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Ordination of Annetia Goldsmith



Left to Right:

Rev Deacon Denise Savage, David Reeve (Presbytery Secretary), Rev Ann Perrin, Rohan Pryor (Synod Liaison Minister), Rev Caro Field (Presbytery Chairperson), Daphne Mitchell (obscured), Rev Rod Peppiatt

Annetia Goldsmith was ordained as a Minister of the Word by the Presbytery of Tasmania on Saturday 8th February at Pilgrim Uniting Church, Launceston and has accepted a call to ministry at Werribee Uniting Church, in Melbourne's western suburbs. The Presbytery wishes Annetia the best in her continuing ministry (and looks forward to welcoming her back someday).

Opportunities

Code of Ethics/Safe Church



✚ Thursday 12th March – Longford Uniting Church

✚ Saturday 28th March – Hobart Scots-Memorial Church

Code of Ethics 9.30am-12.30pm for Ministry Workers, Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders

Safe Church 1.00pm – 4.00pm for everyone

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

REFRESH LAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The 2020 Conference will be held at the Launceston North Uniting Church on **Saturday 2 May 2020**. Rev Deacon Denise Savage will facilitate how congregations can support faith formation in the home. Local leaders, Church Council members, Lay Preachers and worship teams, Ministry workers and anyone interested are encouraged to attend. Look for more information next edition of *UnitingTas*.



Next Presbytery Gathering

9.45am Saturday 13 June 2020

Launceston North Uniting Church

128 - 132 George Town Road, Newnham

Uniting Tasmania Editor

Are you interested in putting together monthly *Uniting Tasmania* editions on a short or long term basis? Please contact the Uniting Tas Office (6331 9784) or tas.office@victas.uca.org.au and ask what's involved.

I share this story from an anonymous source about the first day of college when the Professor asked that we get to know someone we didn't already know.

Next to me was a wrinkled, little old lady smiling, who said, "Hi handsome, my name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?" Saying yes, I asked, 'Why are you in college at such a young innocent age?' 'I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids...' Seriously she then said, 'I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one'.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She was living it up.

Rose was invited to speak at a football banquet. She stepped up to the podium but dropped her prompt cards on the floor. She said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for lent and this whiskey is killing me!"

Off the cuff she said, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy and achieving success.

You have to laugh and find humour every day. You must have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. Anyone can grow older. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets. The elderly usually regret things we did not do." She concluded by singing The Rose.

One week after graduation, Rose died peacefully in her sleep.

Reflection:

Growing older is mandatory, growing up is optional. We make a living by what we get.

We make a life by what we give. God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it. Good friends are like stars, you don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Contributed by Jeff Savage as a Living Faith Article in Connecting Community, a newsletter of Hobart City Uniting Churches.



Leadership Formation

What happens when we only think of ourselves? In our house if each person only thought of themselves, life would be completely unpleasant and utterly chaotic. Conflict would rage (more than it does!) and an implosion would follow.

What if our communities only thought of ourselves? What if we were only concerned about us? That we were focused on the survival of our community? That we didn't look beyond ourselves to something bigger

The challenge of the gospel is that we are in fact called to look beyond ourselves. The church does not exist for the sake of itself. The one exists for the sake of the other. The other is everybody else who isn't a part of our faith communities. The other is everybody else who don't occupy our pews, pay money into the offering, or take part in decisions of the church.

How many times did Jesus encounter those who were "outside"? The gospel stories are full of such encounters - the woman at the well, the disturbed man residing with the pigs, the lepers, the man who called out for healing on a Sabbath, the woman caught in adultery. How concerned for those beyond us are we really? Jesus upset those who were so concerned for themselves. The turning upside down of the temple, the calling out of the Pharisees who were so lost in the letter of the law, they weren't actually living it out as a covenant of love for the other.

The Body of Christ is not about who we are as we care for ourselves, or look to have ourselves cared for by ministry agents. The Body of Christ is a community called to be active participants in the transforming work of God in the world - beyond ourselves. Beyond the boundary lines of our property and gathered times.

Some of us will find it challenging to think beyond ourselves, it is terribly uncomfortable! Some of us have experience and can guide others to take some small steps in beginning to do so. It might start with introducing yourself to your neighbours, or doing something that demonstrates God's love and kindness to another as you are out about. It might be that you continue to engage the world in the work - paid or just what you do - you are already doing that brings about change and connection. Perhaps we journey with young people and children to also think beyond ourselves as a community of faith.

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What is the story you might have of thinking beyond ourselves

Strategic Focus for the presbytery - Assisting congregations and faith communities to: Thrive, and use resources well for mission.

Denise Savage, Presbytery Minister for Leadership Formation

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.

Worship Resources by the Bundle

Brian Cole will not be sending out any Worship Resources beyond the end of May 2020 (retirement beckons!). He has received a few requests for a spread of Worship Resources covering the 3 year RCL Cycle - Years A, B, and C.

