

NEWS AND NOTES

INCORPORATING **SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS**

Tuesday 28 August, 2018

On the evening of Monday 13 August 2018, Synod Standing Committee (SSC) met and began with devotions led by the Moderator, Rev Steve Francis.

Beananging Kwuurt Institute

SSC appointed General Secretary, Rev David de Kock, Rev Craig Collas and Julie Ridden to meet with the Beananging Kwuurt Institute and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress WA Regional Committee to discuss Beananging Kwuurt Institute's Annual Report and the future.

Uniting Church Western Australia Budget

Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Michael Patchell presented the draft Uniting Church Western Australia budget for the period 1 January to 31 December 2019 to SSC for questions and discussion. Following robust discussion, SSC agreed by consensus to:

- aim for a balanced 2019 budget
- form a subcommittee to examine ways in which the 2019 Synod Budget deficit of nominally \$300,000 can be eliminated
- request Presbytery Standing Committee (PSC) to form a subcommittee to examine ways in which the 2019 Presbytery Budget deficit of nominally \$500,000 can be eliminated
- advise Synod Commissions that unessential air travel and conference attendance is to be curtailed
- request PSC to advise Presbytery Committees that unessential air travel and conference attendance is to be curtailed
- request the CFO to circulate a revised Uniting Church WA 2019 budget for electronic decision by Thursday 30 August and thereafter to prepare the budget for adoption at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia to be held on the weekend of Friday 7 to Sunday 9 September.

Green Church Policies

SSC resolved by consensus to refer the reviewed and amended Green Church Policies: Sustainability and Motor Vehicle Fleet Management; Air Travel; Congregational Sustainable Practice; Sustainable Buildings Policy and Landscaping, as well as the Uniting Church Centre Green Church Policy, to the Social Justice Commission for their consideration. At the SSC Meeting in April, the General

Secretary, Rev David de Kock was instructed to review the Green Church Policies with a view to developing a simple implementation and monitoring plan and to report back to the SSC at this meeting.

Nominating Committee

SSC resolved by consensus to appoint Kristie Young as a member of the Wesley College Council and Marie-Louise Martin as a member of the Methodist Ladies' College Council.

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

SSC resolved by consensus to approve the Uniting Church WA Persons of Concern Policy and Persons of Concern Sample Safety Agreement.

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.

SSC also received a verbal report on the National Redress Scheme and the repeal of aspects of the Statutes of Limitation legislation. It was noted that Western Australian organisations are unable to participate in the National Redress Scheme until State legislation is introduced. In the meantime, the Uniting Church WA will follow the Interim Redress Scheme.

Church Law

SSC resolved by consensus to approve the amended Wesley College Constitution as recommended by the Church Law Committee. The revision is as a result of legislative changes affecting all Uniting Church WA schools and includes the introduction of a more formal manner of layout and numbering.

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 Covenanting Commission.

Congregations

Trevor Thomas from Pinjarra Uniting Church, is requesting old Bible Commentaries that people no longer use. He has a copy of Peake's, MacArthur's and Matthew Henry's commentaries, but would welcome a wider choice. If you're able to help, contact Trevor on 0418 906 843.

Uniting Church in the City (UCIC) invite you to join them for their next special music service on Sunday 16 September, 12noon, at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth, 72 St Georges Terrace. Haydn's 'Mass in Times of Anxiety' will feature pounding rhythms and virtuosic writing for voices and trumpets. A quartet of Australia's top soloists will join forces with Lux et Veritas and Camerata 1685, conducted by Jangoo Chapkhana. Visit perthunitingchurch.com.au/events for more info or contact the UCIC Office on 6103 4222.

Hymnfest will be held on Saturday 27 October, 2.00pm to 3.30pm, at Willetton Uniting Church. The Hymnfest will be based on hymns written by Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith. Rev Stuart Good will be giving guests some biographical information about the Bishop as well as an insight into the hymns.

Presbytery of Western Australia

The Intercultural Next Gen Youth Leadership Course, *Living Between Cultures*, will feature five speakers over five Saturdays, from Saturday 1 September to Saturday 6 October, 5.00 to 7.00pm, at Fremantle Wesley Uniting Church. Cost is \$50. For more info contact Rev Dr Emanuel Audisho on 0459 145 977 or email emanuel.audisho@wa.uca.org.au.

