

# NEWSBEAT

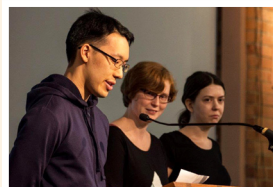


AUGUST 2017

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILLIP EAST



JIM joins Heather at Bentleigh on page 5 to shine the torch on social injustice.



Youthful trio immerse themselves in the living water. Dive over to page 7 for the full story.

## Bouncing back to happiness in this new church space

IT WAS one fine day at St. Andrew Gardiner Uniting Church, Glen Iris when we had our School Holiday program for the first time in the new church.

As part of our mission to reach out to the community and share the blessings to others, we invited primary schools and kindergartens in the area, the local dance



club, people of the Stonnington community, local newspaper readers and others who may benefit from the program. The theme was **I Can Bounce Back** as we want to introduce kids in our community to the idea of building resilience into their character. We had 55 kids registering for the program and ready to bounce together. So on

Monday, July 10 we had a Children's Life Skills Seminar entitled **How To Be Resilient** by Values For Life and other activities that supported the youngsters in understanding and learning the art of resilience, such as; a treasure hunt, building a tower from newspaper, cooking and preparing afternoon tea, and



many more.

We also learnt a new song / **Can Bounce Back**

**by Jacinda Widjati  
Outreach Elder**

**Back** – some of the lyrics are: "I can bounce back, I can bounce, bounce back. I can do all things through God who strengthens me..."

Kids really enjoyed the full day program and we have received positive feedback from parents as well as from the volunteers.

It was a fruitful day filled with kids deafening excitement.

We believe the program did not only benefit the children but also our internal volunteers in so many ways.

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## Putting words into action

AN OUTDOOR lending library in front of one of our churches hit the headlines this week.

Leader

newspapers ran a piece about the community outreach library established by Trinity Brighton Uniting Church's Jen Verwoert, and

photographed their minister

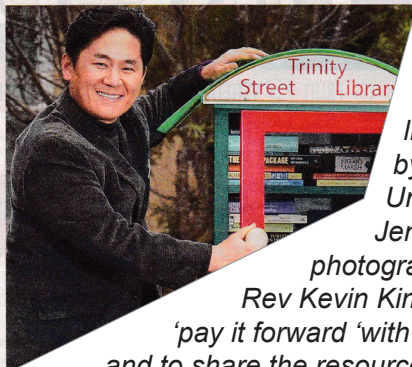
Rev Kevin Kim inviting locals to 'pay it forward' with new books for old, and to share the resource with others.

## Church spreads the word

the First

A novel idea is turning heads at Trinity Uniting Church Brighton. The place of worship has built a street library in front of its hall, offering free books for borrowing, swapping or selling. Church member Jen Verwoert, who led the project, said the idea came from a desire to help the community. "I hope to motivate and develop the love of reading," Ms Verwoert

Brighton resident said the library is based on a "pay-it-forward" encouraged locals to "do good for others". "I saw books lying around there so I thought, 'why not?' she said. "The library was built between



Port Phillip East Presbytery's vision & purpose: "Encouraging, resourcing and giving pastoral oversight to communities of faith and ministers entrusted to our pastoral care."





# Bouncing back...

Cont. from front page

It was a mission that we built together and we were working together as one church to make it happen.



Pictured above: clockwise from back left: Cliff Harding, Rev Scott Finlay, Paul Kirton, Church Council Chairperson and Rev Julie Ross.



## Fire and road-widening couldn't hold back worship at High Street Road

MORE than 200 people, celebrated the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of High Street Road Uniting Church recently, and the festivities included the release of a new book entitled *High Street Road Uniting Church, A Collection of Documents and Images, 1887 to 2017*, by Cliff Harding. This fascinating tale began in 1887 when the first Methodist service was held in the wattle and daub home of newlyweds Mr and Mrs Albert Lechte who donated the land on which a weatherboard church was built the following year.

In July 1892 the cutting on High Street Road was widened and the church was left on the side of the cutting with only pedestrian access. Eight years later the building was moved by four men and 14 horses to its present site.

