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Uniting Church in Australia Presbytery of Tasmania

## Refresh: Building Consensus, Managing Conflict

Presented by Rev Terence Corkin, ex General Secretary UCA Assembly



9.30am—4.30pm

Saturday 6 April

Scotch Oakburn College,  
85 Penquite Road,  
Norwood

**What:** A day to equip, strengthen and resource church councils in their decision making processes and management of conflict.

**Who:** Terence Corkin is an ordained minister in the Uniting Church in Australia who served for 15 years as the Assembly's General Secretary, and author of the book "[The Church Guide For Making Decisions Together](http://makingchurchdecisions.com)". Terence will share his experiences and insights in leading churches through decision making processes, moments of conflicts, and change to better practice being God's people in a world that is very different to 20 years ago. He will equip churches with skills and resources to conduct business, and take on their responsibilities in leadership with integrity and respectful valuing of all. More @ <http://makingchurchdecisions.com>

**Who For:** ★ Church Leaders                      ★ Elders/Church Councils  
                  ★ Worship Leaders                   ★ Ministers & Ministry Workers

**Cost:** \$35 includes a great speaker plus morning & afternoon tea and lunch!

# Opportunities

## Code of Ethics / Safe Church

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Claremont UCA

Code of Ethics 9.30am-12.30pm

Safe Church 1.00pm – 4.00pm



**Safe Church Training** is for anyone who has not yet attended a Safe Church session or one since June 2017. All those in designated leadership positions are **required to attend** and others with Working With Vulnerable People cards / registration are **encouraged to attend**.



## Presbytery of Tasmania Grants

Grants are available in three areas: Innovative Ministry, Education and Training and Children, Youth, Young Adults and Family Ministry. A booklet outlining the grants processes and the grants used during 2018 is available from the Tasmanian Office.



## Next Presbytery Gathering

9.45am Saturday 1 June 2019  
Scotch Oakburn College, Launceston

## Worship workshop sessions

Rev Brian Cole and Rev Fee Morrison are organising worship training sessions for anyone interested but particularly for those who lead worship. They will be held on 4 May at Burnie UC, and 11, 18 & 25 May at Penguin UC 9.30am – 12.30pm



# Reflection

## “Spirituality in a Changing World”

A few weeks ago I was privileged, along with some 60 others, to attend a day with Padraig O’Tuama, “Spirituality in a Changing World”. Padraig’s soft Irish accent was good listening – and memorably, I stayed awake, even after lunch!

There were many memorable moments during the day, as we were encouraged through scripture, poetry and sharing to grow in ways that connected our relationship with God and our relationships with others – our life in a world of change.

Towards the end of the day we spent time writing **collects**. A collect is a prayer with a single focus, and a clear structure:

1. Name God;
2. Say something more about God;
3. Name your request;
4. Explore the “because” of your request;
5. A “little bird” of praise.

We were invited to write our own collect. I reflected on hospitality – on the One we have come to know as a welcoming, hospitable God, on our responsibility as followers of Jesus to be hospitable to others, and on the spiritual gift of hospitality.

*This is my collect:*

*Welcoming God  
who holds an open door  
and an open table,  
may our door be open  
to friends and to strangers -  
our table extendable to include all,  
just as you have made space for us  
In your house  
at your table -  
forever welcomed by Jesus.  
Amen*

*David Reeve  
Hobart North*

**SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2019**

## **LAUNCESTON PALM SUNDAY WALK**

The Launceston Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees is on again in 2019 – and **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

This is being organised by local churches in liaison with unions, MRC North and community groups. Your group is invited to walk with us. Wear your t-shirt, carry your banners!

