

NEWSBEAT



PRESBYTERY OF
PORT PHILLIP EAST

Ministers Gathering proves to be simply the best....

IT would have been worth attending just to see everyone having a go at Hannah Dungan's Zumba class....

In truth, this year's Minister's Gathering proved to be a 'spiritual exercise' on every level for the adventurous participants.

More than 40 ministers, pastors and ministry workers from across the Presbytery headed to Pallotti College, Millgrove for the bi-annual retreat - this year's programme focusing on ministry in the new creation:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Headlining this year's 3-day event was Sean Winter, aka Sean the Baptist, who led theological teaching and reflection in three sessions over the first two days: Ministry and Scripture (2 Corinthians 3), Ministry and Mission (2 Corinthians 5) and Ministry and Spirituality (2 Corinthians 12) which took on a whole new understanding under Sean's teaching.

"Sean was a very stimulating speaker and engaged us with a range of theological issues as they apply to our own ministerial situations," says Rev. John Mann.

Rev. Swee Ann Koh followed up with a session on the final day on the implications for cross cultural ministry.

It wasn't all book learning and study, however, as ministers were given some free time to relax, revitalise and build relationships with colleagues across the presbytery, old and new.

They also staged their own *Minister's Got Talent* show one evening including musical numbers, songs, quilting skills and energetic efforts to follow Zumba steps with Hannah, pictured below right.

Rev. You Hoon also led people through his personal pilgrimage around Port Phillip Bay, which proved to be a fascinating journey for the assembled listeners.

"The concert night was a lot of fun and covered many topics," adds Rev. Steve Terrell.

"The whole event was a wonderful time of sharing with colleagues," continues Rev. John Mann. "Everything was very well-received and this was the best attended Minister's Gathering to date, which suggests it is growing year on year.

"Those who did attend were also very positive in their feedback."

For more coverage of the Minister's Gathering 2012 turn to page 3...



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Star spangled Sundays

St Mark's bids
adieu to two very
special US guests

ST Mark's Mornington had to say some very fond farewells recently to two American graduates who were the initial participants in their Intern and Mentor program.

Sarah Greeson and Casie Neal graduated from Ouchita Baptist University in Arkansas in May last year, before heading Down Under. During their 12 month visit, they were hosted by the congregation and used their gifts and talents in a number of *Messy Church* services and shared in the weekly Interact program to provide an intergenerational and interactive worship experience.

The young ladies were invited by the students at Mornington Secondary College to conduct a bible study each week and also assisted the Chaplain, Jon Gibson, with the Wednesday morning Breakfast Club - providing hot chocolate and toast to up to 100 students.



Each Sunday they kept the congregation informed of their activities in a segment in the Sanctuary worship service

entitled *What did Casie do: What did Sarah see?* They also joined with the Mt Martha Fusion team as leaders on this year's pilgrimage to Uluru.

Rev. John Haig said: "The young ladies quickly adapted to the Aussie church culture and reciprocated the warmth of the welcome and acceptance of our congregation.

They were equally at home relating to pre-schoolers in our Playgroups as well as in afternoon tea with the more senior ladies of our church."

"St Mark's embarked on this program with a sense of faith and exploring how God might be leading the congregation in its mission to the local community. We are looking forward to the next phase of this opportunity in mission and ministry."

Bush succour



The mother church, St Mark's Mornington, also hosted a Bush Dance to its daughter congregations on June 16.

The band was coordinated by the musically talented Rev. Paul Chalson of Mt Martha, who said: "It was a great night of fun, dance and Australian poems which concluded with a tasty supper."

The evening also raised \$285 for the Share Winter Appeal.

Date for your diary

August 28: Messy Church Conference - Mission, Discipleship and Moore.

Lucy Moore, founder of Messy Church and author of *All-Age Worship* is coming back to Australia! The 2011 Conference was sold out so register early. Registration and details available at <http://ctm.uca.edu.au/events/messychurch2012>

The hungry bear witness to Christ's work in the community



Cranbourne Regional UCA Food Truck is going from strength to strength and is now running four nights per week, feeding people in Cranbourne and Cranbourne West, from 6.30-8.30pm.

