentleman who is a retired Uniting Church minister living at Uniting AgeWell Andrew Kerr Care Community in Mornington.

Originally hailing from the Presbyterian tradition, George, accompanied by Ann, ministered in Red Cliffs and Traralgon for over 30 years. George also travelled to relieve others for leave. George worked in places such as Nhulunbuy (N.T.), King Island, Mildura, Gembrook and his return visits were always greeted with enthusiasm. Ann assisted George in his ministry activities. Ann is an accomplished author, having written three books, and a social worker by trade. She worked at Kilmany Park Boys Home near Sale.

George and Ann regularly attend services here at Uniting AgeWell Andrew Kerr Care and George sings with gusto. His smile is contagious. He is a living example of faith in action before my eyes. I feel incredibly privileged to provide both fellowship and the pastoral connection for George as he once did for his many parishioners.

Chaplaincy with all its nuances in the residential aged care setting can be challenging, with rolling lockdowns and changing health directives. Providing ecumenical services has proven to be a new learning opportunity, especially when wrangling technology. Frustrating at times, but forever grateful for the technology at our fingertips – it's just the upskilling that can be hard!

When I reflect back to the 1980s, when George was serving the community, there was no Zoom, break-out rooms or shared screens. However, there were endless phone calls, home visitation, counselling and parish meetings.

Connections made with residents, families and staff provide great joy to me personally. Whilst walking the units, 1:1 conversations spontaneously happen. I'm guided by the opportunity to provide a safe space to reflect on the bigger questions we have in life and most importantly, reflecting Christ's love. Shining a light of hope as people journey through transitioning into residential aged care, the provision of family support during times of grief and holding this sacred time and space are integral to the position of a Chaplain in Residential Aged Care.

Having a pastoral heart and following the example of Mary, we are invited to sit and engage in heartfelt connection. A daily intentional time of contemplation and connection with God is essential. It is easy to be caught up in the unexpected events, urgent phone calls, meetings to attend, reports to write. Yet it is the residents who motivate me, who remind me to look broader, to have an eye on the bigger picture.



Ann, George and Trish having a get together



Sacred Space in Noble Park Community

*Luise Westwood
reflects on her
ministry as
Chaplain at Uniting
AgeWell Noble
Park Community,
Heatherton Rd.*



At Uniting AgeWell Noble Park Community, we are fortunate to have an alcove situated on Level 1, with ceiling to floor windows that overlook a park (reserve) next door. We refer to this part of the building as 'Sacred Space'.

It is a place where we meet weekly at 4pm on Tuesday afternoons, gathering together in contemplative prayer; poetry; Scripture; music and 'gentle' silence.

At other times, 'Sacred Space' is a gathering place that offers hospitality and space for our residents to gather collectively or individually to appreciate God's creation / nature, in the comfort of a lounge chair, protected from the 'outside' weather extremities.

Spiritual care at Uniting AgeWell focuses on the importance of 'inclusion' – one of Uniting AgeWell's five values – which reflects and connects with the ways / the teachings of the Uniting Church, where 'everyone is welcome at the table of Communion'.

For our residents at Noble Park Community, 'Sacred Space' offers a sense of calm to counteract the storm of modern life, whilst 'bridging' religious differences and inviting all people into a deeper relationship with 'the Divine'.

