

NEWSBEAT



JULY 2014

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILLIP EAST

Samoan service pulls
out all the stops...
Full story in pictures
on page 10



What's Jacko
got to do with
church? Find out
on page 5



Show your 'mission in action' at special Expo

Would you like an opportunity to show people what your church, school or agency is doing?

Well, here is the chance to share your mission and outreach stories and activities with everyone else across the Port Philip East Presbytery, writes Jay Robinson.

Presbytery on Show! will take place on **Sunday, October 19th, 2014**, and while the detailed planning is still in the process it will essentially be an opportunity for the entire presbytery to gather and show each other what we are doing for worship, ministry and mission, and to share those stories with other PPEP members. The location will be Cornish College and **Presbytery on Show!** will take place in the afternoon. Put this date in your calendars, get your thinking caps on and watch for more details to be released very soon.

? What's
going on
with this
delightfully
delicate
Korean table
setting?

Ministers were treated to a very cultural communion at their annual gathering recently and thoroughly enjoyed this special sacrament. You can see the full story of the Minister's Gathering in pictures and words on pages 2 & 3.



Services of welcome and worship seal presbytery placements

TWO new ministers enjoyed inductions at Port Philip East Presbytery churches recently - hot on the heels of an ordination for one of them...

Claire Dawe, left, was ordained at Village Uniting Church, Mt Eliza at the end of May before having her induction only weeks later at Chelsea Parish (Edithvale, Chelsea and Carrum.)

While Mulgrave Uniting Church Indonesian Congregation gave a grateful reception to Rev Ayub Yahya. See stories on pages 4 & 5



If you would like to submit a news item for the Presbytery's monthly Newsbeat newsletter please send all articles and images to helen.beeby@gmail.com



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Community of faith strengthens bonds once more

THEY just get better and better, it seems...

We're talking about the annual Minister's Gathering to take time out to reflect, learn and share stories amid the hurly-burly of congregational and presbytery life.

Nearly 40 ministers, pastors and other ministry agents gathered

in May for the annual event at Palotti College.

The guest presenters did a fabulous job: Jenny Byrnes brought an instructive self-understanding to leadership style and skill to the gathered group. Jenny is a wonderful asset of our Synod and we appreciated her presentation very much.

Rev Adam McIntosh was also extremely informative and challenging with his work with congregations in the development of new expressions of church in Port Phillip West Presbytery.

Adam gave many insights and examples of 'Fresh Expressions' and his demonstrated missiology and supporting programs were both stimulating and thought provoking.

Conference communion service was led by Rev Paul Goh in a service that reflected the style and context of home communion that endured through times of oppression of Christian worship in Korea.

The camaraderie, the worship and the sharing of

by
Rev John
Mann



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page 3

Photos
by Rev
Peter Beale



Previous page clockwise from top: Pastor Di Paterson and Rev Christine MacDowall, Rev Brian Niblock, Rev You Hoon, Rev Ian Cayzer, Rev Charles Sundarasan and Rev Ineke Gyles.

This page clockwise from top: Communion 'home' style with Mrs Kim, Rev Paul Goh, centre and Rev You Hoon, right; delicate Oriental crockery; Rev Berlin Guerrero and Rev L'auleti Tu'inauvai strum and sing, Rev Kerry Bounds, Rev Anisone Tavui-Leota, Rev Cameron McAdam and Pastor Alison Clarkson.



personal issues of ministry was deeply felt. Ministers were reminded of the sense of belonging to 'an order of ministry' for which they are set apart. Sharing of personal histories, sense of identity, hidden talents and the contexts and communities in which they exercised ministry strongly built on this unique sense of community of faith. The serene setting of Pallotti College turned on some good weather and gave some much needed respite and refreshment to the demands of ministry, for which all were extremely grateful. No Minister's Gathering would be complete without some showcasing of personal skills and talents. Musical numbers, singing and recitals were just some of the fun and entertaining outpourings from ministers and ministry agents from across the Presbytery.



Right: study time was factored in, too

A very Indonesian induction for Ayub

AFTER months of anticipation the Mulgrave Uniting Church Indonesian Congregation (MUCIC) finally celebrated the induction of their new minister Rev Ayub Yahya, writes Rev John Mann.

