

26 Uniting Church Adult Fellowship (UCAF)

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Firstly, I would like to thank the Committee for their faithfulness and work; and in particular Aladina Foster for her support. Thanks also to Anne Holland, our Secretary, who had to retire early this year for health reasons and Gill Muir on the completion of over 10 years on the Committee.

1. UCAF THREE-YEAR PLAN

As reported last year, a plan for 2017 - 2020 was developed. While we have not advanced as far as we had anticipated, we have been delighted with the response to the Synod/UCAF Survey which was sent to all congregations. To date, 53 congregations have responded; the number of activities and variety of groups has provided us with interesting and 'eye opening' information about how our congregations are reaching out to both their members and communities.

2. SYNOD SUPPORT

We appreciate the support of the Synod staff, as well as financial support. The Media and Communications staff publish our quarterly *Newslink* magazine and travel cover through Uniting Church Insurance Services (UCIS).

3. AFFILIATION FEES

Again this year we have not requested an affiliation fee, but encouraged groups to make a donation to assist us to cover expenses. The Synod General Secretary, Rev David de Kock has encouraged us to use our time to get to know and support the various fellowship groups.

4. CONSULTATION

The 13th National Consultation was held in May at Hobart North Uniting Church. It was a time of sharing the activities of both the National and State Committees during 2015 -18. There were times of worship, prayer, celebration, and tributes to those who had died. The Victoria/Tasmania National Committee brought a proposal to restructure the National Committee, given the difficulties Synod Committees are having in forming a national committee for a triennium. This proposal was given high priority on the agenda with much time and work being done by the members to reach a consensus. The restructure will provide for a Committee of up to 15 members, including a

chairperson, secretary, treasurer and chaplain identified for their gifts and talents and two members nominated by each UCAF Synod Committee. The Consultation agreed to establish a Working Group whose task over the next two and half years will be to consult with UCAF Committees and the wider Church, as well as prepare documentation to enable the new structure to be established and operate. This is a huge task for South Australia the newly commissioned National Committee. The Chairperson and the Secretary from the previous National Committee have agreed to continue with the current National Committee to bring this work to the next Consultation in 2021. As an Assembly Committee we were fortunate to have Colleen Geyer, the Assembly General Secretary attend the Consultation and have input to the discussion on the UCAF restructure.

5. WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST AND UNITING CHURCH WOMEN

It was a delight to have Joy Jino from the Solomon Islands, who is President of the South Pacific Area of the Federation (of which Australia is a member) to share with us at our Consultation meeting. Copies of the Federation Magazine 'The Tree of Life' are received by UCAF Committees which brings news of the nine regions of the world which make up the Federation. The South Pacific Area seminar was held in Fiji in July this year; a group from Australia attended and had 'a great celebration'.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We would be pleased to welcome new members to the WA UCAF Committee which meets in the Synod Centre on the first Friday of the month.

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