

# Uniting



Presbytery of

# Tasmania



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## Relocation



*Sue Walker and Michelle Cook*

After a couple of weeks of unpacking boxes and becoming experts at putting together flat-pack furniture, staff in Tasmania is becoming well settled in their new office accommodation.

The office has been moved from the former manse in Margaret Street Launceston, following the sale of the Launceston South Uniting Church site, to upstairs in the Pilgrim Uniting Church building at 36 Paterson Street. It means

the Uniting Church has a real hub in the city centre with Pilgrim Uniting, the Launceston office of community services arm - Uniting and the Presbytery office all on the one site, and only one block behind the city's Brisbane St mall.

Office administrator Sue Walker said the move had gone extremely smoothly. The office phone number has not changed but the mailing address is now P.O. Box 1076 Launceston Tas 7250.

For access and background to the move please see page 6.



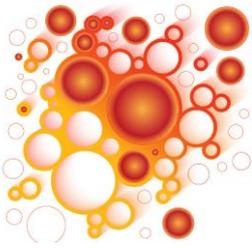
## Presbytery Gathering

9.30am - 3.00pm

Saturday 17 February 2018

at Clarence Uniting Church

# Opportunities



## Re:generations 2018

Exploring Intergenerational ministry and mission  
Launceston Thurs 22 March or Wynyard Fri 23 March

Facilitated by Chris Barnett from the Centre for Theology & Ministry in Melbourne, the day will include multiple engaging, participatory and practical sessions...for further information, see the flyer accompanying to *Uniting Tasmania*.

## Safe Church

9:30 to 12.30pm

South – Tuesday 27 February Kingston Uniting Church

North – Saturday 3 March Longford Uniting Church



**Foundations of Safe Church Awareness** for anyone who has not yet attended a Safe Church session. All leaders are required to attend a Safe Church session each two years.



## Penguin Masters

The Penguin Uniting Church was an "Open Church" for the week of the Australian Masters Games held on the North



West Coast of Tasmania recently. Over 70 persons used the service provided and were indeed appreciative of being able to come and use the church, both as a place of quiet meditation and to see the interior of the National Trust building. To celebrate Masters Games week, the Tasmanian, Australian and Aboriginal flags were hung in the sanctuary where they remained for the special Sunday service during which games competitors were encouraged to enter with the right mental state and to strive to do their best both personally and in their chosen sport.

# Reflection

In San Antonio  
On the borders

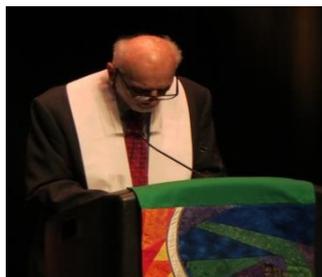
In the shadow  
Of a wall  
Yet to be built  
In the shadows  
Of the walls  
We know  
In the shadows  
Of the walls  
We cannot see  
In the shadows  
Of the walls  
We construct



Trumped by the people's choice  
Trumped by all we cannot control  
Trumped by our own choices

Who are these strangers?  
Jees-us?  
Gard?  
Are they the one  
We know by other names?  
Jesus?  
God?

Are they the one  
Who calls us  
From our comfort?  
Are they the one  
Who drives us  
Into the desert?  
Into the borderland  
Of our heart?  
Into the borderland  
Of our neighbour?  
(cont.)



*In May 2017 I attended the Festival of Homiletics in San Antonio, Texas, USA.*

*The week included much worship, sermonising and singing of a fairly traditional nature and enough input that stretched and flexed the learning muscle in my brain.*

*Rob Bell, Walter Bruggemann, Nadia Bolz-Webber, Brian McLaren, the team from Working Preacher (all pictured) and many more made the thirty minute each way local bus trip from my tent worth the effort.*

*As the reflections to the side indicate it was as much an exercise in extracting another culture from the message and then applying another. The speakers all come from a very different history and culture even when dealing with issues that resonate with our experience.*