Lay Preachers and other local worship leaders who would like to receive discs of Brian's Worship Resources for 2017 (Year A), 2018 (Year B) and/or 2019 (Year C) may contact Lance Cowled, who has a copy of this material and, with Brian Cole's permission can make a copy for any person who wants it. Please order by end of February or order after the beginning of April. Lance.cowled@hotmail.com or phone 62723096 [answering machine]

Historical Interest?

The Uniting Church Historical Society Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, and the Uniting Church National History Society, are keen to develop contacts with the Tasmanian churches and people.

We are looking for someone or some people with an interest in local church history who could be our contact person(s) for local Tasmanian churches and the two Societies.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact me, Robert Renton—0427 812 606; robert.renton@bigpond.com; PO Box 5064 Hoppers Crossing, Vic. 3029.



Youth & Families Update:

Journey - Youth.Faith.Leadership

Launceston Regional Youth connected to the Uniting Church (Uniting, Scotch Oakburn, or congregations) are gathering for monthly faith formation and leadership experiences and learning. We pray that these gatherings are part of the journey in becoming faithful followers of Jesus, experiencing life-giving communities of reconciliation. In July the youth will be traveling to Darwin to build on the foundation they have developed in Christian faith, cultural awareness, intergenerational understanding, leadership skills and care for creation. If you would like to see similar intentional faith & leadership youth programs in your area, please contact Anthea Maynard (0434337023) and/or start the conversation in your congregation and community.

Youth Camp



Jeff Savage and Anthea Maynard, along with four young adult leaders will be hosting **Youth Camp 16th-19th April** at the SOC Fingal Valley Campus. Enjoy adventures, great faith discussions, good music, craft, & chilling out time. Contact Jeff

Savage (0429728243) (jeff@hobartnorth.ucatas.org) for more details.

Kids Camp Out

– inviting you to join the organising team!

Later in the year (hopefully October) the delightful Kids Camp Out will be on at the Scotch Oakburn Fingal Valley Campus.



We gather in this way with kids from grade 3-6 because we love to:

- encourage connection and networking;
- interaction with God, creation and one another;
- experience, exercise and grow faith in community and
- hear, engage with and respond to God 's love individually

We pray our participants enjoy finding out more about God and experience a safe place for creativity and exploration of faith.

Are you interested in helping make this happen? Please contact Anthea.Maynard@victas.uca.org.au

A Day of Inspiration and Spiritual Renewal



**BOOK
NOW**

PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA

Recognised international speaker will present

“Spirituality for Carers”

Hobart – 6 March 2020 ... 9.30am – 3.00pm

- Do you provide spiritual and pastoral care in your community?
- Do you support others in finding meaning in their lives?
- Are you challenged by our changing spiritual landscape?
- Do you need time for your own spiritual renewal?

Padraig inspired us last year. Now our good friend from Ireland is back and we all have the opportunity to start our 2020 year by joining him for a day of reflection and inspiration.

Pádraig Ó Tuama is an extraordinary person, whose influence extends quietly and gracefully across the world. His poetry bears these same qualities and brings him close. It is a gift to us all.

Krista Tippett Creator and host of 'On Being'

Compassionate, Resolute, Confronting, Challenging, Wonderful, Comforting.

Mary McAvey – Irish Independent’s Review of Books

Clarence Uniting Church, Cambridge Rd, Bellerive

SCA Members \$60; Non members \$75

Includes lunch and morning tea



Spiritual Care Australia

RSVP by 2 March 2020:

carmel.fader@gmail.com

Payment Methods: Pay with cash on the day

OR by Direct Deposit to Spiritual Care Australia (Tas)

BSB: 633-000 Account Number: 151363926

(NB. Evidence of payment online must be shown for entry)

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Official opening and dedication service of Devonport Uniting

was held on Sunday 16th February 2020, where the Moderator, Rev Denise Liersch, conducted the Dedication of the new premises at 12 Forbes Street.



"Thirsty Ground" coming to Longford UC Saturday 28th March 2020

A very special group are visiting to perform at a concert to be held at the Longford Uniting Church, 3 High St, Longford at 7pm. "Thirsty Ground" is a group of singers & musicians that create music at Hobart Scots Memorial Uniting Church in Hobart. John Coleman as a pastor and a songwriter, helps the group to write and arrange their songs.



They have produced 2 CD's: "Songs of Meeting" & "A Second Harvest". Most of the members of the group are part of Hobart's Choir of High Hopes. The choir gives voice to people whose voice is rarely heard and this is an opportunity for the communities of Longford and further afield to enjoy them in concert. All proceeds will be going to a Dental Care Project in Vanuatu.

