

**From:** Canberra Region Presbytery Office [office@canberraregion.unitingchurch.org.au](mailto:office@canberraregion.unitingchurch.org.au)  
**Subject:** Presbytery notices for Sunday 19 Mar 2017  
**Date:** 15 March 2017 at 11:44 am  
**To:** [chris.emery@optusnet.com.au](mailto:chris.emery@optusnet.com.au)



[View this email in your browser](#)

## Greetings from Presbytery Office ...

Below are the notices for Sunday 19th March. Please feel free to circulate them to members of your congregations or print off the handout for Congregations.

**Handout for Congregations:** There is a PDF version of the notices below for enclosing with your weekly news sheet or bulletin. It folds into an A5 handout.

[\*\*download notices as handout\*\*](#)

Kind regards  
Carolyn  
Office Secretary.

[update subscription preferences](#)

## COUNTRY, COAST & CAPITAL



++

### Table of Contents

- [Partnership in Prayer](#)
- [Presbytery links](#)
- [New Items](#)
- [Reminders](#)
- [Useful links](#)

## Partnership in Prayer

[Gunning/Dalton Gundaroo Collector and Greendale Congregations](#)



**uniting  
church**  
in Australia  
Canberra Region

## Useful links



Facebook



Twitter



Website



Email

Please pray for

- the strengthening of the relationship with the Anglicans and the combined services that are taking place
- the ageing congregations and the difficulties groups such as the Property Committee, organists and fellowships are experiencing
- the worship teams as they minister to the various Congregations
- the Lenten Study group with participants from Uniting Anglican and Catholic Churches.
- the Gunning Community as it comes to terms with the tragedy that occurred recently on a local farm
- the Gundaroo Congregation as they meet the challenge to raise funds to improve their property.

## Presbytery links

*We aim to keep the following links updated with events, dates and information that is relevant to this Presbytery. Any queries: ring us 6248 9311 or email [office@canberraregion.unitingchurch.org.au](mailto:office@canberraregion.unitingchurch.org.au)*

- Faith Formation [click here](#)
- Lifelong Learning - Synod and local dates and more [click here](#)
- Presbytery and Committee Meetings, Retreat 2017 [click here](#)
- Uniting News [click here](#)
- Community Engagement [click here](#)

[Back to top of page](#)

## New Items

### Craft materials and demonstrations - 25 March

Sale of fabrics, yarns, haberdashery etc and demonstrations of sewing, knitting and crochet at **St Ninian's** Uniting Church Cnr Mouat and Brigalow Sts, Lyneham on Saturday 25th March, 10am - 2pm. Very reasonably priced. Enquiries to Marion on 61697678 or [mccconnell@arabevine.net.au](mailto:mccconnell@arabevine.net.au).

Weekly Insights  
NSW.ACT Synod  
Newsletter

SAFE SHELTER  
Report 2016

FAITH FORMATION

PROSPECTUS 2017  
Lifelong learning for  
all God's people

CONGREGATIONS

Canberra Region  
MEETING DATES 2017

LECTIONARY

WORSHIP resources

PERSPECTIVE  
Magazine

Pastoral Carers  
CANBERRA  
HOSPITAL CHAPEL  
SERVICE Thursday  
9.30am & 2.30pm Bldg  
3 level 2. All welcome

Camden Theological  
LIBRARY - lending to  
all members of the  
UCA in NSW/ACT

## Alcohol and drug dependence - 23 March

*Presentation by Sharon Tuffin, CEO of Karralika Programs*

Families and Friends for Drug Law Reform invite you to this presentation on Thursday 23rd March, 8 pm at **St Ninian's** Uniting Church, Cnr Mouat and Brigalow Sts, Lyneham. Sharon will talk about the programs available at Karralika. The programs support individuals and families experiencing alcohol and other drug dependence. There will be a time for questions and light refreshments will be served. **Enquiries** to Marion on 61697678 or [mcconnell@grapevine.net.au](mailto:mcconnell@grapevine.net.au).

