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PM-LF review: Appreciation and Anticipation

We give thanks to God for the ministry of Anthea and Denise in many aspects of leadership formation, and we look forward to each of them continuing to contribute to the Uniting Church across Tasmania.

In 2015 the Presbytery of Tasmania appointed Anthea Maynard and Rev Denise Savage to share a 5-year full-time role as Presbytery Ministers for Leadership Formation (PM-LF), which was extended to formally conclude at the end of June 2021.

A review process has shown clear support for the Presbytery's continuing role in forming leaders in skills and their own personal faith. The review showed differing views about how to strategically structure that role for the future of local leaders and leadership in the Uniting Church to support mission in local communities across Tasmania. An interim report requesting feedback from Presbytery members included a list of potential future scenarios. Each option received some support, and no scenario received extensive support.



The Uniting Church's resourcing of long-term presbytery placements is currently under review, but the Church in Tasmania has resources to continue strategic support for new & innovative ministries, and ministry with children, youth, and their families.

Presbytery Standing Committee has resolved to extend Denise's placement at a half-time rate and will explore key projects that may be resourced by Anthea and others to help congregations to thrive in ministry and outreach with younger generations, and to utilize their resources well for God's mission.

SAVE THE DATE: October 15th Family Getaway - Simon Gurteen, Anthea Maynard, and Jeff Savage are putting their heads together to take advantage of a booking at the Scotch Oakburn site in the Fingal Valley. They would appreciate other ideas and perspectives. If that is for you please contact Simon at skgur@internode.on.net or 0433 843 070.

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Opportunities

Mental Health Forum : no-cost Zoom event

John Swinton is Professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care at the University of Aberdeen. This free event will explore religious/spiritual responses which support, or hinder people's mental health. **Register online:**

Friday June 4 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mental-health-forum-tickets-144297231905>



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Let's celebrate the gifts that many cultures have brought to our community and our church family.

Below is one way in which a congregation has been able to include and honour the cultural heritage of a member. Thank you Glenorchy.

Do other congregations have examples of how they go beyond the Anglo cultural background that is usually the norm in our worship?

The Lord's Prayer in Fijian

This Sunday at Glenorchy Esita will be leading the Lord's prayer in Fijian members of the congregation will still be welcome to pray in their own language.

This version and the English version will be on the screen

Thank you to Una Lalagavesi for providing this copy.

*Please note that the letter "C" is sounded like a TH sound
The letter "G" is sounded like a NG sound*

TAMAI KEIMAMI MAI LOMALAGI
ME VAKAROKOROKO TAKI NA YACAMUNI
ME YACO MAI NA NOMUNI MATANITU
ME CAKA NA LOMAMUNI E VURAVURA
ME VAKA SA CAKA MAI LOMALAGI
NI SOLIA MAI VEIKEIMAMI E NA SIGA E DAIDAI
NA KAKANA E RAUTI KEIMAMAI
NI BOKOCA MADA NA NEIMAMI VALAVALA CA
ME VAKA KEIMAMI SA BOKOCA OTI NA NODRA
ERA SA VALALA CA VEIKEIMAMI
NI KAKUA NI KAUTI KEIMAMI KINA VERE
KA MO NI VAKABULAI KEIMAMI MAI NA CA
NI SA NOMUNI NA MATANITU
KEI NA KAUKAUA KEI NA LAGILAGI
KA SEGA NI MUDU

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ENGAGE All Generations

A Strategic Toolkit for Creating
Intergenerational Faith Communities



ENGAGE All Generations:

A Strategic Toolkit for Creating Intergenerational Faith Communities is the latest exciting book from Cory Seibel. Starting at 11am AEST (check carefully for your particular time zone) on June 9, this FREE Zoom launch event will include the opportunity to find out more about the book, engage with a number of the contributors and connect with others interested in intergenerational ministry.

