



NEWS AND NOTES

INCORPORATING **SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS**

Tuesday 26 June, 2018

On the evening of Monday 11 June 2018, Synod Standing Committee (SSC) met and began with devotions led by the Moderator.

Resources Commission

SSC resolved by consensus that Presbytery Standing Committee, together with the Resources Commission, consult regarding the application of regulation 4.11.10 in relation to the closed Swanbourne Uniting Church property located at 2 Watt Street, Swanbourne and report back to the next SSC meeting on Monday 13 August.

Fremantle Wesley Mission

SSC resolved by consensus that the Parish Mission Status of Fremantle Wesley Mission continue.

Previously, the SSC agreed that the Parish Mission Status would cease at the end of this financial year, 30 June. However, the Council for Mission will receive a proposal relating to the development of a collaborating community and it would appear appropriate for the Parish Mission Status to continue.

Ministerial Stipends and Allowances 2019

SSC resolved by consensus to approve the Ministerial Stipends and Allowances proposed by the Minister's Benefits Committee effective from 1 January 2019.

Nominating Committee

SSC resolved by consensus to appoint Rev Robert Jetta, Acting Chairperson of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (Congress) WA Regional Committee to the SSC.

SSC resolved by consensus to appoint Anneke Klopper as a member of the St Stephen's School Council and Warren Baillie as a member of Wesley College Council.

SSC noted the resignation of Alan Hortin from the Disaster Relief and Community Recovery Working Group and expressed gratitude for his service.

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Cindy Gorton, Safe Church/Royal Commission Officer attended the meeting to brief SSC on the Uniting Church WA's Persons of Concern Policy; Persons of Concern Sample Safety Agreement and Model Litigant Principles and Guidelines.

The objective of the Persons of Concern Policy is to provide a framework for the Uniting Church WA to uphold its duty of care to those who participate in all aspects of its life and to respond to and manage any Persons of Concern who may seek to participate, so that the Church remains a safe place for all people.

Church Law

SSC resolved by consensus to approve Synod of WA Rules S2.1 Membership of the Synod and S5.2 Standing Committee.

Rule S2.1 specifies that membership of the Synod of WA meeting will include two confirmed members appointed by each of the agencies and colleges established by the Synod including: Good Samaritan Industries; UnitingCare West; Juniper; Beananging Kwuurt Institute; Methodist Ladies' College; Penrhos College; Presbyterian Ladies' College; Scotch College; Tranby College; Wesley College; and Trinity Residential College, as well as two members from the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (Congress) WA Regional Committee. The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Synod of WA will be held from Friday 7 to Sunday 9 September 2018.

Rule S5.2 specifies that membership of the SSC will include the Moderator, Ex-Moderator, Moderator-Elect and General Secretary as ex-officio members; six members of the Synod elected by the Synod; two members of Congress who are members of the Synod; one member appointed by the Presbytery Standing Committee (PSC); one member representing the UnitingCare Forum who is a member of Synod; one member representing the Schools Forum who is a member of Synod; and not more than two other people, who are members of Synod, co-opted by the SSC.

Presbytery Standing Committee

SSC discussed the recommendations of a document prepared for the PSC previously presented to a joint gathering of the two Standing Committees. The recommendations relate to management, staffing and budget matters. It was resolved by consensus that three representatives of each Standing Committee would meet to develop a way forward and report back for discussion at the next SSC meeting to be held on Monday 13 August.

General Secretary Oversight Group Terms of Reference

SSC resolved by consensus to approve the Terms of Reference for the General Secretary Oversight Group. At the last SSC meeting on Monday 23 April, SSC appointed Shawn Whelan (Victoria) as convenor, Rev David Kriel, Alison Xamon and Julie Ridden as members of the General Secretary Oversight Group.

Reports Received

In line with its regular reporting arrangements, SSC also received reports from: Moderator, Rev Steve Francis; General Secretary, Rev David de Kock; General Manager Resources, Robert Locke and the Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL).



Congregations

The Rose Society of WA is holding a Rose Pruning Demonstration in the Scarborough Uniting Church Rose Garden on Saturday 7 July at 10.30am. Morning tea will be served from 10.00am. For more info email scarb-wateruca@bigpond.com.

