



Tuesday 13 February 2018
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The Presbytery of Western Australia meeting was held on Saturday 10 February at Penrhos College. More than 120 lay and ordained members from our congregations and faith communities from around the Presbytery came together for fellowship and to seek the will of God for the business of the Presbytery.

Change the future with a different present

Worship, led by the Strategy and Mission Planning Committee (SMPC) chairperson, Rev Greg Ross, prepared the Presbytery for a morning of discussion about the Presbytery's Mission Focused Strategic Goals with the aim of how we plan to make the goals become reality.

At the Presbytery of Western Australia meeting in November 2017, the Presbytery agreed by consensus to note the Mission Focused Strategic Goals: by

developing 'Fresh Expressions of Church', through deliberate, wise and prayerful mission planning by working to be part of, and creating collaborative networks of communities of faith.

This meeting engaged with the Mission Focused Strategic Goals, with a view to strategically incarnating them in the life of the Presbytery.

Presbytery members considered the sobering numbers of the current situation from when five Presbyteries joined into one back in 2006.

Presbytery of Western Australia	2006	2017	
Numbers of congregations	135	110	18.5% decrease in 11 years
Average attendance	5607	4230	25% decrease
Numbers of Ordained Ministers	99	53	46% decrease
Number of Lay Ministers	22	15	31% decrease
Number of Candidates for Ministry	6	1	83% decrease
Average size of congregation	25	20	20% decrease
Congregations closed		27	





“Clearly, the way in which we have been operating as church and presbytery in the past decade has not grown the church,” said Greg.

Greg reminded members of a famous quote: ‘Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.’

“SMPC as a committee of the Presbytery is determined to fulfil our duties as defined in the Rules of our Presbytery and not to be identified as people who allowed the church we love and want to see continue to share in the future mission of God in our nation, be described as ‘insane’ for continuing to do things and spend money on things that are not ‘growing the church’ spiritually, financially or numerically,” said Greg.

“SMPC looked around the world for signs of the work of the Spirit, where churches that were facing similar issues, had been brave enough to try something different and where that something different could be empirically and numerically demonstrated to have results that were turning around the trend of decline. We looked for places where there were signs of regeneration and growth, where church was bucking the downhill trend in much of what we call ‘western society’.

“The one standout way of renewing and regenerating the church which has hard data on numbers attending, of people coming to faith, of new ways of church being brought to life is where communities have been willing to risk embracing the ‘Fresh Expressions of Church’ movement”.

Following Greg’s synopsis of the journey so far, the members of Presbytery began their work with discussion in one of 12 table groups.

Firstly, members considered and discussed the proposal that every congregation, church council, committee and meeting within the Presbytery of Western Australia be requested to give the first portion of their agenda at every meeting to consideration of the ways in which their participation in the mission of God is growing the church by developing ‘Fresh Expressions of Church’. The aim is that by the end of 2020: all ministry agents and church councillors will have completed the Mission Shaped Ministry Course; and more than 80% of our faith communities, congregations and agencies in the Presbytery will have developed one or more Fresh Expressions of Church.



Members of Presbytery joined table groups to discuss proposals from the Strategy and Mission Planning Committee.

In their groups, they discussed two questions:

What was your first response when you heard the proposal?

What help would your community of faith need to be able to achieve this goal by the end of 2020?

Each table group briefly shared their responses with all Presbytery members.

Secondly, following an introduction from SMPC member, Rev Narelle Collas, members considered and discussed the second part of the proposal that every congregation, church council, committee and meeting within the Presbytery of Western Australia be requested to give the first portion of their agenda at every meeting to consideration of the ways in which their participation in the mission of God is growing the church by enabling deliberate, wise and prayerful mission planning and community outreach. The aim is that by the end of 2020: all faith communities, congregations, agencies and committees within the Presbytery will have completed and implemented Mission Plans.

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Thirdly, following an introduction from SMPC staff support, Rev Mark Illingworth, members considered and discussed the third part of the proposal that every congregation, church council, committee and meeting within the Presbytery of Western Australia be requested to give the first portion of their agenda at every meeting to consideration of the ways in which their participation in the mission of God is growing the church by working to be part of and creating collaborative networks of communities of faith. The aim is that by the end of 2020: at least four identified creative collaborative networks of communities of faith would be operating across the Presbytery.