Rev. Wendy Snook, explains: "We get up to 31 people per night, so we go through a fair amount of hot food and drink! We really appreciate the support we are also getting from other UCA

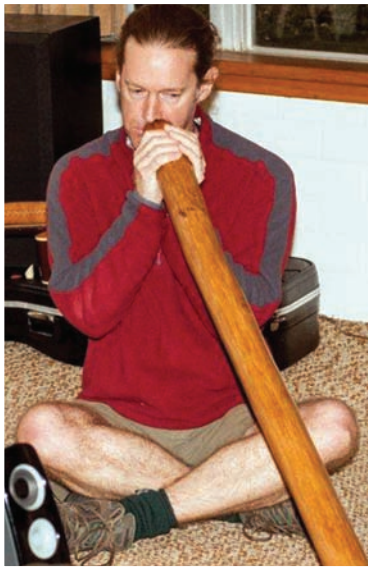
congregations like Toorak and Brighleigh."

"The Synod Lay Preachers Jubilee Trust also gave us a grant to assist with food and the setting up of our shipping container for storage, which was terrific."



The 'M' Factor...

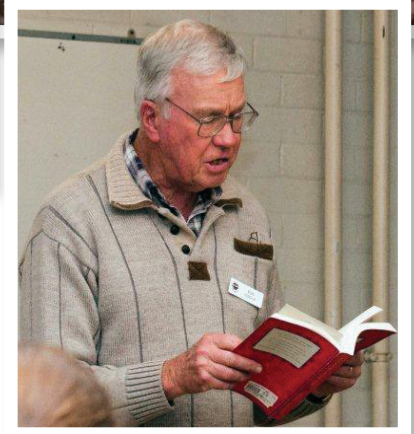
From front page: Minister's showcase their talents at a concert during the 2012 Minister's Gathering. Photos by Rev Peter Beale



Circular breathing... easy when you know how! Rev. Ian Ferguson impressed all with his didgeridoo playing, above.



"We do it with Mirrors: Kaleidoscope patchwork" Rev. Wendy Snook, above, demonstrates the use of mirrors on fabric for kaleidoscope patchwork. She says: "Remember using a kaleidoscope when you were a kid? We can do that with fabric and mirrors, creating amazing repeating patterns and blurring the boundaries between fabrics. Even the guys went 'ooh' and 'ah!' when they looked in the mirrors!"



Rev. You Hoon talks of his Port Phillip Pilgrimage, top, and Bob Hindle reads some poetry, above.



Rev. Lauleti Tu'inavai entertains all with a song, above, the worship table featuring the map of our Presbytery and candles representing each person's place of ministry, and Peter Whitaker and Peter Batten share a chuckle, below right.



Caption competition

Hmmm.... what were they thinking? Answers on an e-mail please and we'll print the best responses in the next issue of Newsbeat.



A Field Education Coordinator is being sought to provide teaching, oversight and leadership in Field Education, and participate in the formation of candidates for Uniting Church Ministries to:

- Enable students of the Theological College to engage in effective field placements as part of their formation for ministry.
- Enable field education and its distinctive contribution to be better integrated with all other aspects of the formation of candidates for ministry within the Theological College.
- Exercise leadership within the UCTC Faculty on the implementation of the strategic vision for the enhancement of field education in the formation process of students.
- Equip and involve the wider church in the provision of quality field education for candidates for ministry, including ensuring that supervisors are equipped for their role.

Situations vacant

- Advise and guide the CTM in the development and implementation of field education placements for lay ministries.

Full details and application form at <http://ctm.uca.edu.au/page/readvertised-position-vacant-field-education-coordinator>

Applications may be forwarded to Heather.cameron@ctm.uca.edu.au mailto:Heather.cameron@ctm.uca.edu.au

The application process will close on the 29 July 2012.

Presbytery Noble cause

A volunteer is sought to help with the mail and some other sundry clerical duties at the Presbytery Office in Noble Park. Some basic computer and internet skills are essential. If you are able to help one morning per week (any day) then please contact John Mann on john.mann@ucappeg.org or on 9005 7772.

Koornang Administrator

An opportunity exists for an experienced administrator at Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. It is a part-time ongoing position of 9 hrs per week which can be spread over three or four days. The role requires a commitment to Christian beliefs and values, good level of computer skills, experience with basic bookkeeping and a warm, outgoing personality. Contact Glynis Ramsay (AH) on M: 0407 506 662 for a position description. Applications for the position close on 16th August.

Net Work Editor

UCAF is looking for a good communicator with editorial and creative writing skills to; gather content, condense material and encourage writers. Time flexibility and ability to meet deadlines needed.

Net Work is a 20 page magazine produced 11 times a year for groups within the Vic/Tas Synod. The editor receives a monthly honorarium. Role:

- Prepare a yearly production schedule for UCAF office administrator, graphic designer, devotions providers, printer and mailing house
- plan the cover and content of each issue
- seek articles, photos and devotions
- edit contributions
- prepare copy and emails to graphic designer
- edit through the design process and sign off.

