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Notes and news for Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

As usual, the newsletter contains two sections. The first has information directly related to Yarra Yarra Presbytery, and this is followed by information about items which may be of interest to your congregations.

Please identify other items relevant to your community, and promote the issues and events listed below through your own newsletters and other communication channels as appropriate. There is much going on, so please take a few minutes to review.

Please ensure that items for the next edition are sent in by the end of the month. It is helpful if you can provide text, rather than copies of fliers which need to be transcribed and summarised. Please include contact information for those seeking more information.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Induction at Plenty Valley

Rev Dhirendra Naryan is commencing a new placement at Plenty Valley. The service will be conducted by videoconference, with a small number of people present at the Church and others taking part from their homes.

> **The service will take place at 2:30pm on Sunday, 20th September, via Zoom.**
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> **An event has been created on the Presbytery web site with details. The page is at http://yarrayarrapresbytery.unitingchurch.org.au/events/.**

Click on this link or paste it into your browser to see further details and to join the service.

An Order of Service will also be linked to that page to allow participants to share in responses.

Ministers are asked to wear a red stole so that they can be easily identified by Jinseon and others participating. You may wish to wear your alb if that is your normal practice at services such as this.

Presbytery Meeting

A well-attended Presbytery meeting was held by Zoom on 29th August. We learnt much from this large gathering, and there has been much interest in the presentation on the "Money for Mission" programme by Rev Dr Jenny

Byrnes. If you missed the presentation, you can see it on Youtube; search for "Uniting Church Presbytery of Yarra Yarra".

HISTORY SOCIETY PANEL DISCUSSION ON UCA REDRESS

The notice is short, but interested members are invited to join a webinar on UCA Redress, presented by the UCA National History Society. It will take place at 7:00 pm on Thursday 10th September. For more information see https://vox.divinity.edu.au/event/ucnhs-panel-on-uca-redress/

NATIONAL SAFE CHURCH INFORMATION

As part of National Child Protection Week, the Uniting Church's National Safe Church Unit has released a *new poster* depicting the 10 National Principles for a Child Safe Church. It is available in editable PDF form, congregations, schools and agencies can co-brand if desired. For more information, see https://uniting.church/a-safe-church-for-all-people-putting-children-first/

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*If you have information that you wish to have distributed through this newsletter, please ensure that it is submitted by the start of the month in which the item is to appear. I plan to try to send newsletters out in the third week, so that means if your event occurs early in the month, you will need to have it submitted by the start of the **previous** month.*

The newsletter is sent to Church Council Secretaries and Presbytery members. If you should not be receiving it, please contact me at pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person.