In regional gathering area groups, they discussed two questions:



Books and resources from the Uniting Church Ministry Resource Centre were on display and available for purchase at the recent Presbytery of WA Meeting .

What was your first response when you heard the proposal?

What help would your community of faith need to be able to achieve this goal by the end of 2020?

Each table group briefly shared their responses with all Presbytery members.

Near the end of the meeting, after considering all of the table group feedback, SMPC presented the following proposal to the members and it was agreed by consensus:

That the Presbytery of Western Australia request each community of faith, congregation, church council, agency and committee meeting within the Presbytery give the first portion of their agenda at every meeting to consideration of the ways in which their participation in the mission of God is growing the church by:

- (1) developing ‘Fresh Expressions of Church’;
- (2) deliberate, wise and prayerful mission planning and community outreach,
- (3) working to be part of and create collaborative networks of faith communities.

That Presbytery note that SMPC, in collaboration with the Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL), will do all it can between now and 2020 to encourage and support communities of faith, congregations, church councils, agencies and committees within the Presbytery to:

- (1) invite all ministry agents, church councillors and interested members to complete the Mission Shaped Ministry course.
- (2) aim to have 80% of our faith communities, congregations and agencies in the Presbytery to have developed one or more ‘Fresh Expressions of Church’.
- (3) support all faith communities, congregations, agencies and committees within the Presbytery to have completed and implemented Mission Plans, including ways that they are reaching out into the community.
- (4) work with the Council for Mission in establishing at least four creative collaborative networks of communities of faith.

Presbytery members applauded SMPC members for their work during, and in the lead-up to, the meeting, for facilitating the work of how we can regenerate and turn around the future of the Uniting Church WA.

“We believe that God is still calling us to add something significant to the life and future of our nation,” said Greg.



Ministry Milestones

Anniversaries of ordination for those who have served God and the church faithfully over many years were celebrated.

- 10 years Rev Eric McAndrew
- 15 years Uto Fotu, Community Minister at Beth Shalom Uniting Church and Rev Lorraine Stokes, Willetton Uniting Church
- 20 years Rev Floss Atkinson; Rev Raymond Clee; Rev Alistair Melville; Rev Nalin Perera, Wesley College; Rev Gary van Heerden, Presbyterian Ladies' College.
- 25 years Rev Mitch Fialkowski, Remote Area Ministry Murchison Patrol; Rev Alan Jeffrey, South Perth Uniting Church; Rev Dr Elizabeth Sanderson.
- 30 years Rev Mervyn Anderson; Rev Pat Burvill; and Rev Stephen Larkin, Nedlands Uniting Church.
- 35 years Rev Mike Fawcett; Rev Vijay Paul; Rev Dr Sonny Rajamoney, St Peter and Emmaus Church; and Rev Dr Ian Tozer, All Saints Floreat Uniting Church.
- 40 years Rev John Edwards and for 40 years of service in WA, Rev Emeritus Prof Bill Loader.
- 50 years Rev Geoff Blyth and Rev Philip Sindle.
- 60 years Rev David Oxley and Rev John Phillipson.

Each milestone recipient was presented with a balloon before the Moderator, Rev Steve Francis, led the Presbytery in prayer giving thanks to God for their faithful service and that they continue to live their call. The Presbytery sang unaccompanied, 'Great is your faithfulness'. Rev David Oxley cut the cake which was shared for dessert at lunch. Special thanks to Amanda Badenhorst, Pastoral and Placements Administrator, who made the scrumptious cake.



Ministers celebrating anniversaries of their ordination presented with balloons.

Bill's Gift

Moderator, Rev Steve Francis, and his chaplain, Rev Alan Jeffrey, led a minute of appreciation for 40 years of service in Western Australia by New Testament Theologian, Rev Emeritus Professor Bill Loader, who is retiring to Orange in New South Wales.

In 1978, Bill began his service within the Uniting Church WA as a New Testament lecturer at Perth Theological Hall. He has spent the last forty years researching, teaching, preaching and writing throughout the Uniting Church WA, Murdoch University and around the world.