This culminates a long search of the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) to replace their well loved, and recently retired minister Rev Benjamin Susilo. Rev Ayub came over from Indonesia to discern the call, seek his release from our partner church in Indonesia GKI and finding a home and school for his children. A wonderful induction service and supper was provided by the hard working Mulgrave team. Led by Presbytery Chairperson Rev Dr Paul Chalson in front of an overflowing congregation, with special guests from Assembly Rev Dr Tony Floyd and Rev Dr Ji Zhang who made the transfer of Rev Ayub to the UCA and Mulgrave smooth.



It was good to see the former Chair of the JNC, Rev Wendy Snook looking well and back among the people. Her work was deeply appreciated. A delightful multi-cultural, bi-lingual sermon was jointly preached by Rev Dr Apwee Ting and Rev Greg Crowe 'even though they couldn't understand each other'. A letter of support and partnership written by GKI Church was read to the congregation. The Presbytery is very pleased with the call of Rev Ayub to Mulgrave and looks forward to deepening ties within the UCA, the congregation and the Indonesian Church GKI.



Front page: Rev Ayub Yahya shares with members of the Presbytery prior to his induction.

Clockwise from top right: Rev Ayub makes his promises of induction to the Chair Rev Dr Paul Chalson with Rev John Mann in support, Apwee & Greg - bi-lingual preachers, the laying on of hands, the special choir sings and presenting symbols of unity and fellowship.



Somers Camp Mum officially called to ministry



MULTI-TALENTED
Claire Dawe
 became the Rev
 Claire Dawe at The
 Village Uniting
 Church, Mount Eliza
 recently - with a
 large representation
 from the Presbytery
 turning out for the
 occasion.

The ordination
 service, led by
 Chair of the
 Presbytery Rev
 Dr Paul Chalson,
 included a fun
 children's talk and
 a sermon from Rev
 Dr Sean Winter
 Professor of New



Testament Studies at
 the CTM.

"The ordination went
 really well and was
 a great celebration,"
 says Rev Jay
 Robinson, Youth
 Minister at High St
 UC.

Quote

"What lies behind us and what lies before us
 are tiny matters compared to what lies within
 us."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

of the month...



REVIVAL

6 July 2014



Is there anyone out there who likes Michael Jackson? Did you know that
 MJ passed away 25th June 2009 - 5 years ago? Our Revival service is
 going to have some fun with some of MJ's songs, think about his lyrics
 and get them to help us think about our world today.

Come and have some fun, 6th July 7pm at the church.

prayer

for good health

Lord, today I offer You my mind
 May I seek the mind of Christ in all things
 Freed from anxiety and fear
 Filled with wholeness and wellness.

Today I offer You my spirit
 In You I have been born again.
 Your Spirit dwells deeply within me
 My Spirit is alive in You
 Freed from depressive thoughts and critical
 thinking.

Today I offer You my body
 May it be a temple dedicated to You O Lord
 A place for You to live and reign
 May I be mindful of what I eat and drink
 May I be watchful of my sleep and rest.

Lord, right now I offer you my whole being
 I present my mind, spirit and body to You
 Come and take me as a living sacrifice
 This day and everyday
 May I ever glorify and worship You.

Amen

Country conference comes closer

The Presbytery of Western Victoria is very excited to be organising a Rural Ministry conference called 'Mission on the Veranda' at Norval Conference Centre, Halls Gap, July 31-August 2, 2014. Invitations are

extended to interested people from PPEP to participate in this meet-up. Registrations and additional information will be issued closer to the date, *says Colleen Barker*, Mission and Education Supply, PWV.

Reflections on Faith

Sign of the times...

Pope Francis is the most influential Twitter user – or 'tweep' – in the world, a new study has revealed. Although the Argentine Jesuit Pontiff is the second most followed world leader after Barack Obama, he outstrips the US President in 'retweets' of messages.

This makes him the most influential 'tweep' on the planet according to Twiplomacy 2014.

Of the two, the Pope enjoys greater global reach because of the support of his followers for his tweets, which most commonly include the words 'God', 'Jesus' and 'love'.