Keep off shore detention a 2019 election issue

BYO picnic from 12.30pm

Information Jeff McKinnon 0403 310 501

Departs Princes Square 2.00pm sharp

Celebration in City Park from 2.30pm



## **Autumn Wonderings**

A Spiritual Retreat to be held at Woodbridge Uniting Church Hall

10am - 3.00 pm Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Lead by Rev Rosalind Terry

Come and enjoy a time of sharing and discussion

Free light lunch provided

Bookings ph 0412 126



### **Vale Rev Max Stansall**

It is with much sadness that we advise you that Rev Max Stansall died 13 March 2019. Max was ordained in 1957 and served the Methodist and then Uniting Church for over 60 years, including ministry at Burnie, Wesley Hobart and Kingston, as well as Chairman of the Methodist District of Tasmania pre-union, and the second Moderator of the former Uniting Church Synod of Tasmania.

## Touched by the Cross

At Easter, it has become a tradition, for the Combined Churches in the Kentish District to gather together under three large crosses in the grounds of the Sheffield Uniting Church, on the corner of Main and Henry Streets. The three crosses are now recognised as a reminder of the Easter message, and a symbol of how our differences can be put aside. It is inspiring to see regular worshipers, and many other locals who are *Touched by the Cross* at Easter, moved to hear the good news of Jesus' love for every one of us, which is the basis of the Easter message. Easter coincides with Mural Fest, so we also share the message with many visitors.

This year, *Touched by the Cross*, is using different venue. **Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services will in the SHEFFIELD TOWN HALL at 9.30 am.**

- **Good Friday Service will be led by Tim Dyer, and Andrew Blake will be the speaker.**

Buns, coffee and tea will be available after the service.

The combined service will be followed by the **Stations of the Cross Service** at the Sheffield Catholic Church in Main Street from 11:00am to 12:00 noon.

- **Easter Sunday Service will be led by Debbie Baldock and Bruce French will be the speaker.**

Buns, coffee and tea will be available after the service.

### **An Easter Program for Kids**

Running from 3 pm on Easter Saturday, in the Uniting Church Hall, there will be an Easter Kids' Program, for children of all ages. Please note, children need to be accompanied by an adult.

There will be crafts, activities and games, a story time, and the opportunity to hunt for an egg! Participants are also invited to join in with a community BBQ from 5pm at the same location. For information about the kids' program contact Nicole Meijer Ph: 0439 468 070.

***We warmly welcome everyone to attend to be Touched by the Cross.***

*For more information please contact Jim Spinks 0428 131 943*

# Social Justice

The Uniting Church's Justice Unit offers training for church and non-church groups, on the following:

- **Community organising:** The heart of community organizing lies in individuals working together to address issues that affect their daily lives and build community power. At its core, community organizing means the involvement of the community in identifying problems and in the process of solving those problems; and directly addressing existing relations of power by those affected by the policies and structures of power.
- **Campaign Strategy:** How to plan for an informed pathway towards reaching a social justice goal. Learn how to differentiate between tactics, targets and messages. Learn how other NGOs do it, and how you and your group can do this too.
- **Capacity building in social justice:** a more tailored training session that meets your congregations needs. First there is an assessment of existing social justice groups in your congregation, then we plan what would be best to workshop together.
- **Engaging with local members of parliament (and other leaders) in an effective way:** Sometimes we want to meet with our local member but we are not sure exactly how to go about it. Or we have done it and walked away feeling like we were not heard. Learn some effective skills in negotiating and engaging with power holders.

**In the lead up to the election we are offering the following:**

- **Candidates' Debates:** See flyer and *This 'n That* (p10) for more information about the Bass Candidates Forum.
- **Uniting For Refugees:** a meeting where issues around Refugees and Asylum Seekers are discussed. It is also an opportunity for collaborating with service providers and understanding the policy goals of other NGOs.
- **Training on the Asylum Seeker and Refugee issue:** could be an addition to the Uniting for Refugees meeting, but with a specific focus on advocacy skills for this issue. Workshop style gathering.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Denisse Sandoval, social justice advocate: [denisse.sandoval@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:denisse.sandoval@victas.uca.org.au), (03) 9340 8812.