"The Uniting Church WA has benefited from Bill's world class scholarship and love for the church. We give thanks to God for his extraordinary and exemplary contribution," said Steve.

Presbytery members gave a standing ovation prior to Bill's response.

"I did what I wanted to do and ought to do," said Bill.

"We have good news and it needs to reach out into the wider community.

"My prayer for the Presbytery and the Uniting Church WA is to try to be 'Uniting'. Be as inclusive as you can. Never retreat from ecumenism and partnership."

Steve prayed for Bill and his wife, Gisela, as they take their next step in their journey.

Supporting the mission of the church

The Presbytery agreed to encourage the committees of the Presbytery of Western Australia to explore how they can work together more closely and bring any changes to the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia on Saturday 16 June 2018.

Currently, the Presbytery has ten committees – more than any other Presbytery within the Uniting Church in Australia. The regulatory committees include: Presbytery Standing Committee (PSC), Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC), and the Presbytery Property Committee (PPC). The Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL) carries the education Regulations for both the Presbytery and Synod of Western Australia.

In the future, the Community Services Committee wants to have a greater emphasis on mission and a closer relationship with the Strategy and Mission Planning Committee (SMPC). The three other Presbytery committees, Rural Ministry, Uniting Generations and Multicultural Ministry may consider direct participation with CEDAL, SMPC, PPC and PRC to assist decision-making

and participating as plans are being made for the future.

No committees will be disbanded. However, committees may decide to change the way they operate and any rule changes will be brought to the Presbytery in June.

Deliberations and decisions

Reception of reports to the Presbytery

As agreed at the 11th Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia held in November 2016, reports to the Presbytery were received individually to enable issues and questions to be addressed and discussed more effectively.

Reports were received from Presbytery Standing Committee, Pastoral Relations Committee and Presbytery Property Committee.

Presbytery Secretary

The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus to appoint Rev John McKane as acting Secretary of the Presbytery with immediate effect until 30 June 2018.

It is envisaged this will be a half-time voluntary position until the Presbytery can elect a Secretary at the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Western Australia on Saturday 16 June 2018.

The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus to authorise the Presbytery Standing Committee to determine and implement a process for seeking nominations, defining the role and bringing a name for Secretary of the Presbytery to the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of WA.

Presbytery Standing Committee Powers

The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed by consensus to propose to the Assembly that the Assembly Standing

Committee, on advice from the Legal Reference Committee, add to the current Regulation 3.7 a description of the powers of a Presbytery Standing Committee giving it ongoing authority to act for the Presbytery on urgent matters.

The Uniting Church in Australia's Constitution, paragraph 30, requires that there be a Presbytery Standing Committee. This parallels the requirements for a Synod (36) and the Assembly (47). However, unlike in paragraphs 36 and 47, nothing more is said about the powers of Presbytery Standing Committee.

Regulation 3.7.4.1 (d), states that:

- (d) The Synod Standing Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Synod between meetings of the Synod in respect of any of the responsibilities of the Synod except such as the Synod may determine.
- (e) The Synod Standing Committee shall deal with matters referred to it by the Synod.

The Presbytery has requested a similar statement about the Presbytery Standing Committee be included in the Regulations.

Save the date

The Presbytery of Western Australia agreed to meet four times a year commencing in 2019 on 9 February, 4 May, 3 August and 9 November 2019.

There is a need for opportunities for the Presbytery to meet more often to allow the Presbytery to establish and develop its role as a body which supports and encourages its congregations and faith communities.



A scrumptious cake was enjoyed to celebrate anniversaries of ordination.