Disaster struck when the church was totally destroyed by fire in February 1945, resulting in services being held in "Horti" Hall on the opposite side of Stewart Street. (Even though it was opposite Mount Waverley Fire Station, "Horti" Hall was also destroyed by fire in 1981). A new Sunday School, a Church and Christian Education buildings


were progressively built between 1947 and 1964. Three years before the inauguration of the Uniting Church, the congregations of High Street Road Methodist Church and Syndal Presbyterian Church agreed to commence their "Oneness" process. This quickly progressed and the first service of the Joint Parish was held on 3rd February 1974. The ministers who helped guide the journey to Oneness were Rev Bruce Prewer, followed by Rev Bill Trewin and Rev Fred Strickland. Rev Bill Trewin facilitated the establishment of many fellowship groups during his ministry. The congregation celebrated the Church Centenary in 1987 with a number of events including special services, a Ladies Fellowship Lunch, the launch of Margaret Turnbull's book "One in Christ" and also the launch of the "Centenary Cook Book". A special Centenary Tree banner was also made where each family embroidered their names onto a leaf. It's still on the wall and was admired at the 130th event on June 12th.

If you would like to hear more about this nostalgic and interesting journey then copies of the book can be obtained from the Church Office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for \$20. Or call 9887 8239.

## Wisdom's Feast

### Crossing Borders

A feast of workshops, music, art and sharing exploring identity, respect, faith and culture.



All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation - 2 Cor 5:18

Meet us on the border at Yarrawonga UCA  
18-19 August 2017

**Registrations**  
Merryn Gray (03) 9340 8815  
info@ctm.uca.edu.au  
<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/wisdomsfeast2017>  
[www.facebook.com/wisdomsfeast2017/](http://www.facebook.com/wisdomsfeast2017/)

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## Decades of dedication from the good folk of Sandringham UC

BETTIE Campbell, right, and her husband John are members of Sandringham Uniting Church. Both of them have served the church in many capacities. One of Bettie's unique contributions has been through her expertise as a quilter. The congregation has been grateful for her



### Quote

*"Take rest; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop."* Ovid

of the month

## Power to your playgroup

### ST MARK'S, Mornington is hosting a Playgroup Resourcing Night this month.

Suitable for *anyone* involved in leading a playgroup, this Christian Playgroup Network (CPN) facilitated Resourcing Night is a great opportunity for networking together, exploring new resources and being encouraged in your playgroup ministry.

There will be practical ideas to use in your group as well as the opportunity to reflect on ways in which your playgroup can be a place where families can connect, belong and grow. Come along with your team to connect with others in your area, gear up for the year ahead and, be inspired, energised and refreshed! This Resourcing Night will include...

- Ideas for Christmas and Fathers Day
- Child Safe Standards & Playgroup
- Open Forum for Questions
- Exploring Playgroup Vision
- Praying for one another

When: **Wednesday, August 16**

Time: **7:00pm to 9:00pm**

Where: **St Mark's Uniting Church, 50 Barkly St, Mornington**

Cost: **\$10 p/person OR FREE for CPN members**

Enquiries and registration: [admin@cpn.org.au](mailto:admin@cpn.org.au) or ring Kate 0413 180991.

beautiful artworks that have added visual links to Sunday services.

The Christmas poinsettias are a special feature while butterflies adorn other examples of her beautiful work.

Bettie has always been interested in various crafts and became interested in quilting 20 years ago. She joined the Waverley Patchworkers and is a current member of Bayside Quilters. John insists their home is a "houseful of quilting" but his love of trains is also very evident. Also in Sandringham, members from the local churches gathered for an ecumenical lunch at Pentecost. During the lunch thanks were extended to Vera Dennison and Ian Fox, pictured above left, for their combined 80+ years of service on the Inter-Church Council.

by Shirley Martin







# SOULFOOD SPACE

MURRUMBEENA UC  
117 MURRUMBEENA RD  
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## AUG 17, 2017

### THURSDAY

**Rev Dr Julian (Jools) Hamilton**  
Trinity College Dublin

Rev Dr Julian Hamilton is currently serving as the Methodist Chaplain to Trinity College Dublin. Prior to becoming an ordained minister of the Methodist Church in Ireland 'Jools' spent over a decade working in youth ministry, some of it here in Australia. He has been a conference and retreat speaker/teacher in Ireland, the UK, Europe, America and Australia.