## UCA President Commends Government Decision

Rev Stuart McMillan, The President of the Uniting Church in Australia has written to the Prime Minister to commend his Government for the decision to ratify the **Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture**. **See link here.** <http://unitingjustice.org.au/human-rights/news/item/1224-opcatratification>

## Royal Commission Hearing Closing Remarks

President Stuart McMillan issues a statement to a public hearing of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Sydney today. [Read more](#)

## Synod Training events

[Click here](#) for Uniting Mission and Education, NSW.ACT Synod upcoming training events I have scheduled in April & May including the Ethical Ministry Refresher on Bullying, scheduled for Tue. 2 May.

## Seminar - Care of new Christians Wed 22 Mar

Anyone interested in the care of new Christians as they begin their journey of faith is invited to attend either of two seminars led by **Pastor Harry**

**FAMILIES, CHILDREN**  
Messy Church,  
Playgroups, Godly  
play, Special Religious  
Education (SRE NSW)

**MULTICULTURAL  
CROSSCULTURAL**  
ministry resources

**ADMINISTRATION**  
Resources

**SAFETY FORMS (Safe  
church etc)**

**GREENHILLS**  
Conference Centre

**NSW.ACT Synod**

**UCA Assembly**

**14th Triennial  
Assembly - Hearts on  
Fire - PAPERS**

**Uniting**

**UnitingCare Australia**

**MEDIACOM**  
Resources Education  
and Publishing

**ACTCOSS (ACT**

**Leesment**, an experienced leader in the Pentecostal tradition. **Wed 22 March 2017: 9.00 - 10.30 am** at Canberra House of Prayer, 28 Guilfoyle St, Yarralumla ACT; **7.00 pm** at Canberra International Church, 50 Bennelong Cres, Macquarie ACT. Contact Pastor Harry on 0402 050 131. *(This invitation comes via Rev Ron and Margaret Reeson Gungahlin UC - good friends of Pastor Harry and Jackie Leesment in the 80's when they were pastors of an AOG church in Canberra).*  
[Download more info here.](#)

## South Sudan Famine - resources for use by congregations

Please pray for the people affected by this crisis, and those responding to their needs. [ACT FOR PEACE](#) have developed some resources for use during worship this Sunday. [DOWNLOAD RESOURCES](#) Their partners are already distributing emergency food and water supplies and providing other support. Please consider a special offering. To make a donation online, click [here](#). Enquiries 1800 025 101.

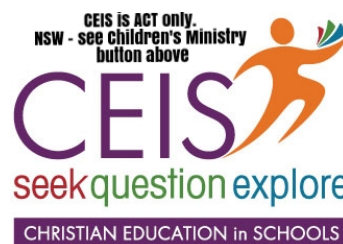
## Stations of the Cross Exhibition

18 - 26th March 2017 [Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture](#) Sixteen artists were given a different Station of the Cross to reflect on and produce an artwork. **Venue** Chapel on Cnr Kings Avenue & Blackall Street, Barton ACT **Exhibition Events** 10 – 4pm **Special Opening Hours and Events** Friday 17// 6pm curator tour followed by [official opening at 7pm with Professor Sasha Grishin AM, FAHA](#) [RSVP to Opening](#) [kspackman@csu.edu.au](mailto:kspackman@csu.edu.au).

## Accommodation needed - Canberra

40 year old Christian male seeks long term accommodation with other Christians preferably north of Lake BG, or as close to the city as possible, commencing April 2017. Shared house with other males or independent living arrangement would be fine. Thien is 'mature, mindful and considerate of other people's space. He enjoys being neat and tidy' and is currently studying and

## Council of Social Service) Community Sector News SUBSCRIPTION



## Wesley Music Centre

[Events Calendar March 2017](#)

### Lunchtime Concerts

12:40pm to 1:20pm  
20 National Circuit, Forrest ACT (cnr Sydney Ave)

**22 Mar 2017**

*Mystical Preludes and Fugues*

**29 Mar 2017**

*Colorado Children's Chorale*

Entry \$5 minimum, concession \$2 (pensioner, full-time student, children)

Refreshments \$2. No bookings required.