The UCAF office administrator liaises with the printer and mailing house re numbers of copies. Contact David Wang on 03 9251 5255.

Piano concert on track

High Street Road Uniting Church Mt Waverley is to host the next piano concert in the series performed by 'Friends of the Team of Pianists.' Five pianists will perform using a magnificent grand piano along with two clarinets and flute. The musical theme is Gardens and Games to mark the forthcoming Olympics. Proceeds from this concert go to the empowering work of *Possible Dreams International in Swaziland* and to enable their choir to perform in Australia to raise funds.

Gardens, Games, Grand Piano Concert



With pianists:

**Barbara Pritchard Tim Gray Deborah Jackson
Rhonda Boyle David de Zilwa**

Clarinet: Heather Perry & Phillip Norris Flute: Greg Burns

Proceeds from this concert go to the empowering work of "Possible Dreams International" in Swaziland and to enable their choir of local people to visit Australia

Saturday 28 July at 2.00 pm

Saturday 28 July at 8.00 pm

Sunday 29 July at 6.30 pm

TICKETS: \$30 \$20 concession \$15 children

**At HIGH STREET ROAD UNITING CHURCH
482 High Street Road, Mt Waverley [Melways 61 G12]**

TO BUY TICKETS ONLINE VISIT www.trybooking.com/BLIX

OR PHONE BOOK: 9802 2241 OR 9569 9178

OR EMAIL: dcjackson@bigpond.com

Sponsored by **Bernies Music Land**

CD cooks up a storm

HOLD onto your hats for the launch of **Ta Atua Mou – God Almighty** - original CDs featuring the Praise and Worship Band of the Cook Island Christian Uniting Church Mapu (Youth)

Saturday 14th July, 2012

7.00 pm

Cook Island Christian Uniting Church Clayton

14 Burton Avenue Clayton

(Additional car parking off Cooke Street)

\$20 per person with a buffet dinner and a chance to win a free CD!!!

There will be a special guest artist entertaining on the night. Bookings essential as there is a limit of 100 people. Enquiries to Trav Makara on fly79er@hotmail.com or mobile 0413 461 944 or Faye Sanderson on faye.sanderson@bigpond.com or mobile 0418 579 057.

Korean honour for Helen

THE late Dr. Helen Mackenzie was a missionary to Korea and co-founder of IL-SHIN HOSPITAL in Busan.

For her extraordinary commitment Dr Mackenzie received the Moo-goong-wha (Korean National Flower) order of National Service Merit - the highest ranking award from the Korean Government on April 6, 2012.

This is a great honour, not only for the Mackenzie family, but also for all the churches that supported Dr. Helen's missional ministry in Busan.

The delegates of Il-Shin Hospital will bring the medal to Melbourne and have a service of thanksgiving at Deepdene Uniting Church 958 Burke Rd. Deepdene on Saturday, July 14 at 2.30pm with afternoon tea held after the service.

Quote...

"Were there no God, we would be in this glorious world with grateful hearts, and no one to thank."

Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

...of the month

Imagine all the people.....

We are inviting you all to our 2012 Cross Cultural Mission and Ministry Forum. The theme will be "Let's **Re**-imagine together", What will the multicultural church look like in 2020?

This will be held on 11 August 2012, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm at UCA Synod Building G1 & G2, 130 Little Collins St. Melbourne. We ask for \$5 donation to cover the cost of our lunch and in between teas. Attached is the poster and the program of the forum. We will appreciate if you can book in advance to help us in the preparation for catering. Please confirm your attendance to Elyse Le Cerf in her email address, Elyse.LeCerf@victas.uca.org.au and her telephone is 03 9251 5257.

PROGRAM

Time

10.00 – 10.30 am

10.30 – 11.00 am

11.00 – 12.30 pm

12.30 – 1.30 pm

1.30 – 2.45 pm

2.30 – 3.00 pm

Activities

Registration and Morning Tea

Welcome and Worship

Let's Re-imagine Together

Lunch

Panel on the Theme: 'Let's Re-imagine Together

Jason Kioa, Eseta Meneilly, Ji Zhang, Apwee Ting

Wrap Up

Lauleti & Swee-Ann

David Pargeter



Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA



Cross Cultural Ministry & Mission
COMMISSION FOR MISSION

Let's *Re*-imagine Together

WHERE
G1/G2, 130 Little Collins street, Melbourne

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2012

"What will the multicultural church look like in 2020?"