Synod of Western Australia

The Uniting Church WA is requesting to hear your adventurous ideas for the church. Six of the most interesting ideas will be presented to the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Synod of WA. What adventurous ways can the Uniting Church WA move with Christ and the mission of God in the next few years? What exciting thought has been buried in your heart? What is the Holy Spirit saying to you and the church? Submit

your ideas as soon as you can to Justine Woodward at justine.woodward@wa.uca.org.au or for more info call Justine on 9260 9800.

"My prayers are very much focussed on honouring and thanking God for what has happened in my life, acknowledging the way in which the boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places," writes Rev David de Kock, General Secretary of the Uniting Church WA, in his latest blog post. You can read it by visiting unitingchurchwa.org.au/blog/pleasant-places.

In light of the Synod's Green Church Policy, the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia will be a paperless meeting. Members can access and download all Synod meeting documents and information on the Uniting Church WA website or the 2018 Synod meeting app.

Synod App. To download the app visit unitingchurchwa.org.au/blog/wasynod-app. If you experience difficulties with the app, contact Elsa Samuel, Monday to Thursday, at digital.communications@wa.uca.org.au or 9260 9800.

Wesley College and the Organ Society of WA present Rising Stars of the Pipe Organ, a concert featuring young organists. Wesley College is proud to be developing young organists through the Lamont Organ Scholarship. Guest featuring Angela Currie, Musical Director at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth. The concert will be held on Sunday 9 September, 2.00pm. Cost is \$10 with afternoon tea following the concert. Visit trybooking.com/book/event?eid=391178 to book.

From the National Church

In the aftermath of the powerful earthquake that struck the Indonesian island of Lombok, UnitingWorld and the Uniting Church in Australia mourn alongside our Indonesian partners at the tragic loss of life. MBM, the social work foundation of the Protestant Christian Church in Bali is working with other non-government agencies and helping to mobilise volunteers to support the recovery. The Indonesian Communion of Churches is also responding with funds for the rescue and recovery efforts. Our partners are not currently seeking donations from abroad.

Dr Deidre Palmer, President of the Uniting Church in Australia, calls on members and friends of the Uniting Church to help those doing it tough in the drought. You and your congregation can make a real difference. To view her video visit bit.ly/2oifOAL. Register your Great Outback BBQ today at greatoutbackbbq.com.au to help support our Aussie Farmers in the bush.

Dr Deidre Palmer, President of the Uniting Church in Australia, has invited all congregations to pray for the families of the victims and the recovery efforts. Visit unitingworld.org.au/lombok-earthquakes to read more.

Naomi Haslam, from Forest Lakes Uniting Church, shares her thoughts on what we can do in the brand new Uniting Church in Australia Discipling the Next Generations Circle. Visit bit.ly/youtube-naomihaslami to view her thoughts..

Rather than asking people to create an unnecessary carbon footprint, Rev Dr Jason John and his colleagues invite you to attend the online conference 'Hopeful Action for Earth', from the comfort of your own home, on Sunday 23 September. Videos of eco-engaged speakers who share their action and sources of hope can be viewed beforehand. Resources also include plenaries and a Q and A session. This is an initiative of the Uniting Church NSW ACT Uniting Mission and Education. Visit bit.ly/2Lz48Tg for more info.

Dr Deidre Palmer, President of the Uniting Church in Australia, has called on Australians to respond with love, hospitality and inclusion to a surge of anti-immigration rhetoric in Australian public life. Visit bit.ly/2PHvUAp to read more.

Frontier News, August 2018 edition, is now available to read online. *Frontier News* is the quarterly publication of Frontier Services, keeping supporters up to date with stories across remote Australia. Visit bit.ly/frontiernews-aug18 to download your copy.

Hear from Jessica Morthorpe, from UnitingEarth, as she explains why the Uniting Church in Australia Working for Justice Circle of Interest is important to her, in a short video. Visit bit.ly/2MDpvrY to watch it.

UnitingCare and Congregational Community Services

Claerwen Little, National Director of UnitingCare Australia, with colleagues, including Amanda Hunt, CEO of UnitingCare West, spent a week on a listening tour on country with Yolgnu Elders in Arnhem Land. Visit bit.ly/2LvTNaM to read Claerwen's reflection.

The UnitingCare West Annual Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 September, 7.30 to 9.00am, at The Platform Space, Level 3, 256 Adelaide Terrace, Perth. Guest speaking will be Hon Chief Justice Wayne Martin AC. Guests will also have the opportunity to hear about exciting plans for UnitingCare West in 2018/19, including the unveiling of details of their new office space in East Perth; part of their commitment to be present in the lives of those experiencing vulnerability in our community. Visit bit.ly/UCWestapm18 for more info.