In addition to a presentation from Cory himself, contributors on the day will include:

- **Chris Barnett (AUS)**
Tools for Developing Intergenerational Ministry
- **Jacolize Becker (NZ)**
Intergenerational Sports and Games
- **Tim Beilharz (AUS)**
Intergenerational Church and Socio-cultural Faith Development
- **Tammy Tolman (AUS)**
Moving All Ages Toward Life Together

The launch will also include information on a series of Book Groups being set-up for those interested in exploring the content further and implementing the ideas presented.

Register by Friday June 4, 2021 at:

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/engage-all-generations-book-launch-tickets-151404357509



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Devonport Uniting Church has offered to host a regional hub for PreachFest.
Contact Rev Fee Morrison fionam73@bigpond.com or Rev Denise Savage
Denise.Savage@victas.uca.org.au for more information

PreachFest!

Preaching Good News into a New Norm

PreachFest is a 3-day festival created to **inspire** and **enliven** the craft, art and vocation of preaching across Australia



ANNA CARTER
FLORENCE (USA)



SAMUEL
WELLS (UK)



MICHAEL
FROST



JON
OWEN



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CAROLYN
FRANCIS



MATT
KANG



SALLY
DOUGLAS

+ MANY MORE

1-3 JUNE 2021

VENUES
Sydney CBD, Canberra,
Regional Hubs & Online

There will be a hub hosted by Fran Barber at the
Centre for Theology and Ministry.
Please email fran.barber@victas.uca.org.au if you wish to attend this hub.

PREACHFEST.ORG.AU

 **St Mark's**
Uniting Church in Australia
Education & Resources

Everything you want to know about your life's purpose

DISCERNMENT WORKSHOP

How are your gifts being used in God's mission to transform the world?
What on earth does God want you to do with your life? How would you even know?
And what has the Uniting Church got to do with any of that?

Join Rev Dr Sean Winter (Head of Pilgrim Theological College) and Mel Perkins (eLM Lay Leadership Development Coordinator)

Survey the broad terrain of discipleship and ministry in the Uniting Church. Unwrap the gifts and ministries of the whole people of God. Unearth discernment, vocation, formation and map the questions that arise.

What is your next step?

WHERE Centre for Theology & Ministry
29 College Cres., Parkville, 3062

WHEN 9:00am – 12:30pm
Saturday June 12

RSVP Sunday June 6 by registering at the following link:
www.eventbrite.com.au/e/discernment-workshop-tickets-148270124935

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Education & formation for leadership

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Worship & Preaching ONLINE TRAINING 2021

ACCESS 3 POINTS OF TRAINING:

- ▶ **Online delivery across the Synod – 2 hours per week**
Join others in Zoom delivery of Worship and Preaching workshops, combining a tutorial based on the online units, and input from a variety of church leaders.
- ▶ **Access to online Worship and Preaching units**
Access online units written around the Assembly W&P competencies for Lay Preachers and Ministry of Pastor.
- ▶ **Local assessment**
For those who opt for assessment, this will occur within their Congregation/ Faith Community/Hub or Presbytery.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING TRAINING FOR COMMUNITIES AND LAY LEADERS

The world has and is changing and we are seeking new ways of leadership and being in church, including worship and proclaiming God's Word.

Join us for multiple options of engaging with 6 Worship Units and 6 Preaching Units.

Participants can choose their level of input and connection. Have a conversation with your faith community, congregation or Presbytery about what would be good for you and them.

Units are engaging and creative. Assessment is both theoretical and practical.

WORSHIP May 5, 12, 19 & June 2, 9, 16

PREACHING September 1, 8, 15 & October 6, 13, 20

TIME 7-9pm each night (will also be recorded and made available for learning)

See over for more information on sessions.

Register at:

[Worship and Preaching Online Workshop - WORSHIP](#)

[Worship and Preaching Online Workshop - PREACHING](#)

For more information, contact your Presbytery or: **Mel Perkins**, Lay Leadership Development, eLM

mel.perkins@victas.uca.org.au



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Worship and Preaching training is continuing and a number of Tasmanians have been participating.