Gingin Uniting Church will be celebrating 164 years of worship on Sunday 8 July, 10.00am, at the church, cnr Church and Weld Sts Gingin. A light lunch will follow the service. For more info email Marian at crewcm28@bigpond.com.

Deep Water Dwelling will be holding the workshop, 'Using Mandalas as a Spiritual Tool', on Friday 3 August, 7.00 to 9.30pm, at Noranda Uniting Church. The workshop will be led by Rev Cathie Lambert, and her book, *A Mandala a Month Workbook*, will also be on sale. Cost is \$30 per person including supper and materials. Come along and learn how to use mandalas as part of your spiritual journey. Register soon as places are limited. Email Cathie at deepwaterdwelling@gmail.com or call 0448 730 355 for more info.

Maylands Mt Lawley Uniting Church will be holding a Treasure Sale on Saturday 21 July from 9.00am until 12noon, at 165 Railway Pd, Mt Lawley. Come along and enjoy Devonshire Teas, plants, clothing, books, shoes and more.

York Uniting Church will be celebrating 130 years of worship in the current building, which opened in 1888. Interested persons are invited to join the service on Sunday 19 August, 9.30am, cnr of Centennial Drive and Grey Street York. The service will be followed with an afternoon concert and afternoon tea at 2.00pm in the Church Hall, which was erected in 1854. For catering purposes please RSVP by Sunday 12 August to Kevin Trent on 9641 2565.

Presbytery of Western Australia

This year's 4 day School of Ministry event is an opportunity for pastors, ministers and lay leaders of the church to engage with the latest thinking on collaborative leadership. It will be held from Monday 2 to Thursday 5 July at Applecross St Stephen's Uniting Church. Speakers include Naomi Nash, CEO of New River Leadership and Amanda Hunt, CEO of UnitingCare

West. Lay preachers, lay presiders, church council members and committee convenors are especially encouraged to attend. Cost is \$200, includes Monday evening dinner and lunches. Financial assistance is available. Contact Kerry for a brochure and registration form or for more info at PA.Education@wa.uca.org.au or on 9260 9800.

A Conclusion of Placement service for Rev Rob Dummermuth will be held at 9.00am on 5 August at Esperance Uniting Church. It will replace their normal Sunday morning service.

Synod of Western Australia

The Uniting Church WA Ecumenical Affairs Commission hosted an Iftar dinner on Saturday 9 June at St Peter and Emmaus Church in Joondanna, with members of the Muslim community in Perth, through the Intercultural Harmony Society. The evening was a fantastic opportunity for members of the Christian and Islamic faiths to come together and share a meal, conversation and some of the common aspects of the two faiths. Visit bit.ly/2tsmjnv to read more and view photos from the event.

The Uniting Church WA congratulates Peter Fitzpatrick AO on being awarded an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia for his distinguished service to the community through roles with veteran's welfare, business, legal and not-for-profit organisations, and to social justice in the Queens Birthday 2018 Honours List. Peter has also been Chairperson of UnitingCare West since January 2016. The award is a great acknowledgement of the work Peter has done, inspired by the message of Jesus.

Congratulations also to Deirdre Russell, from Willetton Uniting Church, for receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List. Deirdre was awarded the honour for "service to the community, particularly through music." Deirdre has served the community through music with the Royal School of Church Music, the Western Australia Government Schools Music Society, the Applecross Mount Pleasant Country Women's Association Branch Choir and Willetton Uniting Church.

After a blogging hiatus, Uniting Church WA Moderator, Rev Steve Francis, is back with a new blog post 'Below the waterline'. Read it by visiting unitingchurchwa.org.au/blog/below-the-waterline.

The Uniting Church WA Social Justice Commission invites you to a listening and conversation forum about

protecting our forests and local communities in the South West. The forum, including an expert panel and facilitator, will be held on Saturday 21 July, 10.00am to 3.00pm at Bunbury St Augustine Uniting Church. Cost is \$22.50 including lunch and refreshments. RSVP is essential by 30 June. Visit eventbrite.com.au/e/forest-forum-tickets-45552817704 for more info and to book.