Ecumenical and International

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Australia has established a Youth Network. They would love to hear from young people about music activities in their churches and any ideas they have. Join their Facebook group to get involved, search [rscm australia youth network](https://www.facebook.com/rscmaustraliayouthnetwork).

The World Council of Churches' annual World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel is scheduled for Sunday 16– Sunday 23 September this year. Member churches, faith communities and civil society organisations are invited to join in prayer and activities to support a just peace for all in Palestine and Israel. Visit bit.ly/2wtx5L6 to read more.

The Discerning with Wisdom and Wonder Retreat will be held from Sunday 7 to Tuesday 9 October, at the Monastery in South Australia. This is a retreat for both lay and clergy – for all who seek a deeper relationship with God. Speakers include Rev Jenny Tymms and Sharonne Price. The retreat is offered by MediaCom Education Inc, more info can be found by visiting bit.ly/mediacom-retreat.

Community

Reduce poverty and hardship by taking part in an activity organised by others or organise an activity yourself, during Anti-Poverty Week from Sunday 14 to Saturday 20 October. Activities such as conferences, seminars, forums, performances and media events are always great. Invite your local MP or Mayor to attend. Visit antipovertyweek.org.au/ for more info.

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.

Cunnamulla Burke and Wills, QLD

The Presbytery of The Downs, in partnership with Frontier Services, is seeking a person to minister to remote rural and isolated communities in the Cunnamulla Burke and Wills area in south west

Queensland. If you have a passion for ministry with people in the Outback, you will have many opportunities to serve people in the small communities and large properties that are a part of this remote area: Bedourie, Birdsville, Charleville, Cunnamulla, Quilpie, Wyandra. Inquiries from ordained and lay people can be directed to Rev John Case on tdpresb.sec@gmail.com.

Ordained or lay ministry, QLD

The Presbytery of The Downs, QLD, is seeking ordained or lay people to partner and lead with the Maranoa congregations (three based in and around Roma). The placement is currently 0.6. The placement is based in Roma and would suit an active couple or individual who is seeking to express their ministry skills and work with the leadership to sustain current mission initiatives as well as address emerging community needs. Inquiries can be directed to Neil Thorpe, The Downs Presbytery Minister at tdpresb.min@gmail.com or 07 4638 9989.

Prayer Calendar

July 2018

Great Eastern Region

Week commencing Sunday 1	Central Wheatbelt Group (Bencubbin, Kellerberrin, Tammin and Trayning), Dowerin and Kalgoorlie-Boulder congregations United Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress
Week commencing Sunday 8	NAIDOC Week East Avon Group (Cunderdin/Meckering and Quairading congregations) United Church of Zambia and Christian Church in Sumba
Week commencing Sunday 15	Northam, Toodyay and York congregations Formation, Education and Discipleship
Week commencing Sunday 22	Eastern Wheatbelt Group (Merredin, Mukinbudin and Southern Cross congregations) Council of Christians and Jews WA
Week commencing Sunday 29	Wongan Hills congregation Council of Churches of WA and YouthCARE

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Metro Central Region

Week commencing Sunday 5	International Prisoners' Justice Day (10 August) St Andrew's Uniting Church, Uniting Church in the City (Ross Memorial, Trinity) and Wesley congregations
Week commencing Sunday 12	Rowethorpe congregation, UnitingCare West Korean Christian Church in Japan and Uniting Network Prison chaplains, Uniting Church Archives and Uniting Church Centre UnitingWorld and the Education for Ministry Working Group
Week commencing Sunday 19	South Perth and Victoria Park & Districts Star Street congregations Church of Christ in Thailand and United Church in Papua New Guinea
Week commencing Sunday 26	Refugee & Migrant Sunday Penrhos College and Wesley College, Royal Perth Hospital chaplains Northern Synod