This day with Jools will be filled with opportunities for reflection, re-energising, inspiring and for looking forward to what God is calling us to.

\$20 per head includes a soul filling lunch as well as morning and afternoon tea. The day runs from 10am to 4pm. There is plenty of parking on site as well as being close to public transport. RSVP to [office@murrumbeenauniting.org.au](mailto:office@murrumbeenauniting.org.au). This is a Port Phillip East Presbytery event, organised by the Mission Development Committee.

## Setting the record straight

**CORRECTION:** The article entitled *Northern Peninsula Churches gather to celebrate* on page 2 of the last issue of Newsbeat was written by Rev Paul Chalson not Rev John Haig, as was stated in the byline.



# Mission in action promised by two firm favourites

**TWO well-known faces have landed vital new roles to link the work of our community service agencies with the missional life of congregations.**

Rev (Deacon) Gavin Blakemore, Director of Mission with Uniting Wesley, has taken on board the role of Mission and Ethos

Partner, Eastern Victoria, for Uniting - which will include the Presbytery of Port Phillip East – from the beginning of August. While his counterpart in Western Victoria and Tasmania will be Glen Iris Uniting Church minister Rev Lisa Stewart, who will take up the expanded appointment on October 30th, 2017.

Reverend John Clarke, Director of Mission Uniting, says: "The Mission and Ethos Partners will be actively promoting our identity as a key part of the Uniting Church. They will have oversight of the spiritual and pastoral care of Uniting's clients, families and workforce, both paid and voluntary." Gavin brings clear thinking, a pastoral perspective and proven ability to articulate mission and ethos to this

expanded role within Uniting.

Lisa previously served at Wesley Geelong City Church and is focussed on helping congregations look outward to engage with their community and the needs around them. She has a proven ability to speak the community's language and form lasting, creative partnerships. Uniting is the community services arm of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania and has been supporting Australians for more than

100 years. All Victorian and Tasmanian UnitingCare agencies, Wesley Mission, Share and Early Childhood Services merged under one governance on July 1. John adds: "Uniting and the Synod Standing Committee have made a very conscious commitment to honour our foundational values to serve humanity by creating an inclusive, connected and just world. In line with this commitment, we will build and strengthen

our relationships with congregations and local communities, which is at the heart of everything we do. As we develop our mutual engagement over the next six months, we will be consulting widely across the church to understand and plan an appropriate model of mutual support and partnership."



**Uniting**



**Readings**  
and *Conversation*

## SINNING ACROSS SPAIN

Based on excerpts from the book by  
**Ailsa Piper**, subtitled  
*A walker's journey from Granada to Galicia*

Presented by  
*Ian Menzies*



**4:30pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**  
in the Hampton UCA Parish Centre foyer  
17 Service Street Hampton

Having already completed the famous East to West  
*Camino Francés*, (French Way) pilgrimage walk across Spain,  
Melbourne writer Ailsa Piper set out on her second Camino,  
this time the lesser known *Camino Mozárabe* which crosses Spain from South to North.

In the tradition of medieval believers who paid others to carry their sins to holy places,  
and so bought themselves forgiveness, Ailsa's friends and colleagues sponsor her  
to carry their various 'sins' on her new pilgrimage. *Sinning Across Spain* chronicles her experiences.

Last month we considered the concepts of *pilgrimage*, *carrying another's sin*, *sloth*, *righteous anger*,  
and *How well do others know us?* amongst other issues.  
This month we will focus on some of the questions Ailsa discusses  
with her fellow pilgrims along *The Way of St James*.

