



Uniting Tasmania

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UCA Tasmania

*Charting Our
Way Together*

Journey Plan 2026



Listening workshops:

Over seventy people attended the **Listening** workshops in late May: online and gathered at three venues across Tasmania. An online survey has gathered extra contributions. The biblical story of the disciples' fear amidst a storm helped us reflect on the continuing presence of Jesus' Spirit which can calm our fears, instilling awe and wonder, and deeper faith.



Great faithful conversations explored:

- where are we NOW
- WHERE we want to go, with Spirit together
- HOW might we get there
- WHAT will guide hard decisions



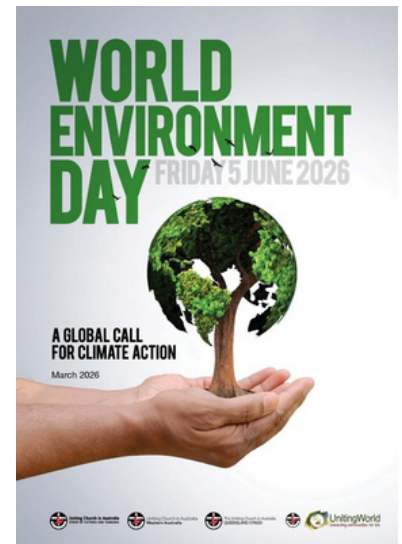
Next steps:

Please save the date **Saturday 22 August 2026** and plan to join one of the three regional gatherings for **Refining** the draft Charter, and more sharing with each other. *Locations and times are still being confirmed, soon!*

World Environment Day: 5 June 2026

Uniting Church resources are ready now for download: <https://justact.org.au/resources/>
The United Nations recognises protection and health of the environment are major issues that affect people's well-being and economic development worldwide.

To mark this occasion a time of prayer and reflection will be held at Kingston Uniting Church at 10.30am. **All are welcome.** Contact Bronwyn Morton 0428330160 or bpmorton@icloud.com



Plan ahead for Frontier Services Sunday: 30 August

Celebrate rural and remote Australia through prayers, hymns, and readings

A dedicated celebration within your church or community group is a wonderful way of connecting with people in rural and remote Australia. Your 2026 Orders of Service for Frontier Services and the John Flynn Foundation are now available. You can order multiple copies in booklet format or download the digital versions (PDF for viewing and PowerPoint for editing the slides).

Each contains a beautiful selection of prayers, hymns and readings that reflect life in the bush and Reverend John Flynn's vision for the inland.

<https://frontierservices.org/order-of-service/>



Fuel support helps our volunteers reach remote communities

Temporary fuel contributions are only possible because of the generosity of Frontier Services supporters. Your donations help ensure volunteers can continue showing up where support is needed most!

Read more or donate now <https://frontierservices.org/donate/>



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**WE INVITE COMMUNITY, ORGANISATIONS
AND PARTNERS TO WALK THE SITE WITH US
AND HEAR THE VISION FOR THIS NEXT
CHAPTER.**

WHEN: THURSDAY 4TH OF JUNE 2026

TIME: 11AM - 1PM

**WHERE: KINGSTON UNITING CHURCH
(42 JINDABYNE ROAD, KINGSTON)**

CULTURAL LUNCH AND PERFORMANCES

WALK THROUGH THE FUTURE SITE

HEAR THE VISION AND PLANS

CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY AND ORGANISATIONS

**RSVP VIA EMAIL LEPRENA2015@GMAIL.COM
OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

Here and There



Frontier Services announces its new National Director

Frontier Services announces its new National Director Dave Parker's extensive executive experience and heart for the gospel make him ...

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Liturgical Renewal Project gets underway

April 22, 2026 By Matthew Julius, Growing in Faith Circle Panel Member The National Assembly of the Uniting Church in

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Middle East Crisis Appeal

Help provide urgent medical care, food, water and shelter to people displaced from their homes in Lebanon.

 UnitingWorld



Appointment of Open Government Forum members

The Albanese Government has appointed new civil society members to Australia's next Open Government Forum.

 Our ministers - Attorney-General's portfolio | May 8

Congratulations to Mark Zirnsak, Synod's Senior Justice Advocate.

"Chaplains have been providing a steady and compassionate presence for people during a very challenging time." Disaster Chaplain Jamie Cox, based in North Katherine NT.



Nungalinya College film: The Spirit of Reconciliation



To coincide with National Reconciliation Week, this year Nungalinya is releasing a documentary called **The Spirit of Reconciliation**. The film features stunning locations in several remote communities across Australia's Northern Territory, such as Milingimbi Island (Yurruwi) in Arnhem Land, and Daly River (Naiyu). It is a feature length documentary, produced over one year, taking us into the hearts, lives and communities of 14 Aboriginal elders and leaders from 8 communities. This film is their stories of reconciliation.