'By this standard, Pope Francis @Pontifex is by far the most influential tweep with more than 10,000 retweets on his Spanish account and 6,462 retweets on his English account,' the report said.

After Obama and Pope Francis, the third most followed world leader is Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono who has five million followers.

Read more on this story at: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2675915/Tweet-success-Pope-Francis-beats-Obama-second-place-named-influential-user-planet.html#ixzz36li8eRJo>

Breaking bread together at Sandringham

On the last Sunday of every month members of Sandringham congregation have the opportunity to enjoy soup and sandwiches together. It is a time for keeping in touch and thinking of others as we share our family news.



David Manne Executive Director Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre



**will speak at a lunch at
St John's Uniting Church
567 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick
Melway 67 J3**

**Sunday 13 July 2014
12 noon for 12.30pm**

Come along, enjoy a light lunch and hear David Manne explain the challenges of working with asylum seekers, refugees and disadvantaged migrants who experience the uncertainty of frequent policy changes. David has worked in various capacities assisting refugees and asylum seekers over 20 years. He headed Refugee and Immigration Legal Centres legal teams in recent High Court cases.

BYO wine. Soft drink supplied

Cost \$25.00

Please RSVP by 6 July

phone 9530 0684 or

email janeoldfield@netspace.net.au

St John's Elsternwick supports asylum seekers and social justice

ROCK SOLID Kids

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!
COME LETS EXPLORE THE
CHRISTMAS STORY IN THE SEASON
THAT IT HAPPENED IN!

**WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY
10AM TO 2PM
(LUNCH INCLUDED)**

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH - 16 HIGH STREET FRANKSTON
REGISTER BY 4TH JULY - FRANKSTONUC@GMAIL.COM, 9783 3400
GOLD COIN DONATION

The Bunun are coming....

by Rev Arthur Poole

IF you haven't heard Bunun singers and watched their dancing then you're in for a treat this September.

As a Bunun indigenous troupe of songsters in their traditional dress and singing their traditional songs will perform four concerts in Victoria in September.

The Bunun tribe are a mountain people from southern Taiwan and are one of fourteen indigenous tribes in Taiwan numbering half a million in Taiwan's population of twenty three million.

This troupe of songsters are being sponsored by the Australian Welsh Male Choir(AWMC) and will perform at Ringwood UCA, Frankston High St UCA , Beaumaris UCA and in the Wangaratta Anglican cathedral in September.

The AWMC will share the concert program at Ringwood Sat Sept 13th @7:00pm, Frankston High St Sunday 14th @ 2:30pm and Beaumaris UCA on Saturday September 20th at 7:00pm and Wangaratta Anglican Cathedral on Sunday September 21st at 2:00pm on these 'not to be missed' concert occasions .



The Bunun young people who will be visiting us are senior high school and university students who will be in Australia for ten days at the invitation of the Mayor of Frankston city and the AWMC. They come from the Bunun Cultural and Educational Foundation(BCEF) an outreach program associated with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) one of the partner churches of the Uniting Church. Taiwan is 96% Buddhist and 4% Christian , but the indigenous population has embraced the Christian faith with great enthusiasm. These tribal people are like many indigenous populations across the world, exploited, abused, discriminated against and suffering from alcoholism and domestic violence. We warmly welcome these young people for whom this cross cultural experience will help them and us to a greater understanding of our very different cultures.

Watch this space for more articles about the Bunun people and Taiwan as we prepare for their visit.

Moderator Meditates on the Met

COME along to hear Dan Wootton share his musings while on his Metro journeys at the Dayspring group's 20th anniversary.

Held on Wednesday 23 July, 6:30 – 9:30 pm at Hampton UCA, 17 Service Street Hampton. UCA Moderator Dan Wootton will be the special guest speaker at Dayspring's 'Celebrating 20 Years Dinner' with his topic 'Meditations on the Met'.

Bookings are essential for catering purposes. Cost \$25 pp. BYO if desired.