*"Go to the Limits of Your Longing"
by Rainer Maria Rilke*

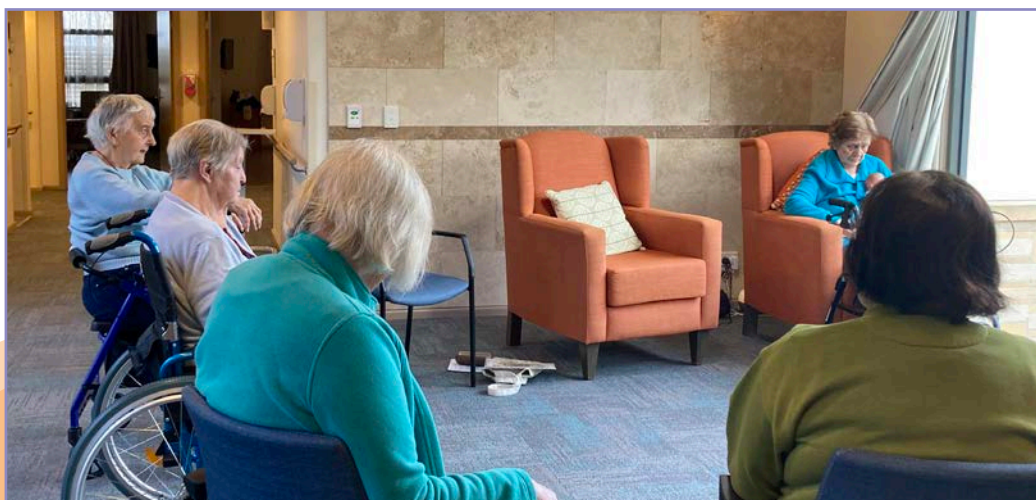
God speaks to each of us as he makes us,
Then walks with us silently out of the night.
These are the words we dimly hear:

"You, sent out beyond your recall,
go to the limits of your longing.
Embody me.

Flare up like flame and
make big shadows I can move in.
Let everything happen to you:
beauty and terror.
Just keep going. No feeling is final.
Don't let yourself lose me.

Nearby is the country they call life.
You will know it by its seriousness.

Give me your hand."



Sacred Space — Gathering place

Colin the Pastoral Curlew leads the way

*Rev Anneke Oppewal, Presbytery Minister:
Pastoral Care shares the story of a pastoral
encounter with Colin the Curlew during her
recent trek through North Queensland.*

At our campsite in Cairns, after we had checked in and left the reception, we noticed an odd but friendly looking bird with long legs and a pointed beak. It followed us as we moved across the campsite to find a spot to pitch our tent, and it hung around while we put it up. We didn't pay much attention to it. We'd been on the road for a while that day and were keen to get dinner on the table and bed down.

After dark we heard eerie sounds coming from the rain forest around us and we wondered what kind of animal could be making them. Was it monkeys? Was it wolves? Not likely in Australia!

The next morning, still in the dark, as I made my way to the facilities, the same friendly bird that had welcomed and accompanied us to our camping spot that afternoon before, appeared in the torch light. Calmly it walked up with me and I felt a strange sense of security. There were warning signs about snake activity all around the campsite and I had been a bit apprehensive stepping out in the dark. On the way back there it was again, walking with me and watching me. It was odd.

That evening, dropping into the happy hour the campsite organised for its patrons every night, we noticed the bird again. Hanging around and, at one stage, wandering off with some new people who had just arrived.

When we asked, the woman serving us smiled. "Oh, that," she said, "that is Colin. He is a curlew. And he likes to walk with people. He will often turn up when new people arrive, walk them to their spot, hang around for a bit until they've made themselves at home and he will keep an eye out when people are up and about in the night. You will have heard him, it's that eerie sound, a bit like someone is crying."

Colin didn't look like his presence would have made much of a difference should I have met a snake in the dark. That looks can deceive I discovered later reading about a fight between curlews and a giant python. I had been right to feel more secure with him beside me.

Reflecting on my encounter it occurred to me that Colin had been pastoring to us. A welcoming presence during the day that offered comfort in the darkness of the night. With little fuss he had walked with us, looked after us, watched over us and made it known he was around even when he wasn't within visible range. A godsend.

Pastoral care can be as simple as that. Welcoming, walking with, letting it be known you are around and turning up when it gets dark and offering some comfort and support when people feel insecure and vulnerable.

This friendly looking bird can be incredibly fierce when the need arises. Scaring off even large pythons if need be. Another parallel to what pastoring should be: to stand up and fight for those who find themselves threatened and vulnerable.



Uluru Statement from the Heart explored

Rev Dr Robert Johnson writes about how one person had a desire to speak up about a concern, when others joined they felt God speaking to them too.