The film will premiere in Darwin at Nungalinya College on Friday 29th May. There will be dinner and items from students before the film is shown on an outdoor big screen. The documentary will not be under copyright and can be freely accessed on the Nungalinya YouTube channel from 29th May.

We would love for this film to be used as a resource around Australia for churches and others to hear from Aboriginal Christian brothers and sisters about their culture, forgiveness, healing from trauma and restoring relationships, and to receive a powerful insight into their relationship with the One who reconciles us all.

If you would like any further details, please get in touch with us. And if you organise a screening for your church, bible study group or other small group, please let us know!

We would love to hear stories of the film being watched in the coming months and the impact it has.

Contact Nungalinya College: phone (08) 8920 7500, email info@nungalinya.edu.au

National Lay Preachers' Conference 4-6 September 2026

Our theme **Weaving Christ's love as a Lay Preacher** is building on the President's Assembly theme of Threads of Love: weaving Christ's Love Across Cultures and Boundaries. Details: <https://pilgrim.edu.au/event/national-lay-preachers-conference/>

3C's Guidelines to Good Process



The VicTas Synod has been reviewing its policies and procedures to better support people with disability.

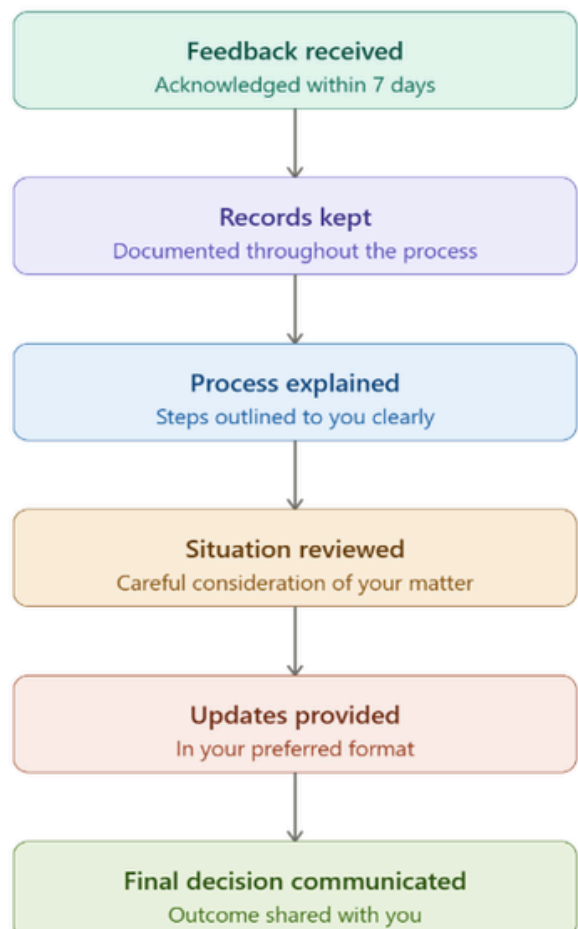
The key development is **The Compliments, Concerns and Complaints (3C's) Guidelines**. They aim to support people with disability in the management of feedback within the synod. The guidelines intend to help remove barriers to communication, participation and trust.

Elga Rodriguez, who is the Synod Disability Inclusion Advocate will be promoting the guidelines at the at meetings in October. (note provisional areas, dates and times on page 7)

The guidelines seek to reflect core values of inclusive feedback and complaints process, culturally safe and respectful engagement, accessibility and a rights and person-centred approach.

Some aspects of the guidelines will be very useful to know at the level of the congregation or faith community where they have a tie in with Safe Church processes.

The document is available to view or download at <https://safechurch.ucavictas.org.au/policies-procedures/> It sets out the rights and processes to be followed for feedback. Local congregations and faith communities need to know that an early step is to speak in person to a leader at a worship or activity. A first point of contact would be a local Safe Church Contact Person but could be any leader. The receipt of this feedback initiates a process as shown in the Steps flowchart (see right) which is written to the perspective of the person giving feedback.



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3C's (cont.)

Initial responses are acknowledged within seven days where possible.

If a concern or complaint is not resolved there is a pathway outlined beginning at the Local (Congregation) level 1 and escalating to the Synod Safe Church Unit level 3.

The document gives some help about how to receive feedback based on the Steps flowchart and external resources that might be of assistance. A feedback and complaint form is provided to aid recording of the process.

A Factsheet is also available at the same website above which might be useful to display in your place until a friendlier version is available. An Easy English version of the guidelines will be available in June 2026 at the same website.

Useful External Contacts

National

The Australian Human Rights Commission handles complaints related to disability discrimination under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and helping resolve them through conciliation.

