



PNEUMA Network

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The PNEUMA (Pastoral Network of Evangelicals Uniting in Mission Action) steering team meets approximately every other month for encouragement and prayer.

PNEUMA was established in 2007 and adopted a “statement of shared convictions”, outlined in its first report to the WA Synod:

Members of PNEUMA are Christians who stand with orthodox believers in all eras who have held the historic creeds. In particular, however, we differ from Christians in some traditions in the emphasis we place on the following commitments, together associated historically with the tradition called ‘Evangelical’.

- 1. The focus of our thought and lifestyle is Jesus Christ, crucified and raised; whom we acknowledge not only as a good man, but as Saviour, Lord and true member of the Trinity.*
- 2. Believing the scriptures to be God-inspired and fully reliable, we take them as our primary authority for what we believe and how to live, and by them we judge other potentially helpful sources of knowledge of God, such as human reason, church tradition, and personal experience; the final touchstone of all interpretation being the recorded words and works of Jesus.*
- 3. Thus we understand from scripture that all individuals need to get right with God, not through good works or social reform which cannot save them, but through a “new birth” by the Holy Spirit and holy living in the Spirit thereafter.*
- 4. We respond to Jesus example and command to be on mission, notably through personal evangelism; but also through social activism on behalf of all creation, with special concern for people suffering pain, injustice or oppression.*

Earlier in 2019, a national network of congregations within the UCA called “Propel Network” (previously “Catalyst Network”) was established with similar values and convictions to Pneuma. Pneuma welcomes this new network and looks forward to working in collaboration with Propel leaders towards their vision of conversion growth, church planting, investment in young leaders and gospel transformation across the UCA. More details can be found at propelnetwork.org.au

Campfire

Every year on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in September over 120 people head to the shores of Lake Yealering to take part in CampFire. With a strong intergenerational focus, CampFire provides a weekend of Christian fellowship, worship, reflection, and relaxation.

The theme for the 2018 CampFire was 'Out of the Box'. Reverend Alison Gilchrist was our guest speaker and led a series of sessions on this theme. Steve McKinnon, coordinator of TEAR WA, challenged the youth on finding their mission, and the children enjoyed learning about perseverance, mercy, and forgiveness in an Egyptian Adventure themed program led by Karen Box.

An important part of CampFIRE is about connecting with each other – young and old, country and city folks, new friends and old acquaintances. Each evening, everyone gathers around campfires throughout the caravan park to relax and share a friendly chat about everything from the trivial to the deeply meaningful.



On Sunday morning, Reverend Mark Illingworth led an all-age worship service exploring Ezekiel 47. In this chapter, we hear the prophecy of a great river flowing east into the Dead Sea, transforming the salty water into fresh. This revitalisation causes "swarms of living creatures" and "fruit trees of all kinds to grow on both banks of the river". We gathered on the shore of Lake Yealering, shared Holy Communion and prayed for the revitalisation of the lake and the renewal of God's people.

CampFire 2019 will be held once more on the beautiful shore of Lake Yealering during the Queen's Birthday long weekend (27th to 30th September 2019). Our speaker this year is Adam Low, Minister at Real Life Christian Church (formerly Logan Uniting Church, Brisbane) and chair of the Propel Network Steering Team.

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