WA Uniting Church Adult Fellowship, at their annual Fellowship Day on Friday 7 September at The Billabong Uniting Church, will on behalf of the Synod of WA present certificates of appreciation to octogenarians nominated by their church or fellowship group for faithful service now and over the years past. Those who reach their 80th year during 2018 are eligible to receive this recognition. Application forms are available in the May edition of Newslink or from rayaladina@dodo.com.au. Applications close on Friday 13 July.

Last week, on World Refugee Day, Rev Steve Francis, Moderator of the Uniting Church WA, called for the Australian Government not to remove support for people seeking asylum in our local community. Echoing the calls made by refugee advocates across Australia, Western Australian churches are disappointed and concerned to see the Government progressing with plans to remove fundamental support for vulnerable families in the local community. Visit bit.ly/2KeTlf4 to read more.

"In Christ, we, the church are a pile of living stones! Being built up into a spiritual house!" writes General Secretary, Rev David de Kock in his latest blog post 'Living Stones'. Visit unitingchurchwa.org.au/blog/living-stones to read it.

Wesley College, a Uniting Church WA school in South Perth, enjoyed the company of Uniting Church WA Moderator, Rev Steve Francis, at the official opening of its Clive Hamer Wing on Tuesday 12 June. The newly-refurbished space is to become a magnet for innovation, where Wesley students can move their ideas forward and learn the skills that will be needed for the jobs of tomorrow. Visit bit.ly/2MXmdMP to read more.

Please note the Safe Church Awareness Workshop scheduled for Saturday 18 August at Maylands Mt Lawley Uniting Church has been postponed to Saturday 10 November.

A Safe Church Awareness Workshop will be held at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church, 50 Berkeley Crescent, Floreat on two consecutive Tuesday evenings, 7 and 14 August from 7.00pm to 9.30pm. RSVP by Monday 30 July. A Workshop will also be held at Lighthouse Church Geraldton,

41-43 Shenton St Geraldton on Saturday 25 August from 9.30am to 3.00pm. RSVP by Monday 20 August. All Ministers, pastors, church leaders, volunteers, members of congregations and those involved in community services are urged to attend. Cost is \$20 per person, light refreshments are provided. Send RSVPs to Cindy on 9260 9800 or cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au.

UnitingCare and Congregational Community Services

UnitingCare West need your help on a long-term project that is part of an ambitious, but achievable plan to end homelessness in WA. With your support, they will be transforming their Tranby Centre into a multi-purpose engagement hub to better connect people experiencing homelessness with the support they need to enjoy a good life. Visit bit.ly/2MIEHWb to read more and to donate visit unitingcarewest.org.au/index.php/get-involved.

Much needed additional aged care for the East Kimberley has been commissioned with the official opening of Juniper Gerdewoonem ('Juniper among the Boab Trees'). Juniper Chief Executive, Vaughan Harding, said the new multipurpose facility expands vital services to the Kununurra community and provides greater opportunities for local employment and career paths in aged care. Visit bit.ly/2ts03dz to read more.

On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Friday 15 June, UnitingCare Australia acknowledged the need for greater awareness of the prevalence of elder abuse in our community and our shared responsibility to look out for each other. Visit bit.ly/2lu3eNw to read more.

Ecumenical and International

Bible Society Australia is launching *The Invisible Book* – a user-generated video content series that may help bring the Bible back to Australian young people. The goal of the project is to provide students with engaging videos and factsheets that show how the Bible is behind many of the works they study at school. To get the project started, Bible Society Australia are running a competition to find today's digital storytellers who can produce compelling videos that highlight the Bible's influence on Shakespeare's plays. The competition is open to anyone and closes Sunday 30 June. Visit theinvisiblebook.com.au for more info.

After the summit between the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea concluded, World Council of Churches (WCC) General Secretary, Rev Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, gave thanks to God for what he called

"an important first step on the path to a more peaceful and secure future in the region." Visit bit.ly/2MXB35R to read more.

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel is a program co-ordinated by the WCC that brings international volunteers to the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Volunteers come for three month placements as Ecumenical Accompaniers. Applications are now open. Visit bit.ly/2ts3DV6 for more info.