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Synod

Week commencing Sunday 2	Father's Day (2 September) Joint Bodies of the Synod of Western Australia and the Presbyteries: Business Committee, Church Law Committee, Nominating Committee and Royal Commission Task Group
Week commencing Sunday 9	Moderator, Rev Steve Francis, his chaplain, Rev Alan Jeffrey, General Secretary, Rev David de Kock and the Synod Standing Committee Cook Islands Christian Church and Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu
Week commencing Sunday 16	Beanangang Kwuurt Institute Board, Ministers Benefits Committee, Placements Commission, Social Justice Commission and UnitingCare WA Forum Earthwise eco-community
Week commencing Sunday 23	International Peace Day (21 September) Ecumenical Affairs Commission, Resources Commission & committees, Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (WA) and UnitingWorld WA Commission Committee for Counselling and the Committee for Discipline
Week commencing Sunday 30	(start of Metro East Region) Cannington, Forest Lakes and Gosnells congregations and Beanangang Kwuurt Institute Kiribati Uniting Church and Congregational Christian Church of Samoa

For more current prayer points read *News & Notes* (available online at unitingchurchwa.org.au)
Enquiries: (08) 9260 9800 or 1300 736 692



Prayer Calendar

For the week commencing Sunday 2 September:

Joint Bodies of the Synod of Western Australia and the Presbytery of Western Australia: Business Committee, Church Law Committee, Nominating Committee and Royal Commission Task Group.

For the week commencing Sunday 9 September:

Moderator, Rev Steve Francis, his chaplain, Rev Alan Jeffrey, General Secretary, Rev David de Kock and the Synod Standing Committee. Please also pray for the Cook Islands Christian Church and Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu.



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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.

***Basis of Union, Constitution and Regulations 2018, Uniting Church in Australia, with Covenanting Statement, Code of Ethics and Manual for Meetings*, published by Uniting Church in Australia Assembly. \$39.00 (also available in CD \$29.00 and Book/CD \$49.00)**

***Abundant Grace Liberating Hope: Fifteenth Assembly worship resource.* Readings, prayers, poems and songs to reflect the theme of the 15th Triennial Assembly Meeting. "This theme invites people's creative interpretation, and the sharing of our own stories of God's abundant grace and liberating hope in the world around them." \$20.95**

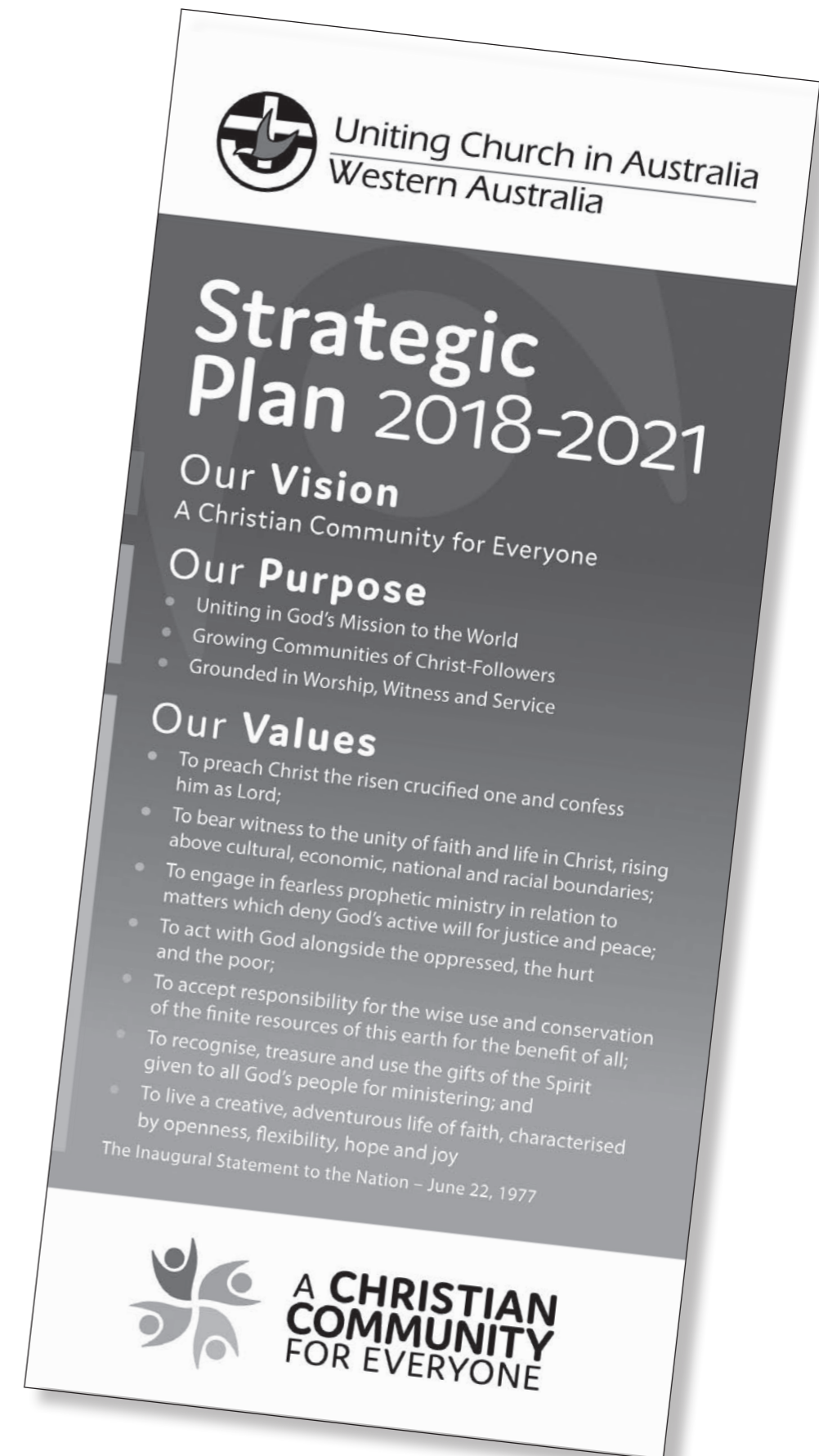
***Cherish The Earth: Reflections on a living planet*, by Mary Low. From the foreword by Kathy Galloway: "It is not too fanciful to imagine the universe as the song of God the Maker [Maker], a joyous outpouring of energy and creativity and wild ordering and continuous exchange. And it is truly a religious instinct to respond to God's song-making with our antiphon of praise. Creation makes worshippers of us". \$29.95**