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## ECUMENICAL AWARDS 2019

In order to draw the attention of our Synod and congregations to ecumenical developments and projects that are occurring within our congregations, agencies and presbyteries, Ecumenical Awards are presented at the meeting of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

The purpose of the Ecumenical Award is to recognize the ecumenical initiatives, projects and practices of individual church members and of congregations, faith communities, schools or agencies. We wish to encourage recent initiatives, as well as long-standing projects. It is hoped that these awards will stimulate and encourage ecumenical endeavours between churches at a local level.

**The award of \$500 is for an ecumenical project or event initiated by a local Uniting Church member, congregation, faith community, school or agency.**

Nominations for the Awards need to be submitted by Friday 24th May 2019. We would prefer entries to be submitted electronically but these can be

supported by additional material in hard copy. Finalists will be invited to the July 2019 Synod meeting, where the winner will be announced.



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### Lenten Offering 2019

The Lenten Offering is conducted during Lent and Easter at a time of reflection, renewal and recommitment. The 2019 Lenten offering will support the following projects:

- Ecumenical Accompaniment Program International;
- Homework Hub Pakenham Officer Melbourne Metro;
- Migrant Women's Music and Language Project, Tasmania;
- Benalla Central Community Garden Regional Victoria.

Enquiries: Ian Cayzer  
0409 860 427  
ianrcayzer@hotmail.com  
Gavin Faichney 9807 0236  
gwif44@gmail.com

Please contact the Tasmanian Office for the Statement of Criteria if you are interested in applying.



## Leadership Formation

Do you sometimes get the sense that God is up to something? We see glimpses of transformative love in action, of subtle changes taking place in somebody's life, or they start telling their story differently. We see glimpses of something deeper taking place, reflective, contemplative. We take time for ourselves to grow in who we are as God's people. We take time to grow as called people, doing ordinary things in our world, where there is so much hurt.

Where might this time take you? How does God journey with you in your life? What are the challenges you face? How does God challenge you to be the best that you can be for sake of the Kingdom of Heaven?

I have had the privilege of a song being shared as a result of this kind of contemplation and giving over of oneself to the love of God. In this time of Lent where give intentional time to who we are in our brokenness, when we intentionally face again the challenge of the Easter story - death and resurrection, God's activity of love in the world for all of creation, we can find ways to express who God is for us.

This song is offered as a gift. Some of you may like to use it in your worship spaces. Some of you may like to just sit with the words. Some of you may find it challenging simply because of where you are in your faith journey. Some of you may like to let it stimulate a photographic journey, an art journey, a personal journalling journey - or a blog journey.

The song as gift from one of our own, comes as a witness to God at work in our lives. Comes from a depth of faithful living. Where is God inspiring you? How is God inspiring you? What do you do with that? How might it enable another to grow in their faith?

*If you would like Denise to visit your congregation, to listen and share around leadership formation, contact us via the Presbytery Office 6331 9784 or Denise 0427 647 395 or [denise.savage@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:denise.savage@victas.uca.org.au).*

## The Early Morn

While I stood there among the crowd  
I felt ashamed I could not watch  
My loving God what hast thou done  
they pierced his side, his blood was spilt  
Then darkness came I shook in fear  
My heart was torn what have they done  
with a loud cry His time had come  
He bled for me at Calvary  
Is this man God I heard them say  
King of the Jews come save yourself  
What would I do my hope was gone  
He said to me 'Come follow me'  
Then on that day that early morn  
the stone was gone, where was my God  
What joy I have my heart is warmed  
My Saviour lives, He lives once more

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Tune (AHB 258) When I survey the wondrous cross

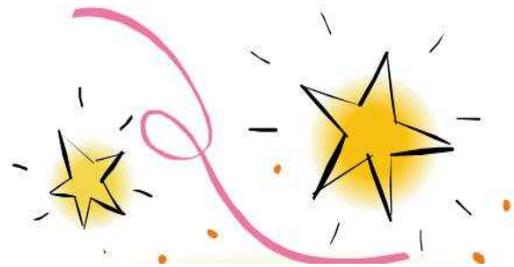
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## Congratulations Alison!



