



16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Notes and news for Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

*As usual, the newsletter contains a number of 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

#### Presbytery Inductions and an Ordination

Our Chairperson, Lisa Carey, has had a busy time arranging induction services and an ordination service recently, and we are pleased to be able to welcome a number of new Ministers into the Presbytery. Unfortunately a couple have had to be deferred for various reasons, and more details will be provided as additional dates are finalised.

As previously advised, an induction service for Rev Carlynn Nunn, who has commenced her placement as Chaplain to the **University of Melbourne** take place at the University on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at noon.

The pandemic meant that ordination services were difficult during times of restricted movement, so we are delighted that Ye (Viola) Liang will be ordained at Melbourne Gospel Hall on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2 pm. The service will be at the Wesley Church in Lonsdale Street Melbourne.

The welcome and induction service for Rev Gi won Kang at **Deepdene** is one of those moved. It will now take place at the Deepdene Uniting Church, 958 Burke Road, Balwyn, at 2:30 pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Following her ordination, Viola will be inducted at **Warrandyte** in another delayed service. This will take place at the Warrandyte Church at 2:30 pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Yoo Mi Park has been in her placement at **Eltham-Montmorency** since 1<sup>st</sup> June last year, but, like Viola, has been waiting for a time when an ordination could be arranged. Now that has taken place we will join in an

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induction service at Eltham-Montmorency at 2:30 pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

(And then we will give Lisa a Sunday off!)

Christina Rowntree has commenced in a placement at **Sophia's Spring**. Information about her induction service will be published once details have been finalised.

Further inductions still to be scheduled include those for Rev Swee Ann Ko at Manningham, and Rev Tina Lyndon-Ng and Rev Peter Cannon who will take up placements in the Whitehorse Cluster on ~~1<sup>st</sup> May~~. **1st April.**

### **A new Congregation**

Members of Presbytery will be aware of the inauguration of the new **Kew** congregation on Easter Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 5 pm. This congregation is an amalgamation of the previous congregations of Kew East, Hawthorn West and Joon Ang, and its commencement marks a new step and the culmination of months of preparatory work by a hard-working Steering Committee. There will be a Zoom broadcast of the service, starting at 5 pm, and all are welcome. The preacher will be the Moderator, Rev Denise Liersch. [Click here](#) to join the service by Zoom, or connect to Meeting ID 210 664 737 with password 199314.

### **Congregation Details Update**

As noted in the report to Presbytery, there are still well-over 50% of congregations who have not returned a response to updates on contact details. These responses are really essential, so Church Council Secretaries are sked to check if a reply has been forwarded already.

### **Presbytery Meeting**

The first meeting of Yarra Yarra Presbytery for 2021 was held by Zoom on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, with over 100 people registering and an attendance of about 90 people during most of the meeting. We were pleased to welcome visitors from other Presbyteries to share in the acknowledgement of the service of Dan Wootton and to express our thanks and appreciation.

## **FAMILY VIOLENCE AWARENESS TRAINING.**

This training has been designed for pastoral carers and minister by Family violence experts from Uniting Vic/Tas and the Culture of Safety. In this 3.5-hour Zoom session you will gain an understanding of what Family Violence is

and how to respond to disclosures. This training is free thanks to a Victorian government grant and requires pre and post surveys to be completed for a study by Melbourne University. Four sessions available in March. Register [here](#). Questions to [Sharon.Hollis@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:Sharon.Hollis@victas.uca.org.au).

## **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE**

Interested to learn more about what's in the Bible and how it got there? The North Melbourne UCA congregation is running an online intro to the Bible course after Easter, using videos from an online Yale University course as the teaching material and weekly online discussion groups to deepen our understanding. Several groups will be running — an Intro to the New Testament and, if there is sufficient interest, a re-run of the Intro to the Old Testament offered last year. We would be happy to hear from ministers who would like to run a group within their local congregation or individuals who'd like to join one of ours. See the “Study Groups” link on our home page at [www.marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au) for more information or contact Craig Thompson directly at [minister@marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au](mailto:minister@marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au).

## **RESPONDING TO “THE STATEMENT FROM THE HEART”**

Hearing and responding to ‘The Statement from the Heart’:

- walking on Country at Franklinford, Central Victoria, with Uncle Rick Nelson;
- Ben Quilty’s ‘Painting the Shadows’;
- the UCA Synod's Covenanting Guide with JIM's Tim Molineux.

Gathering at Adekate Lodge, 60 Adekate Camp Road, Dean 3352

Reserve these dates in your diary: 3 pm Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – 1 pm Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. For further information, and for registration forms and costs etc, contact Tim Angus, mob 0400 383 628 email [fordangus@fastmail.net](mailto:fordangus@fastmail.net)

## **MESSY DISCIPLESHIP BOOK LAUNCH**

*Messy Discipleship: Messy Church perspectives on growing faith* is the next exciting Messy Church book due for release in 2021. Commencing at 1.30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, this very special FREE Zoom launch event will include the opportunity to find out more about the book, engage with a number of the number of the contributors and connect with others from around the Messy Church world. Contributors present on the day will include:

- ▶ Chris Barnett (AUS)      All-Age Discipleship
- ▶ Sandy Brodine (AUS)      Creativity & Discipleship
- ▶ Jocelyn Czerwonka (NZ)      Hospitality & Discipleship

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. Please [register](#) by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

### **UNITINGWORLD: SEVEN DAYS OF SOLIDARITY**

[Seven Days of Solidarity](#) is an opportunity in one week (18-25 April) to **meet** our neighbours, **receive** a story each day of the week of Christ at work in a different part of the world; **pray** for the work, and **take action** in solidarity. These stories will be available on the UnitingWorld website at <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/7dos/resources>, emailed out to everyone who signs up, as pre-formatted emails and as printed hardcopies you can order from us. All congregations are welcome to celebrate God's faithfulness on 25<sup>th</sup> April, show the video "[I lift my eyes to the hills...](#)" during the Service on April 18<sup>th</sup>, and recommit to God's Global Mission. UnitingWorld will give you everything you need for a full service, including the [order of service](#), [a sermon from UCA President Deidre Palmer](#), prayers, music, [liturgy](#), etc.

### **UNITING AGEWELL — CARER RESPITE PACKAGE**

Uniting AgeWell have advised us that a Residential Carer Respite Package is available to members of congregations. This offer is available through their Victorian residences located in the following areas: Bendigo, Box Hill, Camberwell, Forest Hill, Geelong, Hawthorn, Kingsville, Manor Lakes, Noble Park, Preston. They to offer free Information Sessions via ZOOM to assist in preparing for and accessing residential respite or permanent care on behalf of loved ones. For more information, contact Kiri Johnston, Regional Admissions Coordinator, Uniting AgeWell on tel 0428 297 546 or at [KJohnston@unitingagewell.org](mailto:KJohnston@unitingagewell.org).

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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](mailto:pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au) with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person.*