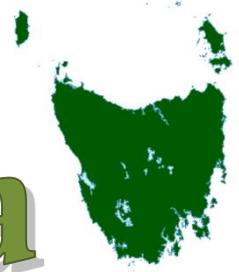


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Presbytery Minister Mission Development

The Uniting Church Presbytery of Tasmania is delighted to announce that **Rev Hoon You** has accepted the call of the Uniting Church to the role of Presbytery Minister for Mission Development, formally commencing on 1 July 2019. This call was made after prayerful consideration by members of the Presbytery, following a report from the Joint Nominating Committee noting Hoon's gifts and graces for ministry, personal skills and abilities, and ministerial experience and qualifications.



Hoon comes to Tasmania with a deep personal spirituality and faith, a range of ministry placement experiences including rural, urban and university chaplaincy, collaborative work in teams and committees, and participation in leadership roles for mission development and strategic planning. Hoon has a passion for the mission of the Church and is keen to help people grow in faith and active discipleship, and is committed to assisting congregations in discerning God's call to transformation.

In the role of Presbytery Minister - Mission Development for the Uniting Church across Tasmania, Hoon will be responsible for facilitating missional approaches and networks, and assisting churches to discern, develop and implement missional priorities. Hoon will be the key contact person for mission development including property applications, the Presbytery grants program and Synod grant applications, and will be the key link with the Synod's new *equipping Leadership for Mission* (eLM) unit, based at the Centre for Theology and Ministry, Parkville.

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Next Presbytery Gathering

9.45am Saturday 1 June 2019
Scotch Oakburn College, Launceston

Code of Ethics / Safe Church

Tuesday 3 September – Longford UCA

Saturday 21 September – Glenorchy UC

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**.

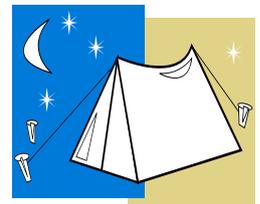


Presbytery of Tasmania Grants

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.

KIDS CAMPOUT 2019

28 — 29 SEPT 2019 SCOTCH OAKBURN COLLEGE
VALLEY CAMPUS,



who can come? children in grades 3 – 6

what happens? great fun and activities, games, craft, singing, stilts

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Hoon and Hee-Seung (Hannah) Kook have three children: Joon (20), Sarah (15) and Issac (9). The family plan to move to Launceston during the mid-year holidays and Hoon is looking forward to joining the Presbytery team and contributing to the worship, witness and service of the Uniting Church across Tasmania.

Reflection

A Church Sledging in Stowport or A Brief History of the Stowport Church



The Stowport Church was first built in 1891 on a different location by early pioneer Christians, including Robert Rutherford Snr. who has been termed "the Old Man of Stowport" for his pioneering escapades. His Bible is today held in esteem at the Burnie Museum and dates back to 1856.

There are photos of the Bible and articles for each family discussed on display. In 1919, 100 years ago, the church was moved to this site by sledge and bullocks, an enormous task for people of the early era. The cost of removal and re-erection was £150 and the opportunity was given for the community to place a donation on the foundation stone. The amount received was £40.

The men with the vision for this church were William Rutherford, Robert Scott Rutherford, Samuel Thomas Marsden, Thomas Vertigan Atkinson and Leonard Ling.

William Rutherford is recorded as an ardent follower of the Methodist Church all his life and gave the land for this church and the tennis court with a covenant on the tennis court that no tennis was to be played on Sunday. He was also a trustee of the hall.

Robert Scott Rutherford is said to have been a man of sterling qualities and for over 50 years been a loyal and enthusiastic worker in the church. He was a faithful Christian gentleman with a simple faith and the Emu Bay Times says, "His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a MAN'." His memorial says, "His influence lives" - members of his family still attend this church today.



Thomas Vertigan Atkinson was a keen follower of Christ and a top sportsman who enjoyed playing cricket (typical Atkinson). He also enjoyed agricultural shows and was a strong church attender.

Margaret Chalk (nee Atkinson), ninety years old and still following Christ today, states in a letter that she was confirmed in the church and remembers walking to Sunday School with Mr Ling, the Sunday School Superintendent, as Sunday School was at 2.00pm, an hour before the service. She recalls, "Mr and Mrs Ling were dear people and I would go in and wait for Mr. Ling to be ready. When we got to the door Mrs Ling would always say, 'Have you got your hanky, have you got your collection, have you got your peppermint?' I noticed he had very shiny black boots and a moustache that was well waxed and turned up at the corners. This really intrigued me. As stated on his memorial, 'They serve Him day and night' is a fitting remembrance because community activities happened here. It was the life of the community with anniversaries and prize giving; fairs and carnivals including chopping, running races on the oval followed by a harvest festival; and in the evenings Burnie people would provide a concert with supper following. Picnics were at South Burnie Beach with activities so designed that every child won a prize and lollies.