**Attendance at the first session is not a prerequisite for the second. All welcome.**  
More details: Ph 0403 727 080 or email [dayspringcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:dayspringcontact@hotmail.com)



## Living, working and raising children in a pornified world

**WHAT YOU  
NEED  
TO KNOW**

Guest speaker:

**Melinda Tankard Reist**



**What:** an evening seminar and conversation

**Who:** all welcome

**Where:** St David's Parkdale Uniting Church

**When:** Thursday September 7 @ 7:30pm

**Cost:** \$25 or \$15 student concession

*Refreshments following*



St David's Parkdale Uniting Church | 9580 2889 | [office@parkdaleuniting.com.au](mailto:office@parkdaleuniting.com.au)



# Joining the JIM Unit in global campaigns

**BENTLEIGH** Uniting Church hosted the Heather Circle's fundraising afternoon tea on Tuesday 11th July to hear Dr Mark Zirnsak, Director of Synod's Justice and International Mission Unit give an overview of their work.

Addressing more than 40 people, including UCAF members and friends from other churches and organisations, Mark outlined the JIM Unit's contribution to the following:

- Disrupting access to child sexual abuse material.
- Illegal Logging Prohibition Act.
- Licensing of labour hire businesses in Victoria.
- Measures to curb tax avoidance and evasion.
- Removal of ATM's from pokie venues in Victoria.
- A system that allows pokie gamblers to track their losses.
- Significant reduction in human trafficking in the Thai seafood industry.

He added that security forces murdering church members in the Philippines has largely ended.

Mark also spoke about some of the barriers to love of neighbour, including:

- The rise of racism and nationalism.
- Unethical marketing – consumer leases, alcohol and gambling industries.
- Lack of services – housing, mental health, family violence, aged care.
- Labour rights abuses in the production of goods.
- Exploiting the vulnerable.
- Paying bribes.
- Tax dodging and not enough government revenue.

Mark gave an impressive presentation and made us feel proud of the Unit's role. *by Lencie Harding*



## Leo and Minnie crave care and compassion

UNITINGConnections agency is desperately seeking a loving, caring family for two young children who have been in care together for most of the last five years.

Siblings Leo\* (9) and Minnie\* (7) need a family where they can reach their potential and UnitingConnections is seeking permanent carers to provide the stability not always present in their early lives.

Minnie is a bright, active girl who loves dance and art. She needs some help at school but has a bubbly personality and will thrive in a supportive environment where she can experience trust and positive relationships.

Leo is a shy, sensitive boy who enjoys Auskick and basketball, and has good relationships with peers. He can be withdrawn at times but loves to be helpful. Leo and Minnie have experienced trauma in their family of origin and through multiple placement changes, which has resulted in behaviours which will require a therapeutic approach. We are looking for carers who can be loving and attuned to the children's needs which will be key to them reaching their full potential.

Carers for Leo and Minnie would be:

Able to provide a loving, stable environment, be patient and calm, supportive of sibling contact and able to adapt to the children's needs as part of a care team.

If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about Leo and Minnie (\*names/photo changed), or other older children seeking permanent homes, please contact Alannah Andrews at UnitingConnections on 9521 5666 or email [Alannah.andrews@connections.org.au](mailto:Alannah.andrews@connections.org.au).

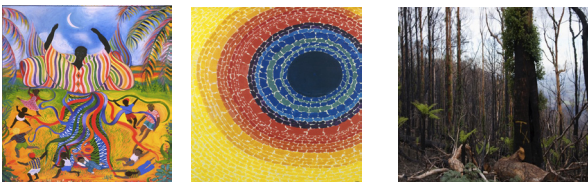


Narre Warren North Uniting Church

## Art and Craft Exhibition and Sale

Come and see our works of art and you may be inspired to join one of our art and craft groups.

Included will be art work by the children of Narre Warren North Primary School.



## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August

1 Main Street, Narre Warren North.

1.00pm – 5.00pm

(entry by gold coin donation-children free)

Delicious Devonshire Tea available for only \$4.00

*"I am really excited about this event as we have invited our local primary school children to enter a colouring competition, which helps our church make links with local families, and the offer has been greatly received."*

**Rev. Bruce Crowle - Narre Warren North Uniting Church**

Visit the Presbytery website at [www.ucapppep.org](http://www.ucapppep.org) and [www.facebook.com/ucapppep.org](https://www.facebook.com/ucapppep.org) for news, events and more....