***Which Way, Lord? Exploring your life's purpose in the journeys of Paul*, by Rob Fuquay. A six-session study resource, which, through looking at the life of Paul, helps participants to examine their own life experiences and through them find their passion and purpose, and encourages a congregation or small group to discover purpose and meaning in life as Christians. \$15.95**

***How to Lead When You're Not in Charge: Leveraging influence when you lack authority* by Clay Scroggins. The author shows 'leaders' the importance of healthy self-leadership, how to choose positivity and think critically, and why great leaders must reject passivity. You don't have to wait for a title or a position to start making a difference. \$29.99**

***Lectionary Story Bible Year C, with the art of Margaret Kyle*, by Ralph Milton. A wealth of Bible stories to share with the whole congregation, featuring positive and life affirming stories that use inclusive language for God; full colour illustrations; at least one, but usually two stories for each Sunday of the church year. \$45.25 Also available: Audio and Art CDs (\$98.95).**

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
All September		Sustainable September.
Saturday 1 September	9.00am–1.00pm	Market Day at Kalamunda Uniting Church.
Saturday 1 September		Intercultural Next Generation Youth Leadership Training at Frematle Wesley Uniting Church.
Monday 3 September		October edition of Revive contribution deadline.
Monday 3 September	9.30am–3.00pm	Safe Church Awareness Workshop at Margaret River Uniting Church.
Friday 7 September		The WA Uniting Church Adult Fellowship (UCAF) Synod Fellowship Day at The Billabong Uniting Church.
Friday 7 September		Code of Ethics Workshop at Mt Lawley Uniting Church.
Friday 7 September	7.00pm	42nd Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia Opening Worship at St Stephen's Applecross Uniting Church.
Saturday 8–Sunday 9 September		42nd Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia at Wesley College.
Sunday 9–Sunday 30 September		Indonesian Multicultural Exhibition at GKI Uniting Church.
Sunday 9 September	2.00pm	Rising Stars of the Pipe Organ in the Wesley College Chapel.
Sunday 9 September		Messy Church at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood Worship Centre.
Tuesday 11 September	10.00am	Spring/Summer Fashion Parade at Kardinya Uniting Church
Tuesday 15 September		Intercultural Next Generation Youth Leadership (continued) Training at Fremantle Wesley Uniting Church.
Saturday 15 September	9.30am–3.30pm	From Patriarchs to the Passover at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church.
Sunday 16–Sunday 23 September		World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel.
Sunday 16 September	12noon	Haydn's "Mass in Times of Anxiety" concert at Trinity Uniting Church.
Monday 17–Friday 21 September		Advanced Supervision Intensive.

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.