Tickets cost \$10pp which includes supper and are available by ringing Glenys on 0418 390 470 or Martha: 0417 526 346 or email: tmtymms@gmail.com



Crossroads TAS

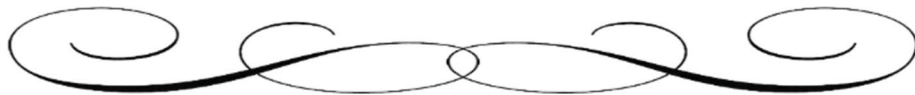


An activity of the Uniting Church in Australia

Christian fellowship sharing with people with disabilities

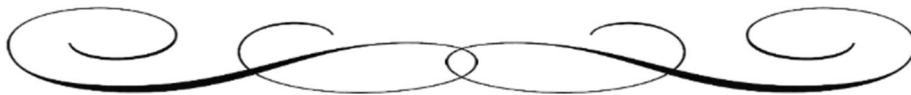
Crossroads Tasmania will hold their **Annual General Meeting** on Saturday 28th March 2020 at 11.00am. This will be held at the home of Janet Day, 14/177 Penquite Road, Norwood.

Crossroads Tasmania Holiday Weekend for this year will be held in the Hobart and Derwent Valley region from 17th to 19th April, 2020.



Congregational Checklist for March

- Annual General Meeting needs to be held by the end of March – remember that part of the AGM or the following meeting will include a recommitment to the Safe Church Policy, electing or reaffirming the Safe Church Contact Person, and the person responsible for keeping the list of people with Working with Vulnerable People registrations.
- Check items in Annual Maintenance Statements Log Book
- Notify UCA Tasmanian Office of any changes to Presbytery Directory – office bearers, worship times etc.



Ministry Placement Moves

Rev Ann Perrin is to conclude her placement at Clarence. A Service of Release will occur at Clarence on 15th of March 2020 at 2.00pm. Ann has accepted a call to the Hawkesbury Mission Zone in Parramatta Nepean Presbytery in NSW.

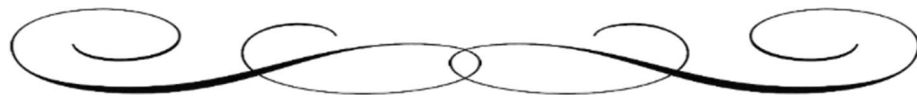
Rev Rod Peppiatt has accepted a call to The Avenue Church in Blackburn, Victoria. His current placement concludes on 31st March 2020 and his Service of Release will be at Pilgrim on 15th March at 10.00am.

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■ **Uniting Women 2020** in Darwin from Thursday July 9th to Sunday July 12th at Club Tropical Resort, Lee Point, Darwin. For more information check out <https://unitingwomen.org.au/> Why not apply for a Presbytery *Go Grant* if you are interested?

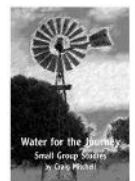
■ **Sing Alleluia** A supplement to the Australian Hymn Book. The UCA Tasmanian Office has a number of copies donated and available. Please contact us if you are interested in acquiring some of these.

■ **The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL)** is now available for download from [the UCA Assembly website](http://assembly.uca.org.au): assembly.uca.org.au



Still looking for a Lenten Study?

You could try:



Water for the Journey by Craig Mitchell - one of the Port Philip East Presbytery Ministers

https://craigmitchell.typepad.com/mountain_masala/2020/01/lenten-studies-water-for-the-journey.html



or
Common Grace - working with church leaders to explore Jesus' 'I am' https://www.commongrace.org.au/jesus_says_i_am

or

By the Well Podcasts - Hosted by two Pilgrim Theological Staff - Robyn Whitaker and Fran Barber based on the lectionary for each week. Questions that might be useful to reflect with either in small groups, as a worshipping community or individually: *what did I resonate with, what challenged me, what was new?* <https://bythewell.com.au/>



Praying for the Presbytery

This month please remember
in your prayers:

- For Ann Perrin and Rod Peppiatt and their families as they move towards the conclusion of placements, relocation and new responsibilities
- For the team Presbytery Ministers and strategic Presbytery committees and talented individuals as they discern the pathways of kingdom service
- Annetia Goldsmith and her family as they adjust to life in Melbourne
- Devonport congregation as they explore adapting to new ways in new times

Keeping Strong Let's Talk



An exciting opportunity coming up for all those interested! *Relationships Australia* are running a 5 week program to provide support to separated parents. Workshops exploring personal issues, healthy relationships, communication styles and much more include group discussions, yarning & art to assist individuals to develop self-care plans.

Dates: Thur 13 February – Thur 12 March 2020

Location: Leprena Aboriginal Community Centre, 280 Main Road Glenorchy

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Contact: Grace or Ayla on 6272 9234

Feel free to circulate among your contacts.



*Uniting Aboriginal and Islander
Christian Congress*

what's On

March

Mon 2	10.30am	Resource & Development Committee
Tues 10	10.00am	Pastoral Relations Committee
Thur 26	10.00am	Presbytery Standing Committee
Mon 30	10.30am	Resource & Development Committee
Tues 31	10.00am	Pastoral Relations Committee (Hobart)

April

Sat 2	10.00am	Refresh Lay Leadership Day, Launceston North
Fri 10		Good Friday (UCA Tas Office closed. Reopens Tues 14 April)
Thur 23	10.00	Presbytery Standing Committee
Mon 27	10.30am	Resource & Development Committee

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



For more information check out <http://www.nungalinya.edu.au/>

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