## Wise words



## Key post filled for UCA VicTas' future

The Synod Standing Committee has appointed Rev Dr Jennifer Byrnes as the inaugural Mission and Capacity Building Unit (working title) Executive Officer, for a five-year term from September 1, 2017.

Upon the recommendation of a Nominating Committee, the SSC discerned that Jenny Byrnes has the gifts and graces to embody and implement the leadership and change that is being envisaged in the role, and indeed the life of the unit. It was discerned that Jenny has gifts and graces in



leadership, education and theology, to enact these 'disciplines' to enrich discipleship and mission in personal and communal faithful living.

A key aspect of establishing the MCBU is bringing together all the missional-based Synod functions (including Commission for Mission, Centre for Theology & Ministry, support for Placements Committee, and some Board of Mission & Resourcing responsibilities) into a completely new unit focussed on 'Mission & Capacity Building'. Jenny is currently the Executive Director of the Centre for Theology and Ministry. Capacity building is defined as the "process of developing and strengthening the skills, instincts, abilities, processes and resources that organizations and communities need to survive, adapt, and thrive in the fast-changing world." Can you suggest a name for this new Unit? Send to [newsbeat@ucapapp.org](mailto:newsbeat@ucapapp.org)



### Sometimes Life

## Makes You Wonder

Grow confident in sharing your own faith, with Rev Dr Ian Robinson.

**11-13 August 2017 at North Ringwood UC, Fri evening-Sun afternoon**  
**14-15 August 2017 at Hoppers Crossing UC, 9:30am-3:00pm**

*Makes You Wonder* training helps people to find their own voice for their own faith in their own situation. It does so through authentic friendship, prayer, respect and caring. This training is for people who want to learn to share their own faith in everyday ways, and for leaders who will train others in the *Makes You Wonder* resources.

Uniting Church people are known to be good at putting their faith into action. The most recent National Church Life Survey confirms again that Uniting Churches are confident as welcoming and faithful communities who are committed to serving their local community and to social justice. But Uniting Churches are less confident about sharing their faith in everyday ways, and less sure about inviting others to discover the good news that faith in Jesus can bring to life.

The *Makes You Wonder* exercises truly, slowly, strongly empower people. It is a unique, international resource, going where no other faith-sharing course goes. It includes resources for leaders and for small groups. Download the free MYW smartphone app which suggests a daily reflection question and conversation starter that will help you share your own faith.

#### Makes You Wonder training is for:

- Anyone keen to develop their own faith sharing
- Small group leaders interested to explore and share the faith of their group
- Leaders keen to develop their leadership teams and communities of faith
- Evangelists keen to share faith with non-churched and de-churched people
- Preachers keen to enrich the faith-forming power of church services
- Regional leaders keen to help local church groups to grow in faith and confidence

#### Makes You Wonder will help you:

- To find your own voice in sharing the faith that you have at the moment
- To develop confidence in the power of being simply yourself
- To realise afresh how great a gospel we have received
- To find fresh and biblical ways to share these discoveries in small steps with those who have no church background

#### Make you wonder resources:

<http://makesyouwonder.yolasite.com/>

Ian Robinson is an experienced Uniting Church minister, chaplain, desert retreat leader and explorer, trainer and author. Ian has been developing and refining ways to explore, share and deepen faith for decades, and for countless years has been a member of the Uniting Church National Assembly Mission & Evangelism Network (AMEN). Ian's books include *Burning Hope*, *This Thirsty Heart* and *If Anyone Thirsts*.