TIME | 10am - 3.30pm

MORE INFORMATION

elyse.lecerf@victas.uca.org.au or call to 9251 5257

Contribution: \$5

A celebration of Union - in every sense

THE rafters were shaking with song at Oakleigh UC Worship Centre recently when several congregations joined together to mark the 35th Anniversary of the UCA.

UCA Parish of Balkara played host and Rev Ian Ferguson, Chair of Presbytery delivered a fascinating sermon telling the story of how the formation of the UCA impacted personally on his life, even prior to Union. How he was displaced from his homeland and moved from windy Wellington to Sydney for his father to take up the position of Founding Principal at the new United Theological College in Sydney.

He also looked forward to where the church may go in the future and claimed it is not doomed despite the latest census figures! He reminded everyone of how Jesus started with only 12 disciples (and a few 'friends' as women were not counted in those days). However the church as we know it today will no doubt be different in coming generations, with increased mobility, technology and a generation growing up with different value systems



to the faithful forefathers (and mothers) who were prominent at Union in June 1977. Other highlights included the rendition of



Hallelujah by Koornang UC Choir and band - written by one of their members, Alison Campbell Rate - which was highly commended in the inaugural *Songs that Unite* competition.

Sylvia Garrick from St David's sang *You raise me up* and the Cook Islanders sang an Imeme Tuki - or traditional hymn they had composed, which nearly lifted the roof as it is sung a Capella.

The foundations of our church were also acknowledged with several references to the Basis of Union - the binding document at the core of who we are as a church. Ian concluded by leading us through the movements he created for "For you deep stillness of the silent inland." This has particular significance to UCA. After the service, during the refreshments aplenty (always guaranteed at church) the Mapu (Youth) Praise and Worship band from the Cook Island congregation entertained everyone. The Parish of Balkara thank Koornang, St Mark's Chadstone, Monash, Coatesville and the Presbytery for joining this special occasion.

Educating girls in India - anything but trivial

High Street Uniting Church is backing one of their own for a mission trip to India in September which will educate women and girls for a whole year. HSUC has been supporting team member Helen Beeby throughout her

fundraising efforts and is continuing its support with a Gala Trivia Night in Mt Eliza on July 21, see right. If you'd like to enjoy a fabulous night of food, fun and entertainment, with half of the ticket price donated to the cause, then call 8774 4939.

Gala Trivia Night in Aid of the North India Challenge

at Benito's Restaurant Function Room,
1196 Nepean Highway, Mt Eliza
Saturday, July 21, 7:30pm
Tables of 8 * Smart dress

Tickets \$45 (per person) in advance, \$50 on the night

... includes:

- ♦ platters of finger foods between rounds
- ♦ complimentary drink on arrival
- ♦ top trivia from quizmasters John and Jackie Annable
- ♦ fantastic games
- ♦ fabulous auction prizes

Tickets @ 8774 4939 or www.stickytickets.com.au/8621



During the current Season of Pentecost we are praying for the following congregations, agencies or schools:

- July 15 - Ewing Memorial, Malvern East, Parkdale.
- July 22 - High Street, Frankston.
- July 29 - St. Andrew's, Gardiner, Wesley College.

Crowds turn out for the most important meal of the day



THE inaugural breakfast of the Prahran Mission's Winter Breakfast season was full to bursting - with some honoured guests addressing the audience.

More than 150 people attended the 2012 Prahran Mission breakfast launch - a good turnout at 7.15 am on a chilly morning! Bill Rush, board member and PM rep to PPPE, says: "The guests heard an address by a participant whose life has been positively assisted and enriched by the Mission's staff and programs which was very moving. Other speakers on the day included Professor Alan Fels and the Hon. David Davis, the Victorian Minister for Health, pictured left. Last year the Mission, with the assistance of 70 volunteers, provided over 5000 hot breakfasts during the colder months. The demand is expected to be at least as great this year."



Come hear the band

Peter Heazlewood, of Coatesville UCA is soon to embark on a mission for Habitat for Humanity that will see him building houses for homeless people in Nepal.

To boost the appeal for his mission trip he will be joining fellow band members for a [Best Songwriter's Best Bits](#) concert at Coatesville UCA, Bentleigh East, on 29 July (see below.)

Peter says: "Proceeds from the concert will go towards supporting the building of housing for the homeless and people living in poverty in Nepal. I will be going in October as a volunteer team member to assist in the construction of housing."

Jay returns from the city that never sleeps...

We welcome back Rev. Jay Robinson - High St UC and Monash University Chaplain - from her study tour in the USA. Jay spent time in Princeton, New York and Yale during her leave, which included a Global Chaplaincy Conference. She has lots to share so watch this space as we look forward to hearing more from her in future Newsbeats.