The Council meeting for the small congregation of St David's Oakleigh was on Zoom, and had dealt with all the normal business, minutes, finance, property etc, in an efficient and fairly unexciting manner. I had been asked to do supply ministry there as the congregation worked through their uncertain future, and wondered what would help re-enliven them.

The chair asked whether there was any more business, and Rob Jones, our organist and treasurer spoke up, saying he wasn't sure whether it was business, but he wanted to share that he had been getting a strong feeling that he needed to know more and speak up more about our relationship with our First Nations peoples.

Rob had rarely been involved in this sort of social justice action, but he was sure he was being given a strong push to do something now, and wondered how he might do so, and whether anyone in the congregation would join him. He was excited by the Government's move towards treaty in Victoria, and by the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

This sounded to me exactly how God often works – raising an issue with one person, who takes the risk of speaking up and others join in.

The Council thought it was worth exploring, so Rob and I talked with my friend and colleague, John Rickard, who has done a huge amount of work and study in this area. When John was Executive Director of the Commission for Mission, relationships with Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress was a key responsibility. Then John worked for Congress for ten years. In retirement he's been studying and sharing on the effects of colonialization, and how whitefellas can better understand our First Nation peoples and work towards reconciliation.

John ran a very successful series of studies on the Uluru Statement from the Heart in Fairfield UC, his own congregation, last year, and so has agreed to run those studies again at St David's this year.

Come and join us!

We are inviting anyone who is interested, to come and share in these studies, whether you can come to one or all of them. 4 pm Sundays October 2, 16, November 3 and December 4, at St David's Oakleigh, 154 Drummond Street, Oakleigh.

Contact Robert Johnson on 0418998561 or via email robertbjohnson@bigpond.com or John Rickard on 0437958488 or via email jmrick@bigpond.net.au



Mission-making with the Census

Dr Craig Mitchell, Presbytery Minister: Church Development writes about exploring our local mission context.

Two weeks ago I spoke with a congregation about their changing community:

- The largest religion is None, followed by Catholicism and Islam.
- For 60% of adults, both parents were born overseas. India is the dominant region.
- 2/3 of the population are under 45 years of age.
- Couples with children comprise the largest proportion of households.

This area is in the outer south-eastern suburbs, the City of Casey. Rapidly growing. Social, economic and cultural transformation. An increasing median income, yet extremes of wealth and poverty.

Who are our neighbours?

What does it mean to be church here? Maybe this question starts with “Who are our neighbours?” And how can we be better connected to our new neighbours?

One response is to try be be as welcoming as possible. It goes something like this. I love to cook. Imagine that every Saturday evening I cooked a meal for 20 people, then left the front door open and hoped that strangers would come and join Yvonne and myself at the meal table.

Surprisingly, no-one arrives. I have an idea and put a sign out the front “Welcome to the Mitchells!”. How many people would invite themselves in, I wonder? Perhaps I decide to cook Indian food and hope that it will waft through the neighbourhood. Will that work?

In this scenario, I am the host, being as welcoming as I can. And that’s a worthy goal. All of us are part of the church because somewhere, sometime, we felt genuinely welcomed. Would young families feel welcome here? What about recent migrants? Great questions.

This has been described as *attractional* church. We seek to provide the right mix of programs and hospitality so that those who come to us will stay. The problem, however, is designing solutions for people we haven’t met. It can start to feel like a marketing campaign. What if we offered Indian food? What if our signs were in Sinhalese and Hindi? Great questions. But *attractional* can make it seem as if our problem is advertising. If we build it, they will come. If only we were better known in the community, they would come.

Read the data, respond to people

There’s an important and perhaps subtle difference here between examination and engagement.

Demographic analysis is excellent for big picture examination of our context. Young families? What about a Playgroup? Many of our churches run these. Domestic violence? What about a worker to assist people? Hampton Park UC offers this.

Data can help to reorient our thinking in vital ways. If mission is where God’s Story meets Our Story, then some measure of mission is how the good news is grounded in the here and now. If there is a social or cultural gap between the faith community and the neighbourhood, let’s not blame the neighbourhood. Let’s instead consider the difference between designing programs to attract people and the call to be present as disciples in daily life.





