Welcome to Uniting Church SA's 2007 Thanksgiving Calendar.

This calendar is designed to thank you for your weekly offering and to remind you how your support is helping fund our church’s vital work in the community.

Part of your weekly offering is sent by your congregation to support the Presidency and Synod’s Mission and Service Fund. Church members contributed $1.1 million towards our $6.6 million budget in 2005. Every dollar you give supports a variety of mission and ministry projects such as:

- Launching fresh, contemporary and relevant expressions of church
- Reaching people outside the church with the Good News of Jesus Christ
- Nurturing and supporting church leaders
- Providing chaplaincy in prisons, schools, hospitals and work places
- Forging closer links with Indigenous Australians
- Facilitating spiritual growth in children and young people

So thank you. Your congregation’s Mission and Service Fund contribution plays a vital role in equipping our church for mission and ministry in today’s world.

We hope the images and stories on this calendar excite and encourage you and make you proud to be a member of the Uniting Church in South Australia.

Together we are proclaiming Jesus Christ, by word and deed, in our world,

May God’s peace and blessing be yours,

Rev Dr Graham Humphris  
General Secretary

Rev Graham Vawser  
Moderator

Cover photo: Uniting Church SA General Secretary
Rev Dr Graham Humphris and Moderator
Rev Graham Vawser with staff behind the Presbytery and Synod office on Pile Street.
Unpacking the Mission and Service Fund

Uniting Church congregations throughout South Australia give funds to support our church’s wider mission and ministry. We call this the Mission and Service Fund (MSF).

In 2005 congregations gave more than $1.1 million towards Mission and Service. This money is combined with income from other Synod ministry centres and investments to form the church’s $6.6 million budget.

Note: this budget does not include the finances relating to individual congregations or church agencies (such as aged care providers, missions and schools).

Contributions from congregations ($1.1 million)

Income from investments ($3.1 million)

The Synod generates income from investments accumulated over the years through good stewardship, from bequests, from rental returns, from the Synod’s investment arm, UC Invest and from the Synod’s Insurance Agency.

Income raised by ministry centres ($2.2 million)

Many of the Synod’s activities contribute to their own running costs (for example, Parkin-Wesley College generates income from course fees).

Where does the money go?

Many councils of the Uniting Church receive grants from the Mission and Service Fund, including Synod ministry centres, congregations and the Assemblies.

This report is a summary of the detailed audited financial reports. Copies and more information are available from the Uniting Church SA’s Financial Services Unit.

However the real stories involve far more than mere dollars and cents. The pictures and stories on this calendar illustrate just some of the important projects you are helping to fund through your offering.

### Operating Income 2005

**Mission and Service Fund contributions**

- **Adelaide North West**: $171,610
- **Eyre**: 40,463
- **Flinders**: 288,786
- **Flinders**: 41,051
- **Mount Lofty**: 233,826
- **The Coorong**: 64,002
- **Wakefield**: 73,141
- **Presbytery of SA**: 203,626

**Total**: $1,116,486

**Income from investments**

- **Epworth South Australia**: 380,000
- **Investment Income**: 985,190
- **Parkin Mission**: 600,000
- **UC Invest**: 750,000
- **UC Insurance Services and Agency**: 360,000
- **Other**: 57,968

**Total**: $3,136,138

**Income raised by Synod ministry centres**

- **Communications and Public Relations**: 125,391
- **Educational Ministries Commission**: 790,393
- **Mission Resourcing Network**: 84,263
- **External Mission Resourcing**: 6,022
- **Resources Board**: 321,411
- **Secretariat (including Events)**: 180,199
- **Pastoral Relations (Including Ministers Support)**: 293
- **UnitingCare Commission**: 218,564
- **Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UACIC)**: 57,770
- **UC Insurance Services and Agency**: 479,002

**Total**: $2,262,308

**Total Income**: $6,514,932

### Operating Expenditure 2005

**Presbyteries and Congregations**: $547,937

**Synod Ministry Centres**

- **Communications and Public Relations**: 369,784
- **Educational Ministries Commission**: 1,023,127
- **Mission Resourcing Network**: 419,665
- **External Mission Resourcing**: 122,182
- **Resources Board**: 949,888
- **Secretariat (including Events)**: 763,768
- **Pastoral Relations (Including Ministers Support)**: 197,339
- **UnitingCare Commission**: 747,897
- **Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UACIC)**: 406,275
- **Other (rent, depreciation, interest, accruals)**: 5,018,446

**Total Expenditure**: $6,674,269

**Operating Deficit for the year**: -$159,337
Local Uniting Church congregations have raised thousands of dollars to help African refugees rebuild their lives in South Australia.

The church recently established a Refugee Support Fund to take a more coordinated approach towards paying refugees’ airfares and travel expenses.

Many of the newcomers have joined our congregations and church members are providing practical support to help them re-establish their lives.

Both Moorabbin and Maughan Uniting Churches have received awards recognising their programs that support refugees.

The Mission Resourcing Network also operates a centre which supports refugees and asylum seekers.

Thank you. Part of your offering supports the work of our specialised MRN centres.
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- NCCY begins on Earth

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- **Term 1 begins 05/02**

#### Baptism of Jesus
- January 7th
  - Isaiah 43:1-7
  - Psalm 29
  - Acts 8:16-17
  - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

#### Epiphany 2
- January 14th
  - Isaiah 62:1-5
  - Psalm 36:5-10
  - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
  - John 2:1-11

#### Epiphany 3
- January 21st
  - Nahum 8:1-3,
  - 5-6, 8-10
  - Psalm 19
  - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
  - Luke 4:14-21

#### Epiphany 4
- January 28th
  - Jeremiah 1:1-10
  - Psalm 71:1-6
  - 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13
providing a network of CARE

UnitingCare’s Pancake Day is held each year on Shrove Tuesday. It’s a day when church groups, schools, businesses and community groups cook pancakes to raise funds for the church’s community service arm.

In February 2006 more than 700 groups sold pancakes in South Australia and raised significant funds for local UnitingCare projects.

In South Australia UnitingCare’s 16 agencies provide welfare services, advocacy, aged care and health services.

Alongside this, UnitingCare chaplains can be found in hospitals, prisons, detention centres, schools, aged care facilities and universities.

UnitingCare is committed to supporting the most vulnerable in our community.

Thank you for contributing to the Mission and Service Fund. Part of your offering supports UnitingCare.
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### Epiphany 5
February 4th
- Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)
- Psalm 138
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

### Epiphany 6
February 11th
- Jeremiah 17:5-10
- Psalm 1
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

### Transfiguration of Jesus
February 18th
- Exodus 34:29-35
- Psalm 99
- 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

### Lent 1
February 25th
- Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
- Romans 10:8b-13
Church members who support UC Invest receive far more than just a competitive return on their investment. They also provide hope to many congregations throughout South Australia.

Inspiring projects like the renovation of Dudley Uniting Church on Kangaroo Island may not happen without the aid of Gift Funding from UC Invest and its investors.

A $7,000 grant has helped return the dilapidated church to its former glory and provide a practical space for a kids club.

Community Minister Louise Davis (pictured) is delighted that many of the students at nearby Penneshaw School are now attending kids club and getting to know the Lord.

Thank you to church members who put their money with UC Invest and ensure healthy returns for local church projects.
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**Lent 2**
- **March 4th**
  - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
  - Psalm 27
  - Philippians 3:17-4:1

**Lent 3**
- **March 11th**
  - Isaiah 5:1-9
  - Psalm 63:1-8
  - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**Lent 4**
- **March 18th**
  - Acts 17:1-12
  - Psalm 32
  - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**Lent 5**
- **March 25th**
  - Isaiah 43:16-21
  - Psalm 126
  - Philippians 3:4b-14
  - John 12:1-8

- Daylight Saving ends (SA)
RECONCILING
the past - shaping the future

The Uniting Church in South Australia is making good its covenating promise with Aboriginal people.

The church has appointed a covenating coordinator and has also struck an income sharing agreement with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC).

Congress is an active and vital part of our church. It has strong ministry centres at Salisbury and Port Augusta and has recently established a new ministry at Murray Bridge.

Seventy SA members attended the UAICC’s National Conference on the Sunshine Coast last year thanks to support from the Uniting Foundation.

Pictured are some of the many Congress kids who attended KCO (KUCA Camp Out) at West Beach.

Thank you for contributing to the Mission and Service Fund. Part of your weekly offering supports the UAICC.
Rev Graham Vawser, the Uniting Church SA’s Moderator, has many roles. One of them is to be the official face of our church at special events and services, ecumenical meetings and in the media.

The Moderator’s office is part of the Secretariat which provides practical and pastoral support to our 350 congregations in South Australia.

Graham is pictured with children at Woodville Uniting Church’s Musical Moments Playgroup, winners of Playgroup SA’s inaugural “Playgroup of the Year” award.

The playgroup provides an opportunity for families to connect with people with similar values and share Christian community.

Thank you for contributing to the Mission and Service Fund. Part of your weekly offering supports the Secretariat.
## MAY 2007

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### Easter 5
- May 6th
  - Acts 11: 1-18
  - Psalm 148
  - Revelation 21: 1-6
  - John 13:37-35

### Easter 6
- May 13th
  - Acts 16: 9-15
  - Psalm 97
  - Revelation 21:10,22-22:5
  - John 1:23-29 or
  - John 5:1-9

### Easter 7
- May 20th
  - Acts