George and Emma Elphinstone were staunch Methodists. George did the collection while Emma played the organ and took Holy Communion. Emma also ran the end of the year church concerts, including sewing costumes. She taught the children to dance and sing. What a strong foundation to build upon.

Samuel Thomas Marsden was a well-respected pioneer of Tasmania. He was a very hard worker, clearing land for pastoralists and putting all his earnings into the land. He was a man of strength and grit who toiled hard and experienced hardship, but with a resolute heart and a smiling face he battled the wilderness. He bought a property from WH Atkinson in Glance Creek Road and turned it into a vegetable Garden of Eden. For fifty years he was connected to the church and was held in such esteem that in 1919 he laid the foundation stone. "Millions have gone to their rest but none ever hammered out in human soul a more honourable life than ST Marsden."

Leonard Ling was very active in the church and also the local representative on the Burnie City Council. He was active in the Christian Endeavour Movement establishing the Wesley Guild at Stowport that had an attendance of fifty young people. He was a trustee for 23yrs.

In this church children were important as frequently the children out numbered the adult congregation, which saw some outstanding efforts from ministry to engage children in the first part of the service.

Sunday School was fun and anniversary was enjoyable with children, singing and prize giving. We supported the Bible Society and were frequent riders in the Bike for Bibles. Pancake Days and milestone birthdays were yum. We had confirmations, and even liturgical dancers, performed in Lyn Templar's production "Fill Up Your Life" and loved Kid's Camp Out. Yes we were a family.

The Time Capsule buried 22years ago and retrieved today carries the most beautiful message I wish to conclude with, **"Being part of a family is like having a long chain of LOVE that goes from one generation to the next"**

God bless all the generations & surround us today with His Love for each other.



Christine Atkinson, with help from Ron Rutherford, notes & information provided from Leonie Bramich, Neil Atkinson & Betty Brown. Pictures provided by Brian Cole from a Sunday 17th March celebration marking the centenary of the sledging of the church.

WHAT STOWPORT DOES NOW

The congregation gathers for worship twice a month in this church – currently numbering 5 – uses this building as a launching pad into our community.

Since the shop and post office over the road closed some 11 years ago, we have been hosting a weekly morning tea where those in the community are welcome to a time of sharing and caring, eating and talking – and laughter – something we seem to do at Stowport without much effort!

This gathering subsequently spawned a craft group that meets weekly and together with them, supported by the Natone School Parent and Friends, we host a BIG Morning Tea mid-year that over 100 folk attend, a community Christmas luncheon in early December whereby we honour those in our community over the age of 80 with a complimentary meal, and, of course, our community Christmas Carol service on Christmas Eve.

We financially support those causes close to our heart – last year it was MNS Research, Buy a Bale, Drought Angels, and Frontier Services.

Our small congregation worships at our local Aged Care Home – Umina Park monthly to support and connect with those who were part of our congregation but are not able to venture forth anymore. We also join with congregation worship at Mount Street in Burnie on a monthly basis.

In stepping outside our church, we have discovered our diversity as a gift and opportunity that it is. To paraphrase Bradon French, our Synod's Intergenerational Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, perhaps it's not lost people who need to return to the church, but a lost church that needs to return to the people in its community.

We recognise that we humans are social creatures – with an innate need to connect and belong. With God's Grace, Stowport's future lies in being a space for that to happen, a place of love and acceptance, where we help one another uncover the best versions of ourselves.

Sue Johnson

Synod eNews

Synod eNews is an electronic newsletter intended for anyone interested in what's happening in the Synod. Please contact David Southwell, Media Communications Officer, Communications and Media Services, (03) 9251 5968 David.Southwell@victas.uca.org.au if you wish to be added to the emailing list.

Opportunities: Children and Families Ministry

Children & Families Ministry: Core Issues - July 11-13, 15-17

@ the Centre for Theology and Ministry, Melbourne

Offered as part of **Australia's only** dedicated Children & Families Ministry Award (ie. the Graduate Certificate in Children & Families Ministry), this University of Divinity intensive unit (July 11-13, 15-17) is an excellent professional development opportunity for **ministers, pastors, chaplains** and those employed or deeply engaged in ministry with children and their families. Areas explored include the theological, developmental and methodological resources for contextual children and families ministries across the spectrum of Australian church based, community based and para-church expressions. Addressing the theology, spirituality and sociology of the child in relation to family, church, faith, culture, technology, history and philosophical discourse, the unit develops critical skills for evaluating and designing robust, contextual processes for discipleship, pastoral care, safe practice, mission and leadership with families. **For more information** e-mail chris.barnett@ctm.uca.edu.au or erlinda.loverseed@pilgrim.edu.au.