Topic outline for each remaining session of the worship and preaching training:



WORSHIP		PREACHING	
5 May	Exploring Worship 1 – What is Worship? with Mel Perkins & Dr Craig Mitchell, Presbytery Minister - Church Development, Presbytery of Port Phillip East	1 Sept	Exploring Preaching – What is Preaching?/The place of preaching in different cultures with Mel Perkins & Rev Dev Anandarsjan, Intercultural Leadership Development, eLM
12 May	Exploring Worship 2 – Worship as story or conversation/Exploring the Seasons (of the Church and the Earth) in Worship with Mel Perkins & Rev Trevor Bassett, Pastoral Leadership and Education, Presbytery of Western Victoria	8 Sept	Understanding Preaching 1 – Interpreting Biblical texts/working with difficult texts with Mel Perkins & Rev Dr Sean Winter, Head of Pilgrim Theological College
19 May	Understanding Worship – Theology of Worship/Multisensory & multiple Intelligence approaches to Worship with Mel Perkins & Rev Deacon Denise Savage, Presbytery Minister - Leadership Formation, Presbytery of Tasmania	15 Sept	Understanding Preaching 2– Responding to the Word (as Preacher and hearer)/ Preaching for the senses and multiple Intelligences Mel Perkins & Gordon Wild, Presbytery Minister, Southern Region, Presbytery of Loddon Mallee
2 June	Preparing Worship 1 – Some of the nuts and bolts of Worship/ Inclusive Worship with Mel Perkins & Rev Slotame Paletua, Presbytery Minister Generalist, Presbytery of Loddon Mallee	6 Oct	Preparing to Preach - Putting bits together/The art of Preaching with Mel Perkins & Rev Linley Liersch, Mission Development Strategist, Presbytery of Port Phillip West
9 June	Preparing and Leading Worship – Working with a theme or lectionary/ Curating resources with Mel Perkins & Chris Barnett, Intergenerational Ministry – Children and Families, Equipping Leadership for Mission	13 Oct	Preaching as Leadership 1 – The ethics in and of Preaching/ Getting your message across: Communication in Preaching with Mel Perkins & Rohan Pryor, Synod Liaison Minister (Tasmania)
16 June	Leading Worship 2 – Communication in Worship/ Ethics in/of Worship (including self-awareness) with Mel Perkins & Rev Robin Yang, Intergenerational Ministry – Young Adults, Equipping Leadership for Mission	20 Oct	Preaching as Leadership 2 - The challenges and joys of preaching as yourself/Preaching with Creativity and Imagination with Mel Perkins & Rev Deacon Peter Batter, Mission and Education Resourcing Minister, Presbytery of Gippsland

that area

2021 Red Cross Oration: Beatrice Fihn



For most of our working life we lived on a link road in a network of back roads. Passers-by who may suffer some ailment were alerted to Nurse Di by a Red Cross 1st Aid sign above the gate. From time to time a local family may have suffered some calamity. Red Cross had immediate funds to finance essential needs. The Red Cross blood bank had periodic visits to country

halls to allow us to give blood. One can list many occasions when Red Cross comes to the front with welcome aid. For many years I have made walking sticks from natural materials, these have been sold, with the moneys going to Red Cross. Several thousand dollars have benefited the cause by this means.

Despite all this exposure to Red Cross it had never occurred to me that Red Cross is actively engaged in creating crimes!

On May 6 under the UTas Island of Ideas outreach Beatrice Fihn delivered the 'Red Cross oration for 2021' and outlined the important work of 'making crimes'. So, what is this? This happens when treaties are negotiated to make certain things illegal for signatory nations. Thus those who deploy cluster bombs, chemical weapons, land mines are committing an international crime. Thus those who lead and negotiate such matters have created another crime. Although established under the United Nations, Red Cross is a principal force behind such developments and commits considerable resources to this end.

In her oration Beatrice quoted a UN leader who claims that, "a child born today has a greater chance of experiencing a nuclear war, than not!" Such an event would render vast areas of Mother Earth unfit for habitation; it would inflict unimaginable suffering on millions of people. If any humans survived, they and their generations would suffer radiation and genetic sicknesses, perhaps forever.