**When:**  
 Fri 11 August (7:00pm-9:00pm)  
 Sat 12 August (9:15am-5:15pm)  
 Sun 13 August (12:00-4:00pm)

**Where:**  
 North Ringwood Uniting Church,  
 14 Dickson Cres, Ringwood North

**Register Online by Fri 4 August:**  
<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/myw2017>

**Registration cost: \$40**  
 including meals & refreshments  
 Sponsored by  
 the CTM

**When:**  
 Mon 14 Aug, 9:30am-3:00pm  
 Tue 15 Aug, 9:30am-3:00pm  
**Where:**  
 Hoppers Crossing Uniting Church,  
 235 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

**Registration:**  
 contact Adam McIntosh  
[themcintoshbunch@hotmail.com](mailto:themcintoshbunch@hotmail.com)  
 0414 725 887

**Registration cost: \$0 -**  
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# They call them the Sonderers...

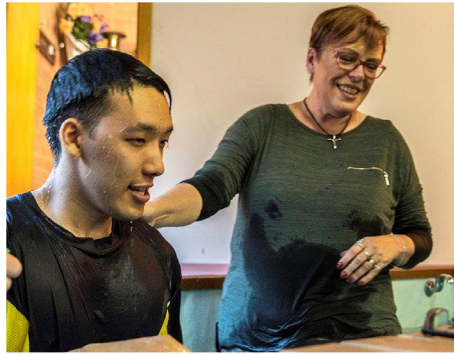
**Pastor Kelly Skilton shares some exciting and faith-filled activities of our Christian youth**

## *First there were Baptisms...*

At the beginning of June The Sonder Collective community shared in the baptism of three of our Young Adult "Sonderer's": Erin Wait, Oscar Han and Rachel Dart. A community of people met at Murrumbeena Baptist Church in the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday. We celebrated the bold step these three individuals have made in their faith journey, welcoming them into the one family and witnessed to them sharing incredible truths God has worked in their life. What a blessing it was for all who came to thank God for being faithful to these three individuals. It was such an amazing day seeing the Spirit move and to be able to uplift and celebrate new life among so many church communities - namely Murrumbeena Uniting Church, Berwick Uniting Church and Syndal Baptist Church.



*Rev Jay Robinson conducts the baptisms...*



*Then there were State Youth Games...*  
The Queens Birthday saw The Sonder Collective's at State Youth Games - an incredible time of community, worshipping Jesus, playing sport and rallying with more than 3,000 young people from across Victoria. There were around 30 Sonderer's, aged 12-36, who gathered across 11 different church communities - and four different denominations. People from

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Albury, Shepparton, Murrumbeena, Brighton, Mount Waverley, Mooroopna... Campfires, marshmallows, stories, delicious food and amazing coffee from Sir Hamlet coffee trailer - trying to stay warm in Warragul midwinter. We will definitely be back next year

## *What's coming up in August*

Jools Hamilton is coming back to Australia and we are excited to have him as speaker at our first "Sonder Youth Camp". Anyone between 11-17 welcome from any church community. Camp is: Friday, August 25th - Sunday, August 27th at Merricks Lodge. Cost: \$75. Online registrations at: <https://form.jotform.co/71788633067871> or 0432 714758



## RE:GENERATIONS 2017

### Exploring intergenerational ministry and mission

Murrumbeena 25 August

Frankston 26 August

If an intergenerational approach is the key to effective ministry with people of all ages, what does it look like in practice? How can it be implemented by local congregations? What can stay the same and what needs to be changed?

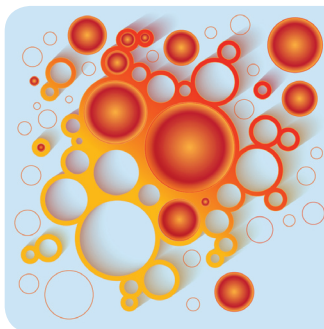
*Re:Generations - Exploring intergenerational ministry and mission is a unique opportunity to engage with these questions and more.*

Facilitated by Chris Barnett from the Centre for Theology & Ministry, the day will include three engaging, participatory and practical core sessions.

Come for the whole day or simply select the session/s that are of most interest to you.