Alison Overeem will be known to many of you; she has been the Centre Manager at *Leprena*, the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (Tasmania) since 2013 and has been an enthusiastic participant in the *Renewing the Covenant* and *Walking Together* groups in the Synod. Now Alison's passions and achievements have been recognised by her induction into the ***Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women***.

Hearty congratulations to Alison! You can read more about Alison's work [here](#)



# This 'n That

■ **JIM** (Justice & International Mission) News. See: [https:// www.victas.uca.org.au/getinvolved/ Social-Justice/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.victas.uca.org.au/getinvolved/Social-Justice/Pages/default.aspx)

■ **Assembly National Update** available at <https://assembly.uca.org.au/>

■ **Presbytery Tasmania website:** <https://ucatas.org.au/>

- Scots-Memorial has upgraded the fridge in their office area and have a **fridge to give away** in good condition. Contact Scots-Memorial Office 62314498.
- Glenorchy congregation have copies of **AHB (Australian Hymn Book)** to give away. Marilyn on 0418 123 530 or [marilyn.goninon@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.goninon@gmail.com)
- Emily Gibbs from the Australian War Memorial is interested in documenting the number and type of **war relics, commissions and war memorials in places of worship** in Australia. To contact email [manning.gibbs@gmail.com](mailto:manning.gibbs@gmail.com)
- Symbiosis is hosting an amazing FREE opportunity to meet with **Sahadat Sarwar, Disability Resource Officer for Symbiosis in Bangladesh**. Sahadat will be at **City Baptist Church (11 Frederick Street)** at **2.30pm-4pm on Sunday 31 March**. Bangladeshi snacks and a quiz will add to the afternoon, along with colourful rickshaw rides in Princes Square (over the road) from 2pm. To RSVP or to find out more, contact Jeff McClintock 0490 352 588; [jeff@symbiosis-int.org](mailto:jeff@symbiosis-int.org) To learn more about Symbiosis, go to [www.symbiosis.org.au](http://www.symbiosis.org.au)
- **Bass Candidates Forum 2019** Given the forthcoming federal election, a candidates' forum focusing on Australian Aid, refugees and climate change is being organised in Launceston for Tuesday 9 April in the Horton auditorium at Scotch Oakburn College. Mark Zirnsak from Synod will be on the panel. See attached flyer for more info.



# Praying for the Presbytery

This month please remember  
in your prayers:

- Thanks for the recognition of the work of Alison Overeem
- For those preparing to lead and learn at *Refresh*
- Thanks for the open door and the open table offered by God for us to model to everyone around us
- For communities exploring faith and kingdom life together

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## Kids Camp Out Organising Team

Kids Camp Out (also known as KUCA camp out) is looking for new people to join the organising team. We are looking for people who want to create an opportunity for children to experience Christian community, explore the bible in multi-sensory and age-appropriate ways and experience creation.

As a member of the organising team, there is opportunity to take leadership for one specific organisational area (music & worship; craft; catering support; evening program; sporting activities; tents/logistical support etc.). Anthea Maynard provides coaching, coordination and support.

Kids camp out details: Sat 28 – Sun 29 September 2019, Fingal Valley Campus of Scotch Oakburn College

Additional details: To join the team, the normal Keeping Children Safe volunteer application process is required. Prior to camp we have one face to face meeting (half day) + three 1 hour video conference meetings.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Anthea Maynard 0434 337 023 or [anthea.maynard@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:anthea.maynard@victas.uca.org.au).

## what's On

### April

- Sat 6 9.30am Refresh at Scotch Oakburn College, Launceston  
on **Building Consensus, Managing Conflict** with Rev Terence Corkin  
Tues 9 9.30am Code of Ethics, Claremont UCA  
Tues 9 1.00pm Safe Church, Claremont UCA

### May

- Thur 16 10.00am Presbytery Standing Committee  
Mon 27 11.00am Resource & Development Committee  
Fri 31 9.30am Pastoral Relations Committee

### July

- Fri 5 to Tues 9 Synod Meeting, Melbourne

Please check our Presbytery Calendar of events on the [Presbytery website](#)



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