Further details and bookings: Tel: 9598 3369 e-mail: dayspringcontact@hotmail.com



DAYSPRING DINNER

6:30 pm Wednesday 23rd July 2014

Special guest speaker, Uniting Church Moderator

Dan Wootton



will present

'Meditations on the Met'



6:30 pm in the Parish Centre at Hampton Uniting Church
17 Service Street Hampton 3188

\$25 per person, BYO wine if desired, soft drinks provided.

RSVP: BOOKINGS NEED TO BE MADE FOR CATERING PURPOSES BY 20 JULY
[Please let us know of any dietary requirements you might have.]

Phone 9598 3369, mail to 17 Service St Hampton 3188

or email dayspringcontact@hotmail.com



Honours heaped on PPEP heroes

EWING Council's Chairperson Dick Carter was awarded an OAM in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours.

Richard John Carter scooped the Royal Order of Australia Member (AM) General Division for significant service to the mining and minerals sector, to professional standards and education, and to the Uniting Church in Australia.

Dick is also Director Chairperson of UCA Funds Management. Dick is pictured with Ewing's minister Rev Greg Crowe the weekend he received his award.

Court drama

The Ardrie Park Area Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter reports yet another scam e-mail involving notices to appear in Court. Recipients of the e-mail are instructed to read a court notice which is attached. The attachment contains a computer virus. People are warned not to open the attachment but to delete the email immediately. Apparently the court does not communicate by e-mail.

THE Reverend Denis McKeeman also received the OAM for service to children through social welfare organisations.

Denis was a well-loved minister at Brighleigh, and is currently very active at Wesley College. His list of accolades is so extensive *Newsbeat* doesn't have room for it but here's a selection: Secretary, ForChildren, Co-Founder, 1998. Secretary, International Forum for Child Welfare, 1992; Member, for 10 years; helped to establish the organisation in 1990.

Director, Tally Ho Boys Village, Wesley Central Mission, 1970-1975.

Helped to establish several programs for foster care and children's welfare, including Bayside Foster Care, Alan Marshall House, and the Family Education Centre.

Established Australian Child and Family Welfare journal, Child and Welfare Council of Australia (predecessor of NCBA), 1976; Inaugural Editor.

Research Officer, Children's Welfare Association (now known as OzChild), 1975.

Director, Victorian Children's Aid Society, in the 1970s, Children's Bureau of Australia (NCBA), for 10 years; Life Member, 1990.

Life Member (OzChild) Children Australia.

Planned Giving Officer, Wesley College, since 2007. Board Member, Mayflower Aged Care, in the late 1990s.

Member, Rotary Club of Moorabin; served as President.

Board Member, Child Care Services, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches Tasmania, 1972.

Editor, quarterly newsletter, St John's Uniting Church Cowes, ongoing.

Awards/recognition include: Father of the Year, Father's Day Council of Victoria, 1972.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR

This year marks the centenary of the beginning of the First World War, and the final Memorial Service at St. George's.

ST. GEORGE'S EAST ST. KILDA UNITING CHURCH
4 CHAPEL STREET, EAST ST. KILDA

SUNDAY 24th AUGUST 2014
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE
10:30 AM

Remembering the 14 Battalion and the 99th anniversary of the death at Gallipoli of their Chaplain, REV. ANDREW GILLISON

GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. John Bottomley
Deputy Director, Creative Ministries Network
and St. George's minister (1991 - 2004)

Battalion
flags and
banners to be
marched into the
Church.
Medals to be
worn.

THEME: "Transforming Tradition"

FEATURING

Honouring 2/14, 14/32 and 39 Battalions, and Korean War, Malay Emergency, Vietnam War and Australian Peacekeeping and Peace-making Defence Veterans.

Candle-lighting for remembrance

Music by the Band of 4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse Regiment

LUNCH

Hosted by 2/10 Light Battery, 5/6 The Royal Victoria Regiment and St. George's congregation.

Lunch \$10:00. RSVP 0423673273 if attending lunch

Lunch bookings: **RSVP** by 15 August by phoning 0423673273
or charmpolo@yahoo.com

All other inquiries: Rev. Angela Tampiyappa 03 9731 0604

Do you know someone in a church in the Port Phillip East Presbytery who has won an award or been commended for their work or role in the community? Drop us a line at helen.beeby@gmail.com, preferably with a photo, and we will spread the good news.