Sam Wells speaks of *incarnational* mission as “being with” - being present in the wider community in the manner that Jesus was present with people from all walks of life. Not seeking to meet needs, but seeking to appreciate, learn and receive. We are not hosts awaiting guests, but as in Luke 10, guests seeking hosts.

Census data might help us see where we are sent. Our local takeaways now have a rich ethnic diversity of foods. Our schools are multi-faith. Our cricket team is bustling with teenagers from India. These are not just data analytics, but community connections.

It is difficult to write this without sounding as if information analysis is a kind of mission technique. As a former statistician (my first career), I know the power and the limits of numbers. Information can be a mirror and a guide, or a forest in which to be lost. In this instance, I'd like to see it as a kind of map or address book to point us to the neighbours and friends whom we have yet to meet.

Leslie Newbiggin described the church as a *sign*, *foretaste* and *instrument* of the coming reign of God. A *sign* points to something other than itself. A *foretaste* is an entree of the main course to come. An *instrument* has its sleeves rolled up, doing the job. The church is not only a messenger. It tastes, embodies and shares the goodness of God's grace. Being a grace-ful **community** is part of the gospel.

So the church is both an *agent* of mission - sent into the world - and also a *locus* of mission, a community hub - not just as a building, but a people who embody God's invitation to life in all its fullness. Invitation precedes welcome. Instead of just opening the front door and hoping that the neighbours come over for a Saturday night feed, perhaps I could meet the new neighbours. Invite them for a feed. Ask whether they have favourite foods or allergies. They might even invite me back as their guest.

HOW TO ACCESS CENSUS DATA

1. Go to abs.gov.au
2. Click on Census on the top menu
3. Click on the box Find Census data
4. Click on the box Search Census data
5. Click on the arrow next to Search by geography
6. Choose one of the following options (each gives a different geographic summary)
 - Local Government Areas
 - Suburbs and Localities
 - Postal areas (postcodes)
 - Electoral divisions
7. Choose Victoria, then navigate to your particular LGA, suburb, postcode or electorate. You will see a map of your chosen area.
8. Click the blue button All persons for a summary of data. You can then print this out. It will be at least 15 pages.
9. If instead you click Community Profiles you will go to a page where you can download an .XLSX spreadsheet General Community Profile. This is more detailed than the All persons summary and has over 50 tables. Note that some of this data will only be released this month.



The Presbytery team can help you to access and examine your region's data. We also offer a workshop called Pathways which is about the stepping stones that people might take to engage with a Christian community and to explore Christian faith.

Contact Dr Craig Mitchell for more information. Phone 0417323088 or email pm-cd@ucapnep.org

For Your Calendar

Uluru Statement in Oakleigh

4 pm St David's Oakleigh
Sunday October 2
Sunday October 16
Sunday November 6
Sunday December 4

Outdoor Worship workshop

Thursday October 6 & 13
events.humanitix.com/outdoor-worship

Advent/Christmas for Worship Leaders

on Zoom Saturday October 8
tinyurl.com/ppeadvent2022

Reading the Bible with Marginalised Communities

Tuesday October 11
events.humanitix.com/synod-intercultural-forum

Pioneer Practice Book Group

Monday October 24
1.30 pm – 1st of 4 week series
Wednesday October 26
7.30 pm – 1st of 4 week series
Thursday October 27
10.30 am – 1st of 4 week series
tinyurl.com/pioneerpractice

Understanding the Uniting Church

Self-paced online course runs through to February
First tutorial Thursday November 3
events.humanitix.com/understanding-the-uca

Home Brewed Conversation

Mission catalyst conversation
Sunday November 6, 4 pm in Richmond

Ministry Agents Dinner

Saturday November 19 in Mt Eliza

Presbytery in Council Meeting

Wednesday November 23, 7 – 9.30 pm
Noble Park Uniting Church
with a focus on climate justice action, listening to first peoples, and release of pastoral ties service for Presbytery Minister Duncan Macleod

Presbytery Minister Team Leader Sought

Port Phillip East Presbytery, Uniting Church in Australia, is looking for applications for the full-time role of Presbytery Minister: Team Leader.