Anne Carey, WA Australian of the Year 2016, will be the Guest Speaker at a Fundraising event for the large Stained Glass Artwork for the Multi-faith Centre at the new Perth Children's Hospital. This Sunset Gathering will be held on Thursday 21 June, 5.00pm at Penrhos College Chapel. Pre-function catering includes hot savouries and sweet food, followed by a musical prelude by Penrhos College students, a short slideshow of 108 years at Princess Margaret Hospital, followed by Anne Carey's presentation. Anne's incredible story is an inspiring event not to be missed. Adults \$25; Pensioners and Students \$15. Phone Sue Burtenshaw on 0409 377 681 for further info or email s.d.burtenshaw@wn.com.au.

Australian Church Women WA are holding a Fellowship Day Service on Thursday 26 July, 10.00am at St Luke's Anglican Church, cnr Rowlands and George Sts Maylands. The theme of the service is 'Women of Encouragement.'

As the worldwide Muslim community celebrated the feast of Eid Al Fitr recently, WCC General Secretary, Rev Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, offered written greetings of peace. Visit bit.ly/2lp0Z73 to read more.

Representatives of churches worldwide gathered at Geneva's St Pierre Cathedral for a service of celebration to mark the 70th anniversary of the World Council of Churches (WCC), at which His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew urged continued efforts for unity, justice and peace. Visit bit.ly/2l118ii to read more.

While the #MeToo movement may have been trending on social networks in recent months, the World Council of Churches (WCC) has been speaking out against sexual abuse and other forms of violence against women for several decades. The WCC is relaunching its 'Thursdays in Black' campaign, urging women and men to join the movement and stand up against a culture that enables rape and sexual violence to take place. Visit bit.ly/2lwHAYL to read more.

Bishop Philip Huggins, President of the National Council of Churches Australia, reflects on his time with the UN Commission on Human Rights last year and laments the withdrawal of the United States from the UN Human Rights Council. Visit bit.ly/2Kge1st to read more.

Jobs: Paid and Volunteer

The Placements Commission and Pastoral Relations Committee webpage is available to view all vacant placements, by-laws, ministry changes and pastoral and placement updates. To view vacancies, visit unitingchurchwa.org.au/careers/ministry-vacancies.



Prayer Calendar

For the week commencing Sunday 1 July: Central Wheatbelt Group (Bencubbin, Kellerberrin, Tammin and Trayning), Dowerin and Kalgoorlie-Boulder congregations. Please also pray for the Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress.

For the week commencing Sunday 8 July: East Avon Group (Cunderdin/Meckering and Quairading congregations). Please also pray for the United Church of Zambia and Christian Church in Sumba.

Prayer Calendar

July 2018

Great Eastern Region

Week commencing Sunday 1	Central Wheatbelt Group (Bencubbin, Kellerberrin, Tammin and Trayning), Dowerin and Kalgoorlie-Boulder congregations; Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Week commencing Sunday 8	NADOC West; East Avon Group (Cunderdin/Meckering and Quairading congregations); United Church of Zambia and Christian Church in Sumba	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Week commencing Sunday 15	Northern, Toodyay and York congregations; Farmettes, Education and Discipleship	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Week commencing Sunday 22	Eastern Wheatbelt Group (Merredin, Mookoolbin and Southern Cross congregations); Council of Churches of SA and TropicARE	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Week commencing Sunday 29	Wongan Hills congregation; Council of Churches of SA and TropicARE	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Metro Central Region

Week commencing Sunday 5	International Women's Day (1st August); St Andrew's Uniting Church, Uniting Church in the City (Ross Memorial, Trinity and Wesley congregations); Korean Christian Congregation	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Week commencing Sunday 12	South Perth and Victoria Park & District Star Street congregations; Church of Christ in Balcatta and United Church in Papua New Guinea	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Week commencing Sunday 19	Perth & Margaret Sunday; Perth Hills College and Wesley College, Royal Perth Hospital, chaplains; Northern Synod	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Week commencing Sunday 26	Perth Hills College and Wesley College, Royal Perth Hospital, chaplains; Northern Synod	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Synod