Congregational News

- **The Deep Listening Festival** will be held from Friday 6 to Saturday 7 April at Margaret River Uniting Church. The festival will be a weekend of storytelling, art, music and spirituality, while taking the time to listen and engage with people from the edges of society. Keynote speakers will be Sabrina Hahn and Scott Darlow, among a range of other presenters. For more info visit margaretriveruniting.com/deep-listening-festival/.
- **Rev Lindsay Cullen**, National Consultant Assembly Resourcing Unit, who is the keynote speaker at *Summer Spirit*, will also be the speaker at a Coffee Forum at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church. His topic will be 'The truth shall set you free.' Come and join in for an interesting talk followed by discussion time. It will be held on Sunday 18 February, 11.00am to 12noon.
- **Trinity North Uniting Church** St Stephen's Worshipping Community are holding a Fashion Parade on Saturday 17 March, 2.00pm, at St Stephen's School Duncraig. Bring friends and family for a fun afternoon of trying on new styles. Tickets by donation of \$5 or above. Models size 8 to 24 are required. For more info contact Dorothy on 0433 329 822 or Barb on 0407 823 313.
- **Maylands Mt Lawley Uniting Church** has started Music and Play, a morning of music, stories, rhymes, dancing and play for children under school age. Music and Play will be held on Tuesday mornings, 9.30am to 11.00am in the church hall, 165 Railway Pde, Mt Lawley. Please bring a bottle of water and healthy snack for your child, tea and coffee is provided. Cost is \$2 per child. For more info contact Rev Kim Francis on 0412 684 028 or email kim.rose.francis@gmail.com.
- **Emeritus Prof Bill Loader** is presenting his Lenten series, Faith Facing Reality, at Wembley Downs Uniting Church on Sunday evenings from 25 February to 18 March, 7.30 to 9.00pm. Topics include God talk and suffering; The Bible and history; Jesus and the adulation of power; and Future and fantasies. Bill will also be preaching at Wembley Downs Uniting Church on Palm Sunday 25 March. For more info email Karen Sloan at kamasloa@hotmail.com.

Presbytery of WA

- **You are invited** to the Perth Theological Hall Commencement Service, including the inductions of Rev Emma Matthews and Rev Dr Anne Wright as

Presbytery Ministers, Formation and Discipleship in the Uniting Church WA. It will be held on Friday 23 February, 7.00pm, at Maylands Mt Lawley Uniting Church. This service will be an opportunity to welcome Emma and Anne to their new roles while also expressing support for the staff and students of The Perth Theological Hall and those participating in a Period of Discernment, and to pray that God may call more people to ministry leadership in the Presbytery of Western Australia.

- **A good crowd gathered** for the first event for the local Uniting Churches in the Albany region to be held in the new Beryl Grant Community Centre in Lockyer: the Induction of Rev Corina van Oostende into the congregations of Lockyer, Albany, Mount Barker and Denmark. This centre is the first stage of aged care services to be run by Juniper, an agency of the Uniting Church WA. Visit goo.gl/tDVYce to read more.
- **Kids' Camp Out (KCO) 2018 Wilderness** is almost here! Join with your congregation and others in the Presbytery of WA for the challenge of the wilderness from 9 to 11 March, at Advent Park in Maida Vale. Contact Janine McDonald, Uniting Generations Officer, at Janine.mcdonald@wa.uca.org.au and register at www.kcowilderness2018.eventbrite.com.au.
- **Emeritus Prof Bill Loader** and his wife Gisela are heading off to Orange pastures soon. Everyone is invited to join the Uniting Church WA in a celebration of Bill and Gisela's immeasurable and highly regarded contribution to the life of the church on Monday 12 March, 4.30 to 6.30pm at the Murdoch University Worship Centre. Refreshments will be served and free parking is available in carparks 5A and 5 off Entrance B. RSVP by 5 March, advising any health or mobility concerns to Kerry George on pa.education@wa.uca.org.au or call 9260 9800.

Synod of WA

- **Uniting Church WA Archives** have had a request from someone trying to trace the daughter of Rev James Hunter Magill Hamilton who was ordained in WA and inducted into the Presbyterian Church in East Fremantle in 1962. He moved to New South Wales in 1969. Please contact Sheena Hesse at the Uniting Church WA Archives on archiveswa@wa.uca.org if you have any knowledge of Rev James Hamilton or his family.

- **Rev Steve Francis**, Moderator of the Uniting Church WA, has written a reflection on his blog, on the film *Three Billboards Outside of Ebbing, Missouri*. "Every once in a while, I watch a film that disturbs and depresses me, while at the same time commands my respect and confronts my sensibilities," he wrote. Visit unitingchurchwa.org.au/blog/three-billboards/ to read his post.

