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Youth.Faith.Leadership

The Journey: Youth.Faith.Leadership is a Launceston regional UCA youth initiative supported by a Synod Lenten Grant. In November, participants were invited to go on a local adventure weekend retreat to Latrobe and surrounding areas. Friendships were developed, fun challenges were experienced and faith was shared.



A special thanks to Pru White and Simon Gurteen for their willingness to help lead this retreat. New participants (Grade 7 to 12) are welcome as we start a new year of gatherings, intentional faith formation and leadership development. We are looking for additional leaders who have a heart for Christ and younger generations. Please contact Anthea Maynard (0434337023) or anthea.maynard@victas.uca.org.au for more information.

Opportunities

Lay Preachers & Worship Leaders: preparing for worship in the Year of Mark

These days of sharing and learning will operate as regional hubs, 10am-3pm:

28th Nov – Southern Region at Hobart North UC

5th Dec – Northern Region at Launceston North UC

- Video input - Mark's Approach to Scripture, presented by Bill Loader
- Discussion and reflection on learnings
- Support and encourage one another
- Open to any who lead worship, not just Lay Preachers
- BYO Food and drink

Contact: Denise Savage 0427 647 395 denise.savage@victas.uca.org.au
or Graham Booth through the Tasmanian Office.

Presbytery of Tasmania Directory - *updated and now available*

The UCA Tasmanian Office has updated Presbytery Directories available. Please contact us at 6331 9784 or tas.office@victas.uca.org.au to order your copy.

A PDF copy can be emailed to you, a hard copy collected at the UCA Tas Office, or mailed to you for \$5.00. The Directory will continue to be updated and available for those congregations who are having delayed AGMs this year.



Ethical leadership: WWVP and Copyright

As Christmas approaches and many people visit Uniting Churches with family and friends, remember that Uniting Church policy on Keeping Children Safe (and everyone else) requires all local leaders to maintain current WWVP registration. <https://ucavictas.org.au/keepingchildrensafe/>.

Copyright also matters: maintain a CAL or CCLI license for any reproduced song words on screen or in printed handouts. For more details see <https://victas.uca.org.au/resources/copyright-guidelines/>

Reflection A view from the Tasmanian office



*Whatever the view:
Whether you are growing in the soil of a pot;
Whether you are displayed in a vase;
Or left to survive on the shelf;
Consider the empty bowl waiting to be filled
and
Stay close to the cross.*

Wanted: ***Together in Song - Harmony editon*** for an organist.
These are out of print and the organist at Sprent needs one. Sprent Congregation
are willing to pay a fair price. Contact the Tasmanian Office 6331 9784 or Beth
Miles of the Sprent Congregation on 6429 1260 if you are able to assist.

The best gifts this Christmas!



[Everything in Common gifts](#) are back and they're all yours to share with your loved ones. Each gift represents a life-changing project helping people to break the cycle of poverty and step towards a life of dignity.

The Uniting Church's own ethical gift catalogue, your shopping will help UnitingWorld and our partners across Asia, Africa and the Pacific fight poverty and build hope.

Shop online or run a covid-safe stall in your congregation. Online resources, including a promotional video, are available at everythingincommon.com.au.



Target Christmas Appeal 2020

The Target Christmas Appeal has proudly partnered with Uniting and UnitingCare Australia for the past 29 years to give customers the chance to support a better

Christmas for those in need. Giving to the Appeal will help make Christmas a better day for thousands of people and families who might otherwise go without. Find new ways to contribute directly, and show care towards the most vulnerable in our society.

<https://www.unitingcarechristmasappeal.com.au/>

Pilgrim Uniting: Nativity Play

Come and join us for a retelling of the beautiful and timeless story of the birth of Jesus Christ. Come and sing along with the carols and enjoy some smiles too. May your hearts be filled with joy!

When: 13th December 2020
Time: 10am and 2pm
Where: Pilgrim Uniting Church
Patterson Street, Launceston



Enquiries: Lucy Ford 0406795542

To help with COVID-19 planning, please RSVP to the Pilgrim Office on 63318466 or pilgrim01@iinet.net.au.



TCC Emergencies Ministry: Reminder

Our pastoral care ministry into evacuation centres and the like is seeking new volunteers to be trained and accredited for future deployment. This training day is a prerequisite to becoming an accredited Emergencies Ministry volunteer, which opens the door for volunteers to serve as part of Tasmania's Emergency Management Arrangements.

Our next training days for faith-based pastoral care in emergencies and disasters are:

- Saturday 5th December 2020, Paranapple Convention Centre (Aberdeen Room), Devonport, 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. Cost \$110 (including GST) **and**
- Saturday 13th February 2021, Hobart, (date and venue TBC)

Snacks, lunch and course materials are included.

The training day covers Psychological First Aid and Emotional Spiritual Care.

There are further details and the registration form on our website (https://www.tccem.org.au/register_for_training). Please note that this training day requires 2 or 3 hours of pre-reading.