Week commencing Sunday 2	2018 Bible of the Synod of Western Australia and the Presbyterians; Business Committee, Church Law Committee, Nominations Committee and Royal Commission Data Group	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Week commencing Sunday 9	Midwest, New Stone Francis, Mt Ophelia, New Ains, Jeffrey, Creek Islands, Chichester Church and Presbyterian; Church of Vancouver; UnitingCare WA Forum	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Week commencing Sunday 16	Ecumenical African Commission, Resources Commission & committees; Uniting Church in Australia Primary Trust (NU) and UnitingWorld WA Commission; Committee for Counseling and the Committee for Discipline	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Week commencing Sunday 23	International Women's Day (1st September); Ecumenical African Commission, Resources Commission & committees; Uniting Church in Australia Primary Trust (NU) and UnitingWorld WA Commission; Committee for Counseling and the Committee for Discipline	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Week commencing Sunday 30	Start of Metro East Region (Canningham, Ferns Lakes and Gnowalla congregations) and Bathering Kesart Institute; Kibbutz Uniting Church and Congregationalist; Christian Church of Samoa	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

For more current prayer points read *News & Notes* (available online at unitingchurchwa.org.au)
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Ministry Resourcing Centre



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.

40 Days With The Holy Spirit, by Jack Levison. A study to keep us “attentive to the scriptural witness to the continuous and critical place of the spirit”, and to the witness the author gives through stories from his own life, to help us “recognise, appreciate, and value God’s ‘breathing’ in us, making God’s presence known”. \$38.95

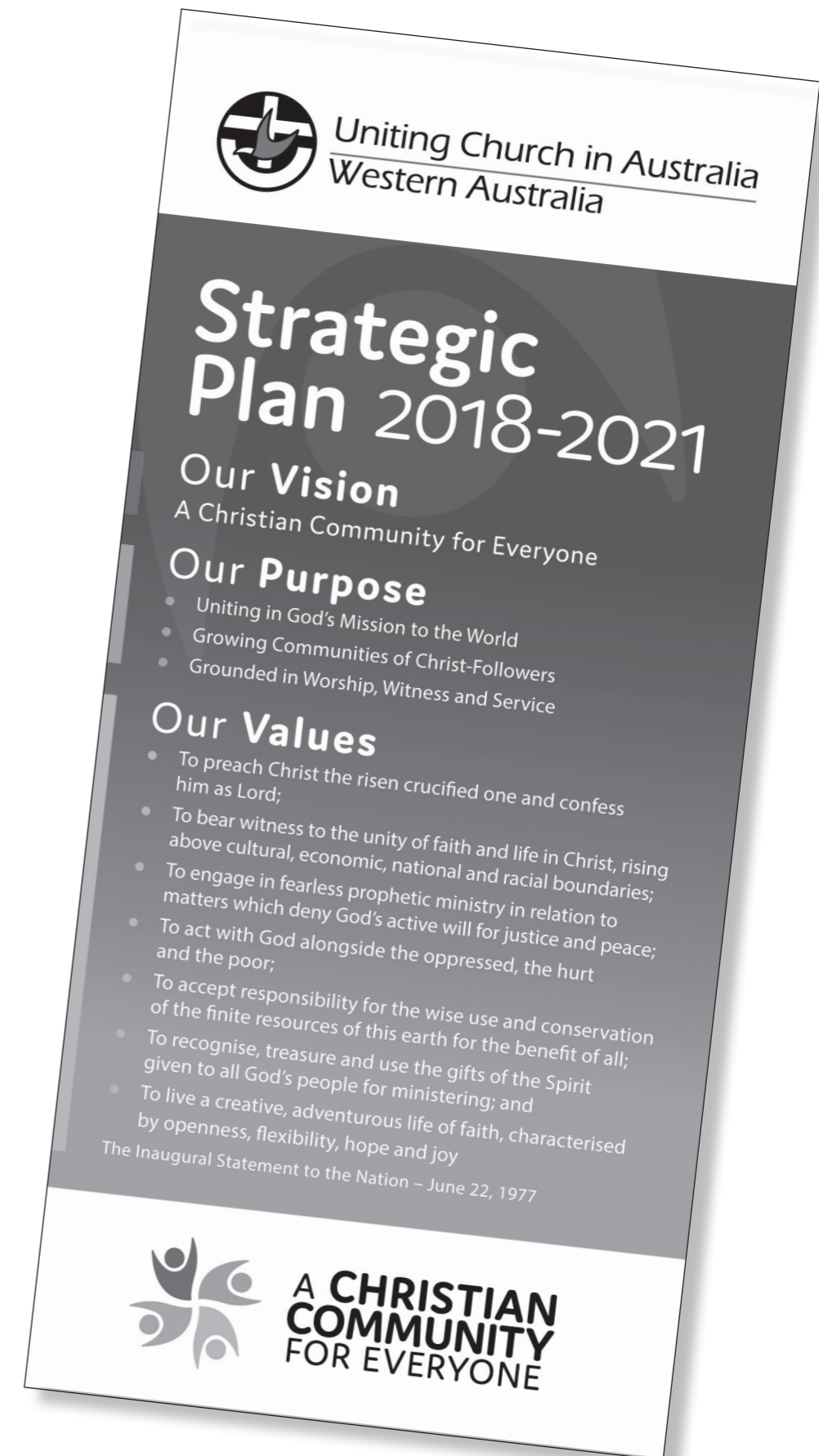
The Artist’s Rule: Nurturing your creative soul with monastic wisdom, by Christine Valters Paintner. A twelve-week journey, or more, for anyone who longs for ways to more deeply integrate their spiritual path and creative longings. \$34.95