Enquiries: 6232 7248. Click [here](#) for more information.

[Click here for details](#) of these and other events

## About Canberra Region Presbytery

on Centrelink benefits. Please contact Thien direct on 0424 644 371 if you can assist. Reference (if required) contact David Cohen on 0422 191 891.

## **Creative worship for Easter**

From MediaCom Inc [here](#)

## **New Life Magazine**

[Click here](#)

[Back to top of page](#)

## **Reminders**

### **Innovative Community Grants**

[See letter here](#)

Open for applications. Uniting's capacity grants program is now open for applications seeking up to \$15K for community outreach and missional activities. Applications are due by **30 April 2017**.

For my information please contact Briony Griffiths, Church and Community Engagement Consultant, [bgriffiths@uniting.org](mailto:bgriffiths@uniting.org)

### **Pastoral Statement on the Royal Commission**

This is in the Synod's Weekly Insights this week - [available here](#)

### **National Council of Churches Australia**

Their March Newsletter [can be viewed here](#).

### **Everest Base Camp Challenge from Fusion Canberra**

REACH GREATER HEIGHTS Everest Base Camp, Nepal 18 October 2017 - 06 November 2017 [Click here for more information and to register](#)

### **2017 Volunteering Awards, Canberra Region**

Volunteering and Contact ACT provides an opportunity to recognise volunteers for their commitment throughout the year. Nominate an individual or team here:

[www.volunteeringact.org.au/awards](http://www.volunteeringact.org.au/awards) Nominations

Canberra Region Presbytery represents the Uniting Church in Australia in the region between Goulburn, Yass, and Crookwell NSW, through Canberra, ACT, Jindabyne in the Snowy Mountains, to Batemans Bay, Merimbula and Eden on the South NSW Coast. The Presbytery includes 28 congregations, a number of chaplaincies, and expressions of service associated with UnitingCare. From the mountains to the sea, Uniting in God's Word.

close **29 March 2017**. For more info, call 6251 4060  
or email [awards@vc-act.org.au](mailto:awards@vc-act.org.au)

## **Canberra Region Presbytery meeting 18 March**

Presbytery Minister, Geoff Wellington will speak about **Faith Formation** - see his **Faith Formation** website: [www.canberraregionpresbytery.com](http://www.canberraregionpresbytery.com)

**Weston Creek Uniting Church** will be hosting us for the day starting at 9.30am for 10am and finishing at 3pm. Elections will be held and lunch is provided. Presbytery's magazine, *Perspective*, will be available to take back to congregations, and we ask Reps to ensure each person in your congregation gets a copy. The agenda and papers will be circulated when ready.

### **Dates for Diaries**

**CRP Regional Meetings:** Capital region: 29 April, Country Region 20 May, Coast and Mountain Region 24 June.

**Ministers Gathering** 2-3 May, 17-18 Oct.

More information will be coming.

**UCA's 40th anniversary** - a Presbytery event is in the pipeline for 17-18 June.

## **Safe Church workshop Bega UC Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March**

For Elders/Church Council, pastoral leaders, Ministers/Pastors, as well as Children and Youth program leaders and helpers, including SRE/Scripture in schools. [Read more here](#)

[Back to top of page](#)

*Copyright © 2017 Uniting Church in Australia  
Canberra Region Presbytery, All rights reserved.*

### **Our mailing address is:**

Uniting Church in Australia Canberra Region  
Presbytery  
GPO Box 221  
Canberra, ACT 2601  
Australia

[Add us to your address book](#)

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

*MailChimp*

---