Landmark half-century for church saved through sharing

THE 50th anniversary of the first Methodist service at Karingal High School was celebrated by the Combined Congregation of Karingal Uniting Church and St Peters Lutheran Church recently, writes Keith Pyke.

On Sunday, May 4 members past and present joined forces for the half-century landmark occasion - including foundation member Shirley Cleave (then Shirley May.) She spoke of the early days in the High School Art Room from 1964 before she, husband Jock and others pushed for the building of the Church House that was opened in 1968 and for the current Church opened in 1974. Paul Matthews said that the Church House (next to the Church) was both Manse and Worship Centre, one of the few such projects of the Methodist Church. He remembered when there were 100 children in the Sunday School and the purchase in 1973 of a 'Chair-O-Plane' from the former Whistle-Stop entertainment centre on Skye Road. It was rejuvenated and then hired out to many local School Fetes as a fundraiser for the new church.

Aileen Gilchrist and Moira Logan both recalled that Karingal has always been an "inclusive" Congregation (there were members from eight denominations, even before Union), attributing much credit to the late Rev Beverley Bellingier in the 1980s. Karingal was where "different things happened". At least four former members have been ordained in the Uniting Church and two have been Presbytery Chairpersons. They also shared memories of earlier times, including

the commencement of the Karingal Uniting Church Monthly Market in 1991 (still part of the social fabric of the Community, a wonderful "outreach" venture and a great source of income for the Church.) In 1994 Karingal became a one congregation parish and as it decreased it was reduced to part time Ministry, a situation that continued until some seemingly unrelated events (some believe an Act of God) took place less than one kilometre away.

In 2000, St Peters Lutheran Congregation sold their Church building in Derna Crescent to the developers of a shopping centre and in 2001 they commenced Worship Services, also with part time ministry, in the Karingal Uniting Church. A letter from the Uniting Church to the Lutheran Church in October 2001 stated that:

"We envisage that we can extend our sharing beyond simply the use of the building facilities and that our two Congregations may be able to worship together."

There was no previous example of Uniting Church and Lutheran Congregations sharing in Victoria, but since October 2002 they have worshipped together with one full time Pastor. It's success is due to the motivation coming from the members. This 'sharing' has been extended recently by a

Nuer speaking Sudanese Fellowship that conducts weekly Lutheran Services, except for Sundays, when a Combined Service is held.

Following the Celebratory Worship, a delicious Morning Tea was shared and all inspected an extensive display of photographs and other Memorabilia. Everyone sang 'Happy Birthday' and Shirley cut the cake.



National Minister's Conferences

**Western Sydney
21 - 25 July 2014**

@ St Joseph's Centre for Reflective Living

Living faith and life cross-culturally - Resourced by the national Multicultural and Cross-cultural Ministry team whose decades of experience and skills will enable participants to discern the "fresh words and deeds" of Christ in the multicultural, multi-faith Australia of the 21st century.

Jerusalem

22 - 27 September 2014

- the challenge of being in ministry in Australia today
- the Christian presence in Jerusalem, Palestine and Israel

There will be 4 sessions on ministry, with spouses free to do other activities at those times. There will be sessions on the Jerusalem context and a half-day visit to Bethlehem, visiting holy sites in Jerusalem, including the Temple Mount or Al-Haram as-Sharif. Worships will also make good use of our location. There will be a free afternoon. Visit assembly.uca.org.au for more details and registrations.



President Rev. Prof Andrew Dutney

Samoans know how to do it in style...

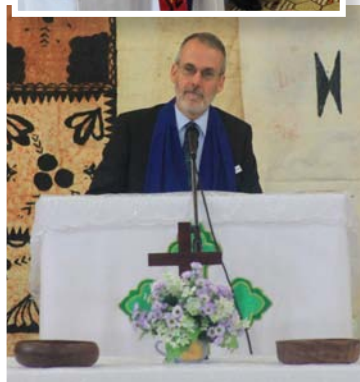
THERE were songs, dances, garlands, flowers, colourful robes and, of course, prayers. What else for a service marking the reception of the Doveton Samoan congregation into the Keysborough Uniting Church to form a new congregation? Moderator Dan Wootton had been invited to address the congregation on this important occasion of unity, and he and other presbytery representatives were festooned with garlands and treated to an eye-catching service to remember.