*Graham Booth*

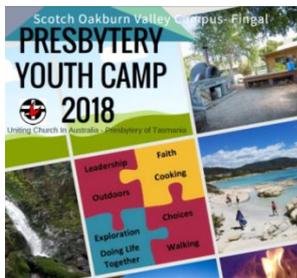


From the Rivercenter(re?)  
To The Mission Trail  
From the Alamo  
To the borderlands at home –  
Lest we forget

Into the alleys  
Between main streets?  
Hiding places  
Onto the concrete walk  
Beside the river?  
Hiding in plain sight

Call us  
Drive us

Into the porous spaces  
Between  
Into the messy places  
Beside  
Following as you go  
Before



## Presbytery Youth Camp

23 – 27 April 2018

Scotch Oakburn College, Fingal Valley Campus

More information coming soon

## Invitation



The Moderator of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, Rev Sharon Hollis, will be in Launceston in February, and taking part in worship at Pilgrim UCA. The occasion for this visit is the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev Allan Thompson as Minister of Word.



You are very warmly invited to attend this special worship celebration, and the morning tea to follow.

**When:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, beginning at 10 a.m.

**Where:** Pilgrim Uniting Church, 36 Paterson Street Launceston.

**Enquiries** to the Pilgrim Office 6331 8466, or Rod Peppiatt on 0419 883 137

## Synod Liaison Minister (Tas) Appointment



At its meeting on 6 December 2017 the Synod Standing Committee resolved to appoint Rohan Pryor to the placement of Synod Liaison Minister (Tasmania) for a five-year term, commencing on 1 April 2018. The Presbytery Standing Committee endorsed this appointment at its meeting on 7 December 2017.

Rohan is currently in the Lay Leadership Educator placement at the Synod's Centre for Theology and Ministry. He has been in this role for six years. Prior to this, Rohan was in roles including: Presbytery Minister: Administration (North East Victoria Presbytery); NCYC 2009 Coordinator; and Synod Information Technology Manager. Rohan has tertiary qualifications in computing science, theology and adult education. He has also exercised leadership within each of the councils of the Church: Church Council, Presbytery, Synod and Assembly, as well as having significant ecumenical involvements. All of this experience and skill development will provide a helpful basis for the Synod Liaison Minister's various responsibilities.

Rohan will be commissioned by the Moderator, Rev Sharon Hollis, as the Synod Liaison Minister (Tasmania) soon after he commences in April.

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## Mapoon Appeal



Members of the Devonport Uniting Church congregation had fun collecting funds towards the Mapoon Appeal for a new church in Mapoon on Queensland's Cape York Peninsula.

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**Launceston Palm Sunday Walk** is being planned for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of March. It will begin with a byo picnic in Princes Square at 12.30pm and conclude about 3.00pm in City Park. This is a positive community walk and joyful celebration, not a protest march and rally. Further information can be obtained from Jeff McKinnon of City Baptist at [jeff@citybaptistchurch.net](mailto:jeff@citybaptistchurch.net).

# Relocation (Cont.)

## Background to Office Relocation

As indicated in the November edition of *UnitingTas* the sale of the Margaret/Balfour Street property and a consequent search of options required removal of the UCA Tasmania Office to the Pilgrim site in the centre of Launceston.

## How to Access the Office

The UCA Tasmania office can be accessed from Paterson Street by the laneway that serves Pilgrim Child Care Centre and Maggie's Café. The Pilgrim Church Office sign as pictured to the left will be relocated and replaced with ordered signage to indicate access to the UCA Tasmania office. From that point it is a short journey upstairs to the new office with the same welcoming personnel accommodated in a new format.



One downside of the new location is the lack of free parking. Those with mobility issues who have an appointment may be able to negotiate access to a small number of free spaces, please contact Sue/Bronwyn in advance.



Metered street parking and a CarePark opposite is available and the Launceston City Council have two multi storey car parks in Paterson Street.