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|---------|--|
| 10:30am | Intergenerational ministry - worship, mission and more                   |
| 12:30pm | Messy mission - learning from Messy Church as an intergenerational model |
| 2:30pm  | Here to Stay - a framework for nurturing lifelong discipleship           |

Each session will run for 90 minutes and there will be time to browse resources and connect with others inbetween sessions. Register for any one session and participate in as many of the others as you like for FREE.



#### DETAILS

**Murrumbeena 25 August**  
Murrumbeena (Koorang) Uniting Church  
117 Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena VIC 3163

**Frankston 26 August**  
Frankston Uniting Church  
16-18 High St, Frankston VIC 3199

**Cost:**  
\$10 per person

**REGISTER ONLINE @:**  
<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/regeneration2017>

**Registrations appreciated by**  
Friday 18 August

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
[info@ctm.uca.edu.au](mailto:info@ctm.uca.edu.au)  
03 93408815

Choose the day that works best for you and come along with others from your team!



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## Spotlight on BOMAR applications

**A SPECIAL Presbytery in Council meeting was held at Noble Park on the evening of July 12.**

The only business of the meeting was to deal with five applications for funding from BOMAR (Board of Mission and Resourcing).

The five applicants were Berwick, Cranbourne, Hampton Park, Mount Eliza and Southern Mornington Peninsula. Berwick was applying for a grant for a Family and Childrens' Worker to help with playgroups, Messy Church and to help resource the Kids Church Sunday Program.

Cranbourne was seeking funds to help pay for a full-time minister. The main mission at Cranbourne is the food truck which operates four nights per week and provides free food and fellowship to the homeless, poor and disadvantaged in Cranbourne.

Hampton Park is a congregation that is well known for its creative and effective ministry in a difficult lower socio-economic community. Funds were being sought to continue this ministry.

At Mount Eliza a grant was requested to fund a Music Pastor with the objective of moving music into new genres and encouraging more participation by church members.

The Southern Mornington Peninsula Congregation has had a long term vision of providing accommodation for people with an acquired brain injury. Funds were being sought to employ a Carer Support Worker who would support carers in the often difficult and frustrating task of dealing with the demands of government departments. Each Congregation was given time to talk to their applications and the opportunity was given for Presbytery members to ask questions.

I was struck by the very strong commitment each congregation had to working in their local community.

The Gospel reading for the following Sunday was the Parable of the Sower.

At the conclusion of the presentations I couldn't help but think that here were congregations who had not only heard the parable but were living it out! While we are not without our challenges in our Presbytery it was good to hear of congregations exploring different and creative ways to follow the way of Christ.

## Presbytery in Council meeting dates for 2017:



- 23 August,
- 18 October,
- 29 November.

All meetings start at 7.30 pm and are at Noble Park UCA, Joy Parade. If you are interested in being a Presbytery Rep or would like to know more about the role please contact Ian Firth on 03 9558 4710 or e-mail [secretary@ucappep.org](mailto:secretary@ucappep.org)

**by  
Ian Firth**



**Stunning  
visuals and  
live music  
telling the  
gripping  
story of our  
changing  
climate ...  
and what we  
can do about  
it.**

# Music

## for a warming world



'Breathtaking images ... glorious music...  
(Justin Art House Museum)

'Incredible music ... moving live performance ... this is real "Tikun Olam"'  
(Abe Swartz, Radio Presenter)

'Artistically beautiful ... it touches the soul and conscience of our generation'  
(Prof John Braithwaite, Australian National University)

'Some inspired thinking around the human condition' (Peter Boyer, AOM, Science Journalist)

'A magical combination of music, pictures, accurate science and creative words'  
(Rev John McRae, Uniting Church, Hobart)

### Sunday 20th August

Hampton Uniting Church  
17 Service Street, Hampton, VIC 3188

Please be seated by 2.30pm for show start

[www.musicforawarmingworld.org](http://www.musicforawarmingworld.org)

Donation at the door (we suggest \$15 +) helps meet the costs of the musicians involved.  
Afternoon tea to follow.

*If you would like to submit a news item for the Presbytery's monthly Newsbeat newsletter please send all articles and images to [newsbeat@ucappep.org](mailto:newsbeat@ucappep.org)*



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