



UC Information

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Empowering the future

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We never have enough money! I never have enough time! We are over-run as a church – how can we do more!? Sound familiar. I bet it does. The mission is always bigger than us. The demands are always higher. And our capacity seems so limited. I really feel like this when I think of the challenges faced by the Presbytery Strategy and Planning Team (PSPT). You heard the report on the amazing opportunity at Playford at Presbytery. It is possibly the biggest undertaking we have embraced in our ministry to a needy area of our state.

What do we do when the tasks seem too big? Well, we pray and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the empowerment that brings. If you are like me, you will probably turn to the Wisdom literature for inspiration. We also rely on one another. The big thing the UCA has going for it is our connectional system. How much more possible is it for us to develop the new opportunities we have because we can face them together. Playford Alive is within our grasp because we have the means to develop such a mission as a state-wide church. It is living proof of the maxim: The sum of us is stronger than the some of us!

The same is true of the project I have been working on for the Synod and the Resources Board in particular. Aware of the need to equip our congregations more fully in the financing area, the Synod finance team has partnered with Spirited Consulting and MediaCom to create resources for congregations. The first *Spirited Generosity* workshops were held the weekend after the Presbytery Meeting. Carolyn Kitto did a superb job in helping the participating congregations understand how to initiate

effective giving invitations for financing congregational life. More workshops are to follow. For \$1,000 up to eight people will receive training (including accommodation if necessary, and, all meals and refreshments) in how to lead an effective giving program. In addition, they will receive a copy of the *Spirited Generosity* resource plus five coaching sessions with Carolyn all included.

The finance team is upgrading Dollars & Sense publications for treasurers. We will also be offering seminars for rural churches in 2012 as the program rolls out.

While we may not have the millions we have invested in recent years in churches like Aberfoyle, The Corner and Hope Valley, we still can lay a magnificent foundation for the ongoing mission of God to which we have been called.

Together, with God and one another, we can do anything.



PLACEMENTS NEWS

Placements finalised since the last edition of UC Information:

- Ms Mellissa Cellier (MOP) to State Children and Family Ministry Coordinator (0.5) from 18 July 2011
- Rev Richard Banham to Tea Tree Gully from 1 September 2011

The following is the current list of vacant (or soon to be vacant) approved placements:

Profiles available

- Adelaide West
- Burra (0.5)
- Loxton (0.6) and Renmark (0.4)
- South West Fleurieu (Delamere, Inman Valley, Myponga, Range Road, Yankalilla)

Profiles not yet available

- Barossa
- Spicer from 1.09.11
- Sunset Rock from 1.09.11
- Mt Barker (0.?) from 1.05.11

Advertised Positions/Placements

<http://resources.sa.uca.org.au/uc-positions-vacant.html>

- Adelaide Congress (Profile available)
- Christ Church (Profile available)
- Eldercare: Aged Care Chaplain
- Pastoral Relations Officer (Congregations, Ministry) from 1.08.11

If you wish to express an interest in any of these placements, or would like to have a look at the profile, please advise Rev Philip Gardner, pgardner@sa.uca.org.au, by **Tuesday 19 July 2011**. You should also inform your Mission Network's representative on Placements Committee of your interest. The next meeting of the Placements Committee will be held on **Monday, 25 July 2011** when names of Ministers will be considered to fill a number of these placements.

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Code of Ethics and Prevention of Sexual Misconduct training 11 August 2011

Venue: The Corner: A Uniting Church Centre
9.30 am to 3.30 pm

For any Ministry person who has not attended a course in the last 3 years.

RSVP: Gill Morel 8236 4204 gmorel@sa.uca.org.au

Ministry of Pastor Code of Ethics - please contact Uniting College Linda Driver 8416 8420 to register

Please join us as we celebrate with the following Congregations and people over the next few months.



INDUCTIONS

Rev Wes Howland
West Lakes United
12 July 2011 7.00 pm

Rev Paul Turley
Clayton Wesley
14 August 2011 2.30 pm

Rev Jana Norman
Pilgrim
20 August 2011 2.30 pm

COMMISSIONINGS

Coralie Evans
Grange
24 July 2011 7.00pm

Steph Tai (Ministry of Pastor)
Freedom, Paralowie
30 July 2011 time

ORDINATION SERVICE

21 August 2011
Venue and Time: TBA

Vicky Balabanski as Minister of the Word
Coralie Evans as Minister of the Word
David Hoffman as Minister of the Word
Christa Megaw as Deacon
Titus Ng as Minister of the Word

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Reminder:
Chaplains Forum

Wednesday 10th August 2011
Speaker: Rev Rob Williams
Time: 1.30pm
Venue to be advised

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**A Professional
Development day
for those in
specified
placements**

Friday 19th August 2011

9.00am to 4.30pm at Hope Valley UCA

Topics: Battling Burnout – Enhancing Engagement
Can we be both Hospitable and Safe?
Domestic Violence Resource
The Question of Church Membership (Have your say on the Assembly Discussion Paper)

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