- **A Safe Church Awareness Workshop** will be held on Saturday 24 February from 9.30am to 3.00pm at Merredin Uniting Church, Fifth St, Merredin.

Please note there has been a change of time and structure of the Safe Church Awareness Workshop being held on Saturday 24 February at Rockingham Uniting Church, 4 Erindoon Way, Waikiki. It is now a one day workshop instead of in two parts as previously advertised. The time is now from 9.00am to 2.00pm with a working lunch. Cost is still \$20 per person. RSVP by Monday 19 February to Cindy Gorton on 9260 9800 or cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au. Check out other Safe Church training dates at: <https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/media-events/events/>.

Ministers, pastors, church council members, other congregational members and those involved in community services are urged to attend. Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP by Monday 19 February to Cindy Gorton on 9260 9800 or cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au. Check out other Safe Church training dates at: <https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/media-events/events/>.

From the National Church

- **The President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Stuart McMillan**, has called on governments, state and federal, to speed up negotiation of treaties that recognise Indigenous sovereignty. In a video message released to coincide with 26 January, Stuart has urged all Australian governments "to give First Peoples a voice into the political processes which affect their lives." Visit goo.gl/XRgvrA to read more and to watch the video.
- **President-Elect Dr Deidre Palmer** has announced her chosen theme for the 15th Assembly. The theme 'Abundant Grace Liberating Hope' invites the Uniting Church to live by God's abundant grace – reflecting God's generous and overflowing love. Visit goo.gl/bH1e9u to read more.

- **The Uniting Church in Australia** Worship Working Group has compiled new resources for Uniting Church congregations and Presbyteries, including the reception of a congregation into the Uniting Church, guidelines for visiting preachers from other denominations, a rite for the conclusion of a ministry placement and more. Visit goo.gl/TrBNKN for more info.

- **This year, the Uniting Church SA's** Easter postcards and posters feature the words "Do not be fooled, be full of life" in a nod to the fact that Easter Sunday and April's Fool's Day are on the same date in 2018. The back of the postcard includes a quote from Ephesians 3:19. Space is provided on both the postcards and posters for each church's Easter service details. For more information about the 2018 Easter theme, costs and how to order, please visit sa.uca.org.au/postcards/ or contact the Uniting Church SA Communications team at communications@sa.uca.org.au.

- **This Lent, UnitingWorld** encourages you to put your faith into action to champion rights for women, overcome poverty and stand by our Pacific neighbours in their fight to save their island homes. Lent Event is 40 days of giving, learning and acting in solidarity for positive change. Get involved in Lent Event by visiting lentevent.com/.

- **Songwriters from across Australia** came together in Brisbane recently to write new worship songs for the Uniting Church at the Songwrite conference. Visit assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2784-together-in-joyful-song to read more.

- **More than 350 Fijian members** of the Uniting Church from around the country have shared their strong faith and culture at a joyous national gathering in Sydney. Visit goo.gl/d6Cwe5 to read more and view pictures from the event.

- **The President of the Uniting Church in Australia** Stuart McMillan has voiced concerns that proposed new electoral funding laws could stifle advocacy by Australian religious organisations. Visit goo.gl/29aqwz to read more.

Ecumenical & International

- **Dayspring**, in Dianella Perth, is an open community offering a safe and sacred space for nurturing the journey towards wholeness in God. Dayspring offers



monthly retreats on the second Tuesday of each month. The next retreat will be held on Friday 2 March. Cost is \$10. Visit <http://www.dayspring.org.au/> for more information.