Nb. The intensive format makes participation more possible (compared to a weekly unit) for those outside Victoria. In addition, affordable on-site accommodation (for those that book early) is available at Maclean House.

Stories of Childhood – Playgroup/Pre-school Ministry Training Day Saturday June 22 @ CTM Parkville, Melbourne

The annual **Stories of Childhood Playgroup/Pre-school Training Day**, taking place in **Parkville** on **Saturday June 22**, is a great opportunity for **any** church engaged in ministry with young families. For ministers, pastors, leaders and team members involved in activities such as Playgroup, pre-school music programs and Sunday morning activities, **Stories of Childhood** will assist **you and your church** in connecting more deeply with the children and their carers you are called to serve. Excellent electives on offer across the day include...

- Making music meaningful
- Using puppets with purpose
- Creative craft that communicates
- Inclusion and engagement for all abilities (continued on next page)
- Identifying and responding to family violence
- Pathways from playgroup to congregation
- Safe conversations

More information and Registration: [Stories of Childhood 2019](#)

(<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/storiesofchildhood2019/info/>), or flyer [available here](#)

Workshops available at Leprena



Lifeline and DV-alert are offering a presentation at Leprena for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander men on Thursday 6 June 2019 from 9am – 1pm.

Brothers Standing Tall

Family Violence Awareness Session for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Men

Brothers Standing Tall provides a space for Aboriginal Men & Torres Strait Islander Men to:

- *Learn and talk about family violence and its impact on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Families*
- *Start reflecting on what they can do to prevent family violence in their community*

Who is eligible to attend: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Men from the minimum age of 16 years old who:

- *Are community-minded*
- *See themselves as having the potential to be a role model in the community*

Lifeline and DV-alert are also offering a two day workshop at Leprena for workers or volunteers in a health, allied health, community, higher education, childcare frontline capacity supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities on 3rd and 4th June from 9am – 5pm.

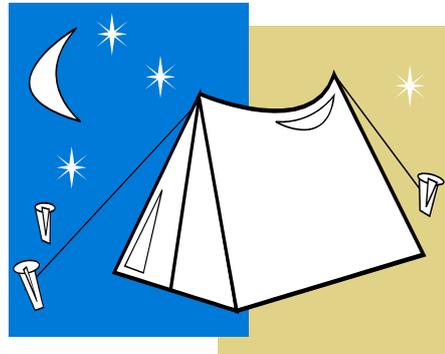
Lifeline is committed to raising the awareness of domestic and family violence. Lifeline Tasmania's DV-alert is a FREE nationally recognised program that enables frontline workers to confidently:

- **RECOGNISE** signs of domestic and family violence
- **RESPOND** with appropriate care
- **REFER** people experiencing or at risk of domestic and family violence to appropriate services.

Contact dvalert.org.au training@lifelinetasmania.org.au or 6282 1553 for more information or to make a booking

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.

This 'n That

■ **JIM** (Justice & International Mission) News. See: <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/>

■ **National Sorry Day** is on the 26th May

■ **Local congregation leaders** – in May look out for:

- insurance premiums are sent out from Synod to congregations
- online church surveys
 - *Heartbeat of the church* for Church Council secretaries
 - Treasurer's questionnaire

■ **National Volunteer Week** is from the 20th to the 26th May

■ **National Reconciliation Week** is from 27th May to the 3rd June

Praying for the Presbytery

This month please remember
in your prayers:

- ✚ For **Hoon You, Hee-Seung (Hannah) Kook, Joon, Sarah and Issac** as they prepare to move to Tasmania to live and work amongst us.
- ✚ For the **people of Stowport**, past and present, for their faithful witness and ongoing service in their community.
- ✚ **For us** as we do the same.
- ✚ For **Frontier Services Bush Chaplains** as they work tirelessly to provide practical and pastoral care to people and communities affected by disaster across Australia
- ✚ Time to register for the **Great Outback BBQ** supporting Frontier Services. Contact Kathryn Piper 1300 787 247 or kathrynp@frontierservices.org

what's On

May

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

June

Sat 1	9.45am	Presbytery Gathering, Scotch Oakburn College, Launceston
Tue 20	10.00am	Presbytery Standing Committee
Mon 24	11.00am	Resource & Development Committee
Tue 25	9.30am	Pastoral Relations Committee

July

Fri 5 to Tues 9	Synod Meeting, Melbourne
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Please check our Presbytery Calendar of events on the [Presbytery website](#)



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