There are presently 13,000 nuclear weapons available for deployment. Most of these are substantially bigger and nastier than those dropped on Japan in 1945 and 10 % would suffice to end modern civilisation.

A Red Cross hospital within the bomb zone in Japan in 1945 was one of few buildings left standing, In September of that year Red Cross called for the banning of nuclear weapons. The subsequent UN Treaty for Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons presently has 84 signatory countries.

AUSTRALIA is NOT a signatory of that treaty! Does that mean that our leaders are content to inflict untold suffering on this nation and this landscape, one can only wonder. Polls make it clear that Australians are overwhelmingly supportive of the treaty.

There can be no greater evil than these weapons. Every citizen has a duty to urge our leaders to support this treaty.

Ian R F (L'ton North Social Justice)

The Red Cross Oration is available at '<https://www.youtube.com/c/islandofideas>'



Leprena UAICC Tasmania will be hosting three workshops in May and June covering trauma, grief, loss, healing, relationships, family and community violence, and wellbeing. We have partnered with the Elders Council of Tasmania Aboriginal Corporation to roll out introductory sessions to these topics to honour the 'waranta muylatina' (Strength within) project. Information on Workshops one and two below with the third to be in late June.

Workshop one: Trauma, Grief & Loss

Facilitated by Jaye Clair

Monday 31st of May, 10.00am-2.30pm

Catering Provided

Venue: Kingston Uniting Church. 42 Jindabyne Road, Kingston Beach, TAS, 7050
RSVPS are ESSENTIAL for program delivery and catering. Please RSVP via email to leprena2015@gmail.com by Wednesday 26th of May.

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Workshop two

1st half: Family Violence

2nd half: Self-care and Social & Emotional Wellbeing

Facilitated by Jaye Clair

Monday 7th of June, 10.00am-2.30pm

Catering Provided

Venue: Kingston Uniting Church. 42 Jindabyne Road, Kingston Beach, TAS, 7050

RSVPS are ESSENTIAL for program delivery and catering. Please RSVP via email to leprena2015@gmail.com by Thursday 3rd of June.

Note: This is a Covid safe event. Please download the "**Check in Tas**" on your smartphone as checking in will be required. If you do not have a smartphone, staff can assist. There will also be a manual sign in for your convenience.

Book Review

CHANGES AND CHANCES by Joan Waters – published November 2020

In the introduction to this book Joan Waters describes why this book was written: “in an attempt to cope with an overwhelming sense of loss after 66 years of love and close, satisfying partnership, and because I did not want the pain of my loss to be all that was left of him, or his life to be defined by decline and dementia, I decided to write an account of his life and ministry.”

The forward is written by Ken Bareli, Chair, Uniting Church, Victoria and Tasmania Synod, Historical Society. He describes this book as a “record of ministry in the middle of the twentieth century is a valuable contribution to the wider record of Victorian social history”.

Reynolds Waters lived and worked not only in Victoria but also in Paxton California and Kirkcaldy and Lower Largo Scotland and later Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Joan Waters describe in some detail the differences between Victoria and these locations. These passages feel like she enjoyed her time overseas and that both Reynolds and Joan spent time learning the local customs and local histories.

There are reminders throughout this book of things that have changed over the years – the coming of television, travel overseas by ship rather than by plane, the introduction of Meals on Wheels, the publication of the New and Old Testaments together of the New English Bible, the commencement of the Uniting Church and then the release of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, and the introduction of the computer age.

This book has been an interesting read reflecting not only the life of an Ordained Minister from the 1950's to his death in 2017 but also of the history of the Presbyterian Church and later the Uniting Church and the world in general.

This book can be obtained by contacting Joan Waters (joan.waters@outlook.com) at a cost of \$25.00 plus postage. A copy of the book will also be in the Presbytery office that could be borrowed by contacting the office.

Shirley Bowers

Online Pentecost Journey

7:30 pm
Thursday (via Zoom)

20 May
27 May
3 June

Contact Rev Denise Savage for zoom link



Connecting images and biblical story as we encounter the gift of the Holy Spirit around the time Pentecost.