- **At a meeting on 19 January**, the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) pledged to not only deepen their existing collaboration but also explore even more joint projects to protect and provide for children. Visit goo.gl/RHsVxk to read more.
- **In a message to the World Economic Forum**, World Council of Churches General Secretary, Rev Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, said he could think of no greater antithesis to a vision of shared life and responsibility than the continued existence of and political and social support for nuclear weapons. Olav participated in the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting which was held from 24 to 26 January. Visit goo.gl/UScdV1 to read more.
- **The World Council of Churches (WCC)** is inviting member churches to join in celebrating the Council's 70th anniversary this year. In a letter to WCC member churches and ecumenical partners, WCC General Secretary Rev Dr Olav Fyske Tveit has called for churches to hold celebrations in their own context on or around 23 August, the date of the opening of the 1st WCC assembly in Amsterdam. Visit goo.gl/ET3kJM to read more.
- **Dr Jill Tabart was president** of the Uniting Church in Australia from 1994 to 1997, and a consensus mentor for the World Council of Churches (WCC) 9th Assembly in 2006. She has written an article for the WCC to celebrate its 70th anniversary. Visit goo.gl/5kA62a to read the article.
- **The Annual General Meeting** of the Council of Christians and Jews WA Inc. will be held at 2:30pm, Sunday 25 February at the Sylvia and Harry Hoffman Hall, Carmel Primary School, Woodrow Avenue, Yokine. Rabbi Daniel Lieberman, Chief Rabbi, Perth Hebrew Congregation, will give the occasional address on 'Interfaith past, present and future'. Kosher refreshments will be served. All welcome. RSVP and enquiries can be sent to ccjwa@aol.com by Wednesday 21 February. Visit goo.gl/Wjbf4Z to download the flyer.

Jobs: Paid and Volunteer

The ministry vacancies page is available to view all vacant placements, by-laws, ministry changes and pastoral and placement updates. Visit unitingchurchwa.org.au/careers/ministry-vacancies.

Saint Andrew's Uniting Church, Brisbane

A full position description for a Minister of the Word and congregation profile are available from presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au. Applications close Wednesday 28 February.

Presbytery of The Downs, QLD: Patrol Minister

The Presbytery of The Downs is seeking an ordained Ministry Agent to fill the position of Patrol Minister in the Cunnamulla/Burke and Wills Patrol based in South West Queensland. Applications close on Friday 2 March. Send enquiries to david.fender@ucaqld.com.au.

Synod of Victoria and Tasmania

Four key positions are currently available for applications in the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania: Director Relationships and Connections (readvertised); Lay Leadership Development; Co-ordinator of Studies New Testament; and Co-ordinator of Studies Ministry Studies. Applications close 25 February. Visit goo.gl/zEc4cz for more info.

WCC internship program

The World Council of Churches (WCC) invites applications of church-engaged youth to undertake an internship with the council at the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva in 2018. With application deadline 15 March, this opportunity is an 18-month program for four young people aged 21 to 29. Interns are assigned to work for 12 months at the WCC offices in Geneva, Switzerland in one of the program areas of Communication, Health and Healing, Just Community of Women and Men, and Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. This is then followed by a six-month work placement in the intern's own country. For more info email Youth@wcc-coe.org or visit goo.gl/DnZG1h.

Prayer Calendar

For the week commencing Sunday 18 February:

Please pray for the Port Hedland congregation and also the Evangelical Christian Church in the Land of Papua.

For the week commencing Sunday 25 February:

Please pray for the Remote Area Ministry based in Meekatharra. Please also pray for the Uniting Church Mission Fellowship.

For the week commencing Sunday 4 March:

Please pray for the Applecross St Stephens, Beth Shalom Tongan, Bicton, Maaman 'O' Miya, Mandurah and South Mandurah congregations.

For the week commencing Sunday 11 March:

Please pray for the Korean, Kardinya, Melville and Mount Pleasant congregations. Please also pray for UnitingCare Australia and the Assembly Education for Ministry Working Group.

The Ministry Resourcing Centre is located in the Uniting Church Centre, 85-89 Edward Street, Perth and is open Monday to Friday 8.30am-5.00pm. Contact Margaret Johnston on 9260 9800 or email resource@wa.uca.org.au.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 14 February and there are different ways of recognising Lent than going without chocolate - like reading and learning. If you haven't picked up a book in a while this could be the time.