Concert for Nepal



Peter Heazlewood and band present

Best Songwriter's Best Bits

Sunday 29 July 2012 - 2.00 pm

Coatesville Uniting Church

Cnr North & Mackie Roads East Bentleigh

Admission - Adults \$10.00 Families \$20.00 Children \$5.00

All proceeds from this event will go towards building materials and project support

OUR BEST KEPT SECRET?

I once heard someone say that "The Walk to Emmaus" is one of the Uniting Church's best kept secrets. You can ask almost anyone in our churches, and apart from the obvious Bible story in Luke, you'll get a blank look in return.

The Walk to Emmaus has been superficially described as a 3-day retreat, but that doesn't really do it justice, because this Walk can only be done once. So I think it is best described as a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



There are parts of the weekend that are unpacked

in unique ways, and to know all the details would be to lessen the impact, but there are no secrets and Emmaus is not a secret society. There is plenty of useful

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the fantastic newsletter. It is really great to see the response of people to the Good News within the Presbytery of Port Phillip East.

What is even more exciting is to see the way that NewsBeat has beaten the secular world into the digital era by appearing on the Presbytery's website. People can access NewsBeat as an Acrobat (.pdf) document by going to the website at www.ucappeg.org.

Other good news is that people can now email NewsBeat with their contributions at newsbeat@ucappeg.net. The more they send the more you can publish in the wonderful style that you have developed.

Thanks for the great magazine keep up the good work.

Blessings

Rev David Peel

Editor's note: Thank you David for your encouraging words - truth is, we couldn't have worked out the web stuff without you...

To bee or not to bee?

Murrumbeena UC's Heather Welsh is also the spokesperson for Caulfield Rotary Club which scooped first prize in the District Environment Award - for the third year in a row - for their Bee Aware campaign.

Heather is now launching the project community-wide at the church's Winter Warm-Up Community Market next week

She says: "Club Members were really pleased to have won the Environment Award for 2011-2012 for the Club's Bee Aware! Eco-Project. The Club first won the Award for its innovative promotion of eco-products and then in last year for its management of the Murrumbeena Community Market on principles of sustainability. The seasonal Market is operated in conjunction and collaboration with Koornang Uniting Church."

The Bee Aware! Eco-Project draws attention to the global plight of Honey Bees which are under real threat due to the loss of habitat, diseases, parasites

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introductory material to look at on the Emmaus Australia web site and I recommend the 10 minute video as a great introduction. The web address is: <http://www.emmaus.org.au/> and the direct link to the video is: <http://www.emmaus.org.au/the-walk-to-emmaus>

So I hope that this brief introduction will help to heighten awareness of "the Uniting Church's best kept secret" so that, if someone asks you if they can sponsor you on a Walk, you will be better prepared to say "Yes! It sounds awesome!" Because it really is!

God bless,

Peter Campbell

St. David's Parkdale Uniting Church.

Bee Aware!

Bees Need Our Help!

- 65% of agricultural production relies on escaped and managed European honeybees for pollination*
- Honeybees are under threat throughout the world from Diseases, Parasites, Loss of Habitat & Insecticides
- Without our pollination millions of \$\$\$ will be lost over many years in Australian production of fruit, vegetables & pasture!

Bees get thirsty! Put some landing stones in a bird bath

Contact your Council or Apiarist to relocate a swarm

Avoid using insect sprays outside

Plant bee friendly plants

Buy locally produced honey from Department of Primary Industries registered beekeepers

Maintaining a local urban honeybee population is critical & you can help by doing at least one of these things ©

For further Honeybee information contact Victorian Apiarists' Association (VAA) at www.vicbeekeepers.com.au

Useful websites for bee and plant information:

- www.rooftophoney.com.au
- www.amazingbees.com.au
- www.greenlivingaustralia.com.au

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Contact: rotarycaulfield@gmail.com

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*Gerald Martin, Chairman of the Pollination R&D Advisory Committee, Australian Government's Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation.

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and pesticides. Yet bees play an integral part in the world's agricultural production... Find out more at the:

MURRUMBEENA WINTER WARM-UP COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday July 14, 9am-2pm

Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena

Warm-up browsing through this friendly market for art, books, cakes, cards, confectionery, cosmetics, crafts, gourmet foods, honey, jewellery, eco-products, plants and the launch of the Bee Aware! Project. Entry - Gold coin donation.

Visit the Presbytery website at www.ucappeg.org for news & events, leadership education and more....