Web: Australian Human Rights Commission

Email: infoservice@humanrights.gov.au

Phone: 1300 656 419

Tasmania

Anti-Discrimination Commissioner manages complaints under state law for incidents within Tasmania.

Web: Anti-Discrimination Commissioner

Email: office@antidiscrimination.tas.gov.au

Phone: (03) 6165 7515

Disability Access and Awareness Training

Advanced Notice

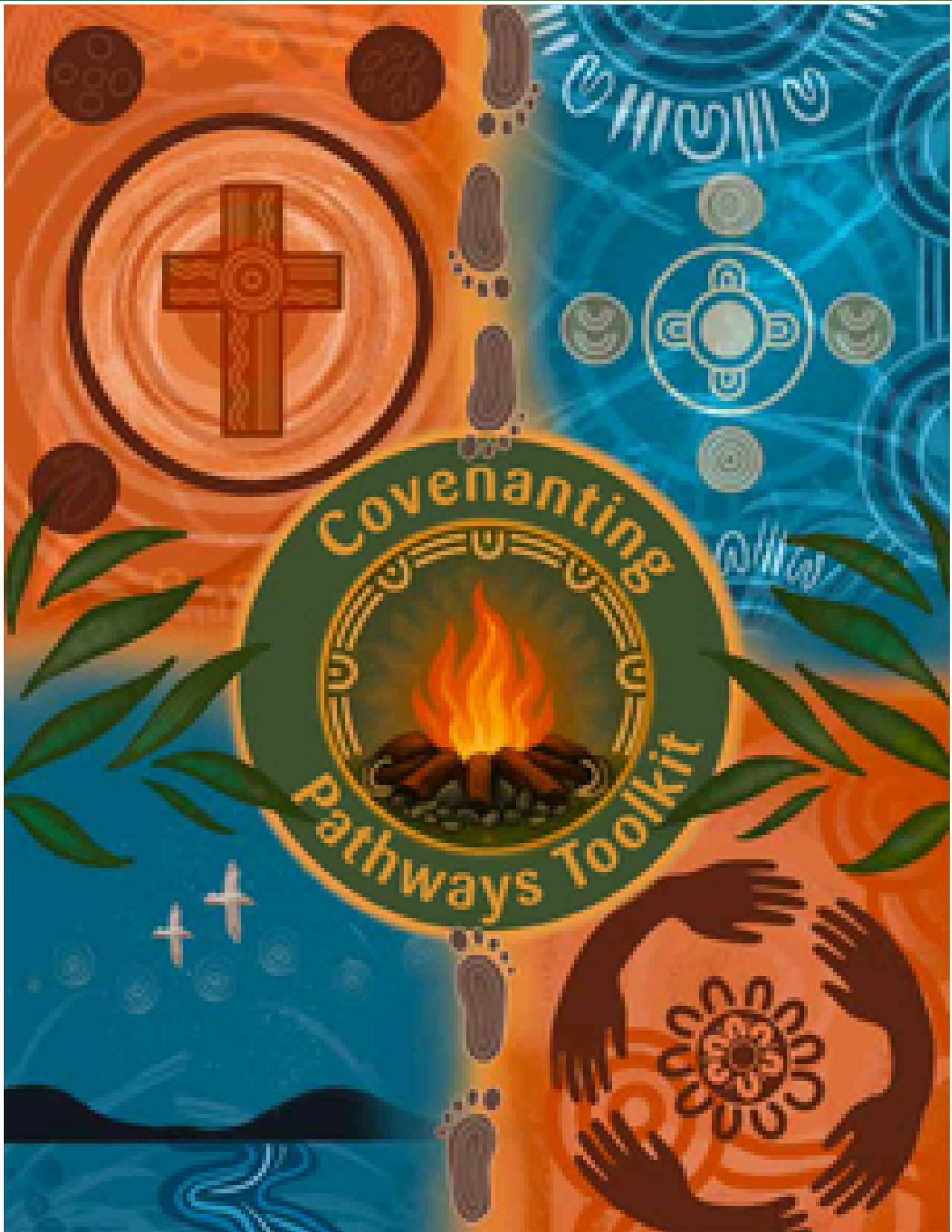
This is being offered in the North and in the South.

The training is being offered by Elga Rodriguez, Synod Disability and Inclusion Advocate.

DATES:

North Sat 10 Oct 2 hours

South Sun 11 Oct 2 hours (this will be afternoon)



Uniting Church in Australia
Faith | Justice and Reconciliation



Uniting Tasmania
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This kit will help you celebrate National Reconciliation Week from May 27th to June 3rd.
<https://victas.uca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Covenanting-Pathways-Toolkit.pdf>

The Anti-War Coalition Lutruwita/Tasmania are hosting a timely screening of this 1988 anti-war film set during the original campaign against nuclear proliferation and US military presence in Australia. We will be joined by **Rosalie Woodruff** and **Peter George** for conversation and a Q&A about the need for a renewed movement.