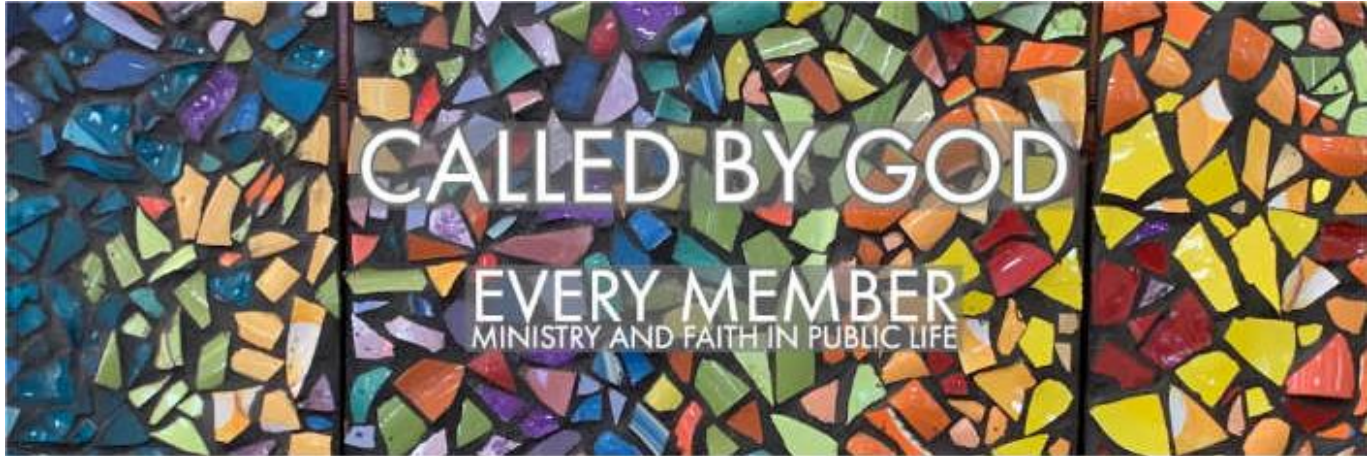
If you would like more information, please be in touch with Gus Yearsley gusy@tccem.org.au.

For more information about TCC Emergency Ministry go to www.tccem.org.au

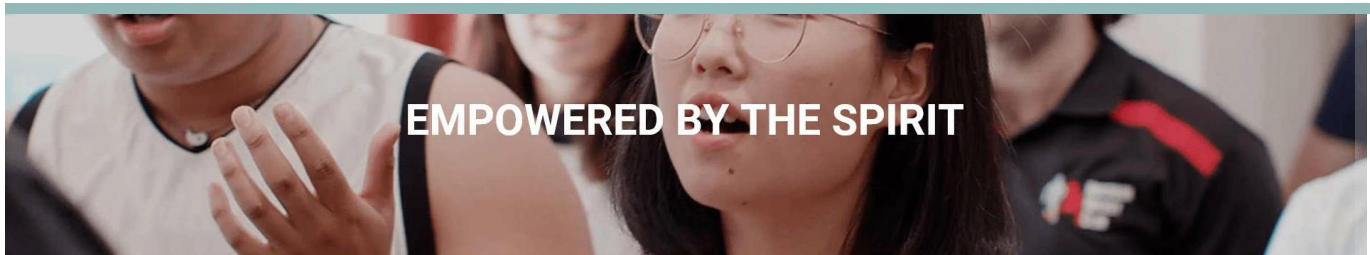
Uniting Church President's Conference

If you haven't caught up with it yet the videos that make up this webinar are available for use individually or as part of a group discussion.

Part 2 is now available at: <https://vimeo.com/472422755>



Uniting Church members from every state and territory came together in early October to reflect on what it means to live out their Christian vocation as part of the President's Conference webinar "Called by God." The webinar was an entrée to the rescheduled face-to-face conference which will take place in 2021 from 29 April – 2 May.



What does this mean for us?

<https://uniting.church/empoweredbythespirit/>

Praying for the Everyone

- for all still dealing with COVID-19 in some way – isn't that all of us?
- for those doing life tougher than us – isn't that most people?



Leadership Formation

Leave your nets and follow me. . . .

This was the call of the first disciples who left behind what they were doing in life and just followed Jesus. Jesus didn't wait for them to be trained, to be formed, to be what he needed them to be first. They learnt on the job as they went. Jesus also didn't call the perfect, right, best possible people. He took a rag-tag mob who were responsive to the invitation to give it a go.

We're very good in church life to want to have people trained up, formed and right before we give them responsibilities to do and be in the life of the church. But

I would never have been open to the call of ministry if I hadn't first given just living as a disciple with all the foibles and mistakes I brought. I learnt to follow as I lived. Wherever I waswhatever I was doing. As a sister, daughter, student, nurse, server and intentional community participant, as a wife, mother etc all of these spaces in life have been places where God has said, come follow me, love people, serve people as I might, and be who I need you to be. I don't want you perfect, I don't want you right, I don't want you trained - I just want you to be the best you can be at any given moment in time. Sometimes those moments shine, sometimes they are less than ordinary. But I am first and foremost a learning disciple of Christ.

Where in life are you giving being a disciple a go? Where do you love another? Where do you show the goodness of God and who do you share that with in the ordinary moments of life? How do you live out what it is to be a learning disciple of Christ? Who helps you do to do that? And who are you helping to that with too?

We don't have to get it right, be right, have it right before we are asked to come and follow. We don't have to get it right, be right or have it right, before Jesus shows us who, where and when we can act as learning disciples. Today, we can do so today

The Presbytery Ministers are available to share with you anything that helps you grow in your faith, as people of God in community's of faith.

Presbytery of Tasmania - assisting faith communities and congregations to thrive and to utilise their resources well for God's mission

Denise Savage, Presbytery Minister for Leadership Formation

If you would like Denise to listen and share around leadership formation, contact Denise on 0427 647 395 or denise.savage@victas.uca.org.au.

what's on

December

Thur 3 10.00am Presbytery Standing Committee
Tues 8 11.00am Resource and Development Committee
Wed 23 4.00pm Presbytery Office closed. Reopens 4th January 9am.

Presbytery meeting The next Presbytery meeting will be in February 2021 in the south of the state. Venue and date are still to be confirmed.



Seasons greetings from all those who spend time in some way at the Tasmanian Office to all of those who happen to come across this little publication. May you learn from the Christ child and grow into his life. May you become a person who loves justice and mercy in the Holy Spirit and walks humbly with your God.

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