Presbytery Minister, Rev John Mann, says: "It was a wonderful service and cultural experience. The young people did a fabulous job of their presentations and songs. There were also great words from church leaders and, of course, a good feast - Samoan style!"



The new congregation name, as requested by them, is Samoan Uniting Church Parish Keysborough better known as 'Ekalesia So'ofa'atasi Samoa i Keysborough.'



IT'S a family affair with the Samoan Uniting Church



Rev Anisone Tavui-Leota with some of the singers on the day

Delve into faith formation with John Roberto

INTERNATIONALLY recognised for his work on faith formation and discipleship, John Roberto is coming to Melbourne.

John's most recent publications include: *The Spirit and Culture of Youth Ministry*; *Faith Formation 2020*; *Living Well: Christian Practices for Everyday Life*; *Becoming a Church of Lifelong Learners*; and four volumes of intergenerational learning programs in the *People of Faith* series.

for more information visit

Aug 26-28 - 21st Century Faith Formation

Aug 30 - Growing Faith in a Digital World

<<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/2014johnroberto/registration/>>

The Uniting Church has secured this well-known author and Vibrant Faith Learning Exchange co-ordinator with more than 40 years of experience in Christian faith formation. He has authored books and program manuals in youth ministry, family ministry, intergenerational learning and lifelong faith formation.



Applicants invited for Pastoral Education courses

THE Centre for Pastoral Education is seeking applicants for its next round of courses.

A CPE graduate is accredited with one unit (either Level 1 or Advanced) by the Association for Supervised Pastoral Education in Australia Inc and, on successful completion of the unit, it can be credited as a subject for the Bachelor of Theology degree with teaching institutions associated with Melbourne College of Divinity (MCD).

Please make inquiries to: Andy Calder, Uniting CPE, 130 Lt Collins Street, Melbourne VIC, 3000.

Telephone: 03 9251 5489

Email: andy.calder@victas.uca.org.au

Register now to make your church a safer place



Safe Church Training
Saturday 19 July– St Leonard's Brighton UCA

The Uniting Church affirms that all people are made in the image of God. The Uniting Church commits itself to the care, protection and safety of all people with whom it comes in contact. As a community of faith, we are committed to providing a safe environment for both children and adults to encounter God, to develop relationships as part of a community and to grow in faith.

Who should attend a Safe Church Workshop?
Anyone who is involved in ministry with young people (0-18 years old)

People in leadership and pastoral roles within the congregation, such as Elders, Church Council Members and Ministers

Anyone interested in learning more about practical ways of making our churches safe places.

Each participant will receive a comprehensive manual. Topics covered in the workshop will include:

- Safe Church Foundations
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Child Protection
- Duty of care and accountability
- Understanding and responding to abuse
- Protective behaviours
- Safe leadership
- Safe programs and environments
- Uniting Church Policy and Procedures

Time: 9:30–12:30pm
The General Secretary is pleased to offer this workshop at a subsidised rate of \$7 per person
[Register online at ucavt.goregister.com.au/safechurchtraining2014](https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/safechurchtraining2014)
These workshops will be delivered across the Synod.

To arrange training or if you have any questions, please contact Josh Woollett, Safe Church Educator, Culture of Safety Unit on Josh.Woollett@victas.uca.org.au or (03) 9340 8810







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Visit the Presbytery website at www.ucappep.org and www.facebook.com/ucappep.org for news, events and more....