The Day The Revolution Began: Reconsidering the meaning of Jesus’ crucifixion, by NT Wright. “Jesus’ first followers saw his crucifixion as something more than the end of one era and the start of another; it was a vital moment not just in human history, but in the entire story of God and the world. They believed that with this one event the one true God had suddenly and dramatically put into operation his plan for the rescue of the world”. \$32.99

Healing Spiritual Wounds: Reconnecting with a loving God after experiencing a hurtful church, by Carol Howard Merritt. Personal experience caused the author to rethink her faith. She could not walk away from it because it where she found her peace, where she met God and she has learned to protect herself with wisdom instead of simple rejection. \$29.99

Best-Loved Parables of Jesus: An Arch book containing six favourites. Since 1965, generations of families have learned Bible stories by reading Arch Books. They are easy to read and understand, they promote Bible literacy and reading skills. Ages 5-9. \$19.95

All plus postage and packing if not picked up in person.



Find out more about the Strategic Plan here unitingchurchwa.org.au/about-us/strategic-plan.

Calendar of Events

For more information on these events visit

unitingchurchwa.org.au/media-events/events

Day/Date	Time	Details
Sunday 1 July		UnitingCare West Founding Day.
Sunday 1–Sunday 8 July		NAIDOC Week.
Monday 2 July		Revive contribution deadline.
Monday 2–Friday 6 July		School of Ministry 'Rethinking Leadership' at Applecross St Stephen's Uniting Church.
Saturday 7 July	10.00am	Rose Pruning Demonstration at Scarborough Uniting Church.
Saturday 7 July	5.00pm	Annual General Meeting of the Uniting Church National History Society at Box Hill Uniting Church.
Saturday 7 July	6.00pm	Public Lecture with Prof Stewart Gill, Master of Queen's College, University of Melbourne on 'Horizon's of Religious History' at Box Hill Uniting Church.
Sunday 8–Saturday 14 July		15th Triennial Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia in Melbourne, Victoria.
Sunday 8 July	10.00am	Celebration of 164 years of worship at Gingin Uniting Church.
Sunday 8 July	4.00–6.00pm	Messy Church at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood Worship Centre.
Tuesday 10 July	10.00am–1.00pm	'The rise and fall of the Christian myth' lecture with Prof Joe Bessler at All Saint's Floreat Uniting Church.
Wednesday 11 July	7.00–9.00pm	'Speaking Christian in a non-Christian World' with Prof Joe Bessler at All Saint's Floreat Uniting Church.
Thursday 12 July	10.00am–1.00pm	'Moving words: How theology can lead us into the future' lecture with Pro Joe Bessler at Wembley Downs Uniting Church.
Tuesday 17 July		Presbytery Standing Committee.
Saturday 21 July	10.00am–3.00pm	Social Justice Commission Forest Forum at Bunbury St Augustine Uniting Church.
Saturday 21 July	9.00am–12noon	Treasure Sale at Maylands Mt Lawley Uniting Church.
Thursday 26 July	10.00am	Australian Church Women WA Fellowship Day Service at St Luke's Anglican Church, Maylands.

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.