There are plans to make the stairway more accessible and other meeting options for those who find them a barrier, particularly if arranged in advance.

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That

■ **“Faith in Action: Together we Change the World”**.is the theme for Uniting World’s Lent Event **2018** is Posted materials and additional web based materials at [www.lentevent.com](http://www.lentevent.com) will be available free of charge. These materials are intended to encourage us to put faith into action to champion rights for women, overcome poverty and stand by our Pacific neighbours in their fight to save their homes. If you have any questions please email [info@unitingworld.org.au](mailto:info@unitingworld.org.au) or call 02 8267 4267.

- Beth Vellecoop of the **King Island congregation** has a good problem. She needs ten to fifteen more copies of the Together in Song hymn book to cope with a growing congregation. If you have any to spare you can contact her on 64631183. King Island are happy to cover the postage costs.
- In 2018 **the Moderator**, Rev Sharon Hollis, would like to engage more in the mission areas of the wider church. Traditionally the Moderator is invited to share in Sunday worship, but she would really like to share in the week day activities of congregations, agencies, etc. If you know of places in your Presbytery that might like to host the Moderator mid-week to share their activities with her, please let them know that invitations will be received warmly by phone or email. T **(03) 9251 5216** | f **(03) 9650 7019** e [Debra.Penaluna@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:Debra.Penaluna@victas.uca.org.au)

## Praying for the Presbytery

### This month please remember in your prayers:

- Rohan Pryor as he prepares to take on the role of Synod Liaison Minister (Tas) from April
- Rev Allan Thompson as he celebrates the landmark of 50 years of ordination and all that entails.
- The Presbytery Ministers as they continue to balance expectations with available time and energy.

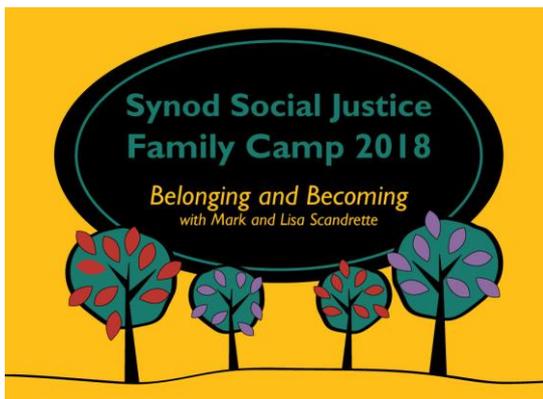
## what's on

### February

Thur	1	10.00am	Presbytery Standing Committee, Launceston
Fri	9	12 noon	Official Opening of the Tas Presbytery Office by Rev Sharon Hollis (Moderator, Synod of Vic/Tas)
Sun	11	10.00am	Celebration of 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination of Rev Allan Thompson at Pilgrim UCA
Sat	17	9.30am	Presbytery Gathering - Clarence UCA
Tues	20	9.30am	Pastoral Relations Committee, Launceston
Mon	26	12.00pm	Resources and Development Committee, Launceston
Thur	27	9.30am -12.30pm	Safe Church – Kingston UC

### March

Sat	3	9.30am – 12.30pm	Safe Church – Longford UC
Thur	15	10.00am	Presbytery Standing Committee, Launceston
Tues	20	9.30am	Pastoral Relations Committee, Launceston
Mon	26	12.00pm	Resources and Development Committee, Launceston



### Fri-Mon 9-12 March 2018: Synod Social Justice Family Camp

[Mt Morton Camp & Conference Centre](#),  
Fairmont Ave, Belgrave Heights

Join the annual Synod family camp network, a dispersed community of faith-full families diving deep

*What are the practices and approaches that will help us to be strong, enriched families where each member is loved and supported to become all that they were made to be, and enabled to thrive?*

6pm Friday 9 March - 1pm Monday 12 March 2018: [download the promo flyer](#) or [register online now!](#)

Is there a couple, family or intergenerational group interested in applying for a grant to explore the ideas developed at this camp in order to apply them in their local context?

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