Port Phillip East Presbytery includes over fifty congregations in the South East suburbs of Melbourne and on the Mornington Peninsula. The Presbytery contains one of the most culturally diverse areas in the country.

The Presbytery ministry team, led by a team leader, includes the Presbytery Minister Pastoral, Presbytery Minister Church Development, Presbytery Administrator/Secretary, and Presbytery Communications Officer. The Team Leader role is pivotal in the oversight of the Presbytery's ministry and operations.

The person in this role oversees, coordinates, and facilitates the life and effective operation of the Presbytery team. The Team Leader exercises an essential liaison and communication role between congregations, the Presbytery and the Synod, particularly in the areas of property and finance. The Team Leader will have strong capacity for strategic thinking and effective management.

For further information or to apply, contact Rev. Sue Clarkson, Placements Secretary, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, placements.secretary@victas.uca.org.au

Applications close 11 November 2022 and should include a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, Uniting Church profile if appropriate, and the names of three referees.

Download and read the Port Phillip East PM Team Leader profile/position description (Sep 2022) and Presbytery Standing Committee Report March 2022 on the Presbytery positions available page: ucappep.org/positions-available.



Starlight Charity Market

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5/11/2022
11a.m. - 4p.m.



Korean Church of Melbourne
Dining Hall 23-27 Glendearg Grove, Malvern

Your love and care will give hope to those who are hungry and are in need. We have organized this charity market to share and spread hope and happiness with you.

Call for nominations

Nominations are open for the 2023-2023 period, for the roles of Presbytery Chair, Presbytery Deputy Chair, Chairs of Pastoral Relations Committee, Finance & Risk Committee, Property Committee, Mission Leadership Development Committee, Presbytery Treasurer, as well as two general places on the Presbytery Standing Committee.

Nomination forms must be submitted to Anne Kim, secretary@ucappep.org or PO Box 696, Noble Park, VIC 3174, by 5 pm, Friday 4 November, 2022.

You can access the documents relating to nominations on the Presbytery website: ucappep.org/positions-available, including the nomination form, the office-bearer position descriptions, and the PPE Presbytery Responsibilities and Delegations document.

Uniting in prayer for October

Each week congregations are encouraged to include their neighbours in their prayers. The Presbytery's prayer calendar covers congregations, schools and agencies of the Uniting Church in our Presbytery and Synod. You can check the calendar on the Presbytery website.

October 2	Ormond congregation – Supply minister Karel Reus, chair Mardie Townsend
October 9	Pakenham congregation – Supply minister Robert Elkhuizen, Intergenerational Ministry Team Jo Crisp & Riak Kiir
October 16	Parkdale congregation – Supply minister Robin Yang and chair Di Paul Sandringham congregation – Supply minister Belinda Clear & chair Helen Jackson
October 23	Uniting Agewell – Rev Clare Brockett, Director of Mission, Zena Liston, Director of Chaplaincy, Mr Andrew Kinnersley, CEO; Ms Victoria Jacques, GM Victoria
October 30	Uniting AgeWell chaplains Luise Westwood (Noble Park) & Trisha Campbell (Mornington)

DO IT ANYWAY

*People are often
unreasonable, illogical
and self-centred
- love them anyway.*

*If you are kind, people
may accuse you of
selfish, ulterior motives
- be kind anyway*

*If you are successful,
you will win
some false friends and
some true enemies
- succeed anyway.*

*If you are honest and
frank, people may cheat
you - be honest and
frank anyway.*

*What you spend years
building, someone could
destroy overnight
- build anyway.*

*If you find serenity and happiness,
they may be jealous
- be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today,
people will often forget tomorrow
- do good anyway.*

*Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be good enough.
Give the world the best you've got
anyway.*

*You see in the final analysis,
it is all between you and God.
It was never between you and
them anyway.*

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