Letting our story and questions collide with God who is present with us in the Holy Spirit. Finding words to grow in faith.



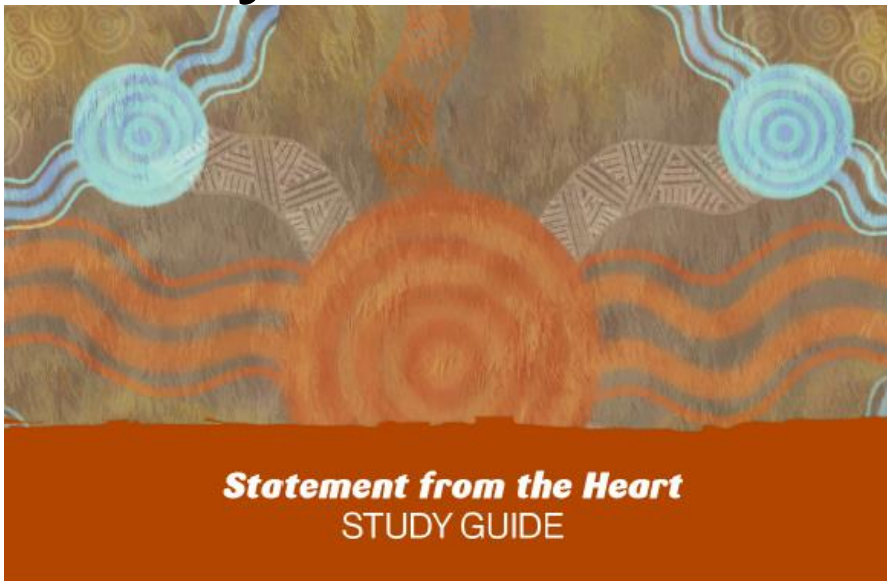
How does this image help you to connect to your experience of Holy Spirit in life?

What does that tell you about who God is?

What will you do different

For more information or the zoom link contact Rev Denise Savage
denise.savage@victas.uca.org.au

Statement from the Heart Study Guide



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Priorities, Focus & Advocacy

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Version 1.1

A new study guide for congregations and other small groups on the Statement from the Heart, is now available to the whole Church.

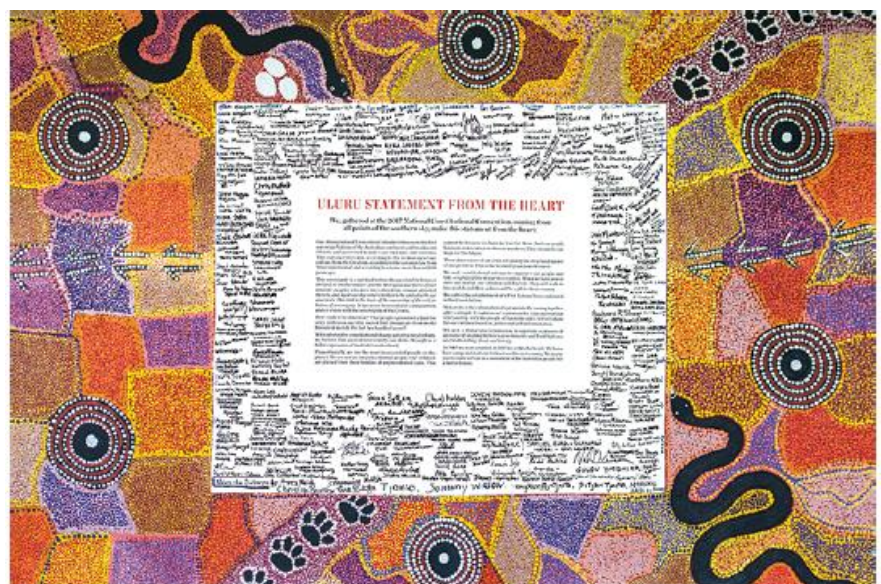
The Assembly recommends this resource as one important way members of the Uniting Church can better understand Sovereignty and the determination of First Nations Peoples for Voice, Treaty and Truth-Telling.

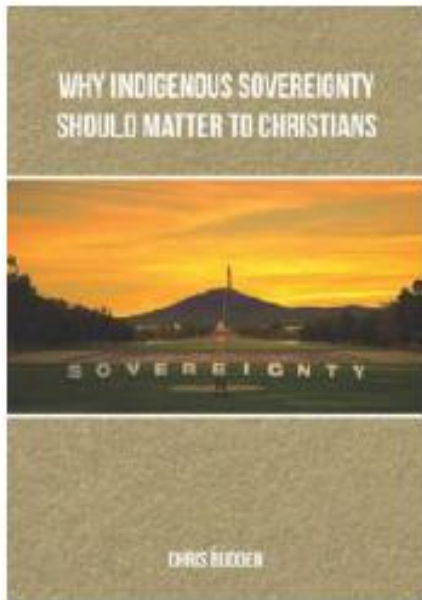
Assembly Consultant Covenanting Stuart McMillan has highly recommended the resource for congregations and small groups.

“Walking Together as First and Second Peoples with integrity means entering more deeply into relationship, growing in understanding, and sharing the suffering and joys of life. In the Statement we hear the heart of First Nations Peoples cry for justice in this ancient land.”

“We thank the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, and in particular Tim Molineux, for producing this excellent resource.” “While it contains a few Victorian specific references, it is entirely suitable to be used nationally across the Church.”

In accompaniment with the resource, the Assembly recommends that for the





concept of **truth-telling** participants in the study should watch the Australian film *High Ground* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WL-G4oCoDF0>) released in 2020.

Further additional reading to gain a deeper understanding of sovereignty from a Christian perspective recommended for study is *Why Sovereignty Should Matter to Christians*, Rev Dr Chris Budden, © 2018 MediaCom Education. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WL-G4oCoDF0>)

The companion Facilitators Guide can be found at <https://justact.org.au/first-people/actions/>



■ Have you read a **good book** lately that has extended your understanding of spirituality, theology, the Bible? Send us a review.

■ Good home available for a free standing Communion Table Cross for Strathaven Chapel. If you have a spare cross, perhaps from a closed church, and would like to donate it to a good home, the gift would be very much appreciated. Please contact Chaplain Heather Cowled 6272 3096 [answering machine always comes on, so

please identify yourself and I may have made it to the phone to answer by then, if not please leave a message].

Praying for the Everyone

- For ordained ministers settling in to new placements and their communities.
- For those responsible for managing Covid guidelines.
- For the safety of children and adults in our congregations and those who support this.

What's On

May

- Sat 29 10am-3pm Presbytery Gathering and Meeting
- Sun 30 2pm Induction Service for Rev Susan Malthouse-Law at Cam-Rise, Somerset. Also be available on ZOOM (meeting ID: 272 565 7362 Password: 272353). A commissioning service at the Strathdevon community in Latrobe will also follow.

June

- Tue 1 10am Pastoral Relations Committee
- Tue 8 11am Resource and Development Committee
- Tue 22 11am Resource and Development Committee
- Thu 24 10am Presbytery Standing Committee

Presbytery Gathering and Meeting **Saturday May 29th from 10.00am to 3.00pm**

*Presbytery members are requested to attend and participate
in discerning the Church's mission focus and action*

Venue: Robert Dean Senior Study Centre
Scotch Oakburn College
85 Penquite Road, Newstead

Presbytery Gathering and Meeting Key agenda items:

- Welcome new Presbytery members
- Here for Good (H4G) project update from Rev Dr Jennifer Byrnes and Sam Nicholas
- Good news stories: South Esk Parish and Scotch Oakburn College Chaplain
- Conclusion of Presbytery ministry placement: Anthea Maynard
- Review of Presbytery Ministry role for Leadership Formation (PM-LF)
- Presbytery Committee membership: PRC Rev Gospel Ralte, PSC Rev Michael Duke

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