Property and Progress for a Pilgrim People: How much has the Uniting Church now lost the way? by Michael Owen. "Ruling 26 of 2008 from the President of the Uniting Church's national Assembly and the Assembly's document on Property Policy of 2009-2010 take markedly different positions on the control and use of property in that church... The document's emphasis on values and whatever is new and emerging reveals a dependence on the modernist ideology and its problematic belief in progress, together with the managerialism to which they give rise. What would be an authentic Christian response to that ideology?" (from the synopsis) **\$14.95**

Turn Around Church: Evaluating the sustainability of Fresh Expressions of church, by Ruthmary Bond. Written from an Australian perspective. "The theme of this book is vital if we are to see God's mission and his church flourish in the 21st Century. We need to re-understand what leadership, discipleship, evangelism and resourcing looks like in our era as we seek to live out God's mission in our communities." (From the Foreword by Dave Male). **\$19.75**

Sisters In Scripture: Evocations on biblical women, by Amelia Koh-Butler. "A beautiful and at times disturbing array of poems, monologues and prayers giving voice to the joy, pain and struggles of women throughout the Bible." A collection not designed with scholarship in mind, but to provoke further thinking in worship or personal reflection. **\$16.45**

Beholding The Cross: Six studies on the meaning of the cross in our time, by Philip Gardner. With an interest in the rich theologies of the cross and resurrection the author's hope is that we should all discover "the fullness of the love of God for us, the extraordinary God at work, and gain a glimpse of God's purpose for creation and for us." **\$11.95**

The Sanctuary For Lent 2018, by Katie Z Dawson. For reflection on every day of Lent, with a brief scripture reading, a devotion, and a prayer. **\$2.10**

Ten Minute Easter Activity Book, by Bethan James and Heather Stuart. An activity book based on the stories of the last week in the life of Jesus, and what happened afterwards! Ideal for an Easter holiday activity at church or home. **\$8.45**

All prices plus postage.





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Friday to Sunday	MARCH 16 - 18 , 2018
Saturday	MAY 19, 2018
Saturday	AUGUST 18, 2018
Friday to Sunday	OCTOBER 26 - 28, 2018

Duncraig Uniting Church Buildings, 29 Wandoo Rd. Duncraig

An initiative of The Uniting Church in Australia, Presbytery of Western Australia Strategy and Mission Planning Committee (SMPC) and Commission for Education Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL)



Calendar of Events



For more information on these events visit unitingchurchwa.org.au/media-events/events

Sunday 18 February	11.00am–12noon	Sunday Coffee Forum with Rev Lindsay Cullen at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church.
Tuesday 20 February		World Day of Social Justice.
Tuesday 20 February		Presbytery Standing Committee Meeting.
Thursday 22 February	6.30–8.00pm	Alpha Course at Carramar Uniting Church.
Friday 23 February	7.00pm	Perth Theological Hall Commencement Service at Maylands Mt Lawley Uniting Church.
Saturday 24 February	9.30am–3.00pm	Safe Church Awareness Training at Merredin Uniting Church.
Saturday 24 February	9.00am–2.00pm	Safe Church Awareness Training at Rockingham Uniting Church.
Saturday 24 February		Commencement Retreat for Candidates and people in a Period of Discernment at Kalamunda Uniting Church.
Sunday 25–Wednesday 28 February		Moderator’s Ministers’ Retreat at New Norcia.
Sunday 25 February	2.30pm	Annual General Meeting of the Council of Christians and Jews WA at Carmel Primary School, Yokine.
Sunday 25 February	7.30–9.00pm	Lenten series with Emeritus Prof Bill Loader: “God-talk and suffering” at Wembley Downs Uniting Church.
Monday 26 February		March “Hands and Feet” contribution deadline.
Thursday 1 March		April “Revive” contribution deadline.
Thursday 1 March	6.30–8.00pm	Alpha Course at Carramar Uniting Church.
Friday 2 March		World Day of Prayer.
Saturday 3 March	2.00pm	Ordination Service for Sophie Lizares at Willetton Uniting Church.
Sunday 4 March	2.00pm	Induction Service for Rev David Kriel at Trinity North Uniting Church, Cousins Hall St Stephen’s, Duncraig.
Thursday 8 March		International Women’s Day.

If you are planning an event that you think would be of interest to other people in the Uniting Church community, let us know so we can put it in our calendar. We would also encourage you to contact us during your planning so you can check what other people are doing to avoid diary conflicts.