Dates for your diary

1. Next Presbytery in Council meeting Saturday, July 5, 9.30am. Cornish College, Riverend Road, Bangholme
2. Church Council In-Service Days July 12th, and August 9th @ Dandenong UCA - visit www.ucappep.org/leadership-education/
3. MSI Courses Tuesdays July 1,8,15 6pm Ormond – visit <http://www.ucappep.org/leadership-education/>
4. Presbytery-Synod Information Session - July 30th, venue TBC
5. Rev Lauleti Tu'inauva –release of pastoral ties, August 3rd 10:30pm Venue Endeavour Hills UCA (TBC)
6. MSI Courses Tuesdays October 7, 14 & 21 @ 6pm Frankston – visit www.ucappep.org/leadership-education/

Postcolonial Engagement Politics, Religions, Scriptures Friday Aug 01		
9:30	Registration & coffee	
10:00	Acknowledgements & welcome (Auditorium [Aud]) 10:10 Neville Naden, "The Issue of Land and Australia's First Nations Peoples" 10:50 Graeme Mundine, "The mission field to the mission force?: the Catholic Church, inculturation and assimilation"	
11:30	Break	
11:45	11:45 Greg Jenks, "Lust for Zion" (G3) 12:15 Grahame Rosolen, "Potiphar's wife and potential seduction of the reader"	11:45 Karl Hand, "Reading Luke 16 towards a Second Peoples' Hermeneutic" (G2) 12:15 Matt Wilson, "Alien and stranger, immigrant and refugee: <i>paroikous</i> , <i>parepidmous</i> and politics in 1 Peter"
12:45	Lunch	
1:45	1:45 Edwin Ng, "The autoethnographical reflections of a postcolonial 'Western Buddhist' convert on a sacred scholarly practice" (G3) 2:15 Terry Pouono, "Turn on the TV! <i>Sesame Street</i> is on! Linguistic Postcolonialism and the survival of the Samoan language in a multi-faceted world"	1:45 Hee Won Chang, "Is there power in speaking? A twisted reading of Num 22-24" (G2) 2:15 Anthony Rees, "Kings, Prophets and Other Donkeys – [S]pinning Balaam against the Wall"
2:45	Break	
3:15	Panel First Peoples, Migrants and Refugees in Postcolonial Conditions: Neville Naden, Elenie Poulos, Graeme Mundine (Aud)	
4:30ish	Talanoa time	
6:00	Dinner	
7:00	R. S. Sugirtharajah, "The colony, the market, and the postcolonial biblical critic" (Aud)	
8:15	Day 1 ends	
Saturday Aug 02		
9:15	Registration & Coffee	
9:30	Denise Champion & Chris Budden, "The Uniting Church Preamble – opportunity and challenge" (Aud)	
10:10	Panel Postcolonial faiths & religions: Edwin Ng, Megan MacKenzie, Manoj Chacko (Aud)	
11:30	Sharada Sugirtharajah, "Who Speaks for Hinduism? Some Reflections" (Aud)	
12:30	Lunch @ Babakiueria	
1:30	1:30 Berlin Guerrero, "The Brown Race Enters the Red Great Southern Land" (G3) 2:00 Ji Zhang, "A Uniting Church Response to the Asian Century"	1:30 Grant Finlay, "Always Crackne in Heaven" (G2) 2:00 Jione Havea, "Postcolonize this: Where now? Who next? What else?"
2:30	Break	
2:40	2:40 Greg Thompson, "Two faced, two ways" (Aud) 3:20 Meagan MacKenzie, "Reintegration, Civilisation and the 'Return to Normal'"	
4:00	Panel: So what? ~ Gabrielle Russell-Mundine, Andrew Johnson, Greg Thompson (Aud)	
5ish	Conference ends	
For queries: Charissa Suli charissasuli@me.com For registration: Jenny Stockton jennys@nsw.uca.org.au		

Nominate now for September Synod

Please note that the Presbytery is calling for nominations to Synod 2014. A nomination form must be completed.

It is important that these be finalised quickly. It is hoped that we can finalise our nominations list at our July 5th Presbytery meeting, this Saturday.

So if you are intending to go to Synod this year, PLEASE COMPLETE A NOMINATION STRAIGHT-AWAY AND RETURN IT TO THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE. E-mail john.mann@ucappep.org

Dont forget that you dont have to be a member of Presbytery to nominate, so if there are interested people (especially young people) who would like to go to Synod, please encourage them to quickly complete an application form. All new information is on the Synod meeting website is now live: <http://www.victas.uca.org.au/synod2014>

If you wish to nominate for any Synod Committee positions, the nominations site is also live: <http://nominations.victas.uca.org.au/>