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

TICKETS



You bring the
blankie, we'll sort
the warm soup,
crusty bread, and
hot chocolate

Saturday 20 June, 5-8pm
HIDDEN THEATRE
Kickstart Arts Centre
St Johns Ave, New Town

HOSTED BY:



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The Independent and Peaceful
Australia Network

~All money raised will help send 2 delegates to the IPAN National Conference~

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TAKE ACTION



National Reconciliation Week 2026

Sign up for our 2026 National Reconciliation Week Resource Toolkit and join us as we reflect on 'All In: Reciprocity as Reconciliation' and the invitation to step off the sidelines and commit wholeheartedly to the shared work of reconciliation.

[Read more >](#)

For yet more ideas to assist your planning for National Reconciliation go to <https://www.commongrace.org.au/>



Chaplains Sunday



Supporting Chaplaincy in schools is one way that we follow the mission of God into our communities, particularly when we contribute by our presence.

SU Australia which provides a governance framework for the chaplains who participate in schools across the country have provided some resources that enable congregations to pray for and connect with this work.

They are currently promoting Chaplains Sundays for 31st May and 7th June, 2026 or a day that fits your planning better. They have provided a resource pack for this initiative and have rereleased their Schools Sunday resource pack which has some more specific worship resources to facilitate your celebration.

These packs can be accessed via the Tasmanian Office by calling or emailing tas.office@victas.uca.org.au

Beauty Point 90th Anniversary

In 1936 the former Beaconsfield Primitive Methodist Church, built in 1883, was moved by bullock team to Sandy Beach (later known as Beauty Point). The building had not been used for worship since Methodist Union in 1902.

The relocated church was officially opened and dedicated on the weekend of March 20-22, 1936.

The Methodists of Beauty Point had taken some time to find their feet. In 1936 the Hobart Mercury reported on this progress:

“A Methodist Trust at Beauty Point was formed a few months ago, and, as a result of their deliberations, a church hall at Sandy Beach has been erected, which it is felt will supply a long-felt want of this seaside community. The new church hall, which is nearing completion, is a strong weatherboard structure 50ft. by 36ft., and will have a fine entrance porch, 12ft. wide, made with concrete pillars and Gothic window”.



On Sunday, March 15th this year the now Beauty Point Uniting Church held a special 90th Anniversary service in the form of a traditional Harvest Thanksgiving. Guest Preacher was the Moderator of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, the Rev'd Salesi Faupula, who also presented Certificates of Recognition to Emerita Elders Beryl Nielsen and Frances Seen, and dedicated a wall hanging created for the occasion by a member of the Congregation's Craft Group. A lace-edged communion cloth originally made by the late Kathleen Pryor was also re-dedicated. Guests included past and present members, members of the West Tamar Parish and Georgetown Congregation, representatives of the Presbytery of Tasmania, local State Members of Parliament, the Mayor and a Councillor of West Tamar Council and the general local community. The church was filled with the sound of joyful singing. Attendees were invited to take home harvest goods on display, for a donation to Scripture Union for the Beaconsfield Primary School Chaplaincy. Following the service guests were treated to a barbecue lunch prepared by members of West Tamar Rotary. A display of artefacts and historical documents was curated by Jillian Buck.



WHAT'S ON!

JUNE - JULY 2026

JUN 02 | Pastoral Relations Committee
10.30am - 4.00pm

JUN 08 | Public Holiday - office closed

JUN 20 | Presbytery in Council
Zoom Meeting

JUN 25 | Presbytery Standing Committee
(Zoom) 10.00am - 3.00pm

JUL 07 | Pastoral Relations Committee
10.30am - 4.00pm

JUL 23 | Presbytery Standing Committee
10.00am - 3.00pm in HOBART

JUNE 30 - JULY 01 | CHARTER DISCERNING
WORKSHOP

To lay preachers
in the Presbytery of Tasmania,
lay worship leaders
and any lay person interested in
leading worship.

You are invited to the next ZOOM
gathering for lay preachers and
lay worship leaders.

June 12th, 7.30-8.30pm
Links will be sent a few days
before to lay preachers and
others who express interest to
the Tasmanian Office.

From Checklist for UCA Congregations - June

- AGM's completed and reports to the Presbytery office
- Check items in Annual Maintenance Log Book
- Notify UCA Tasmanian Office of any changes to Presbytery Directory – office bearers, worship times
- Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) registrations for all leaders are up to date

The next issue will be distributed in the week before the end of April. Contributions to be received seven days before publication. Contact Graham Booth, editor, by [email](#), phone 6331 9784 or post: 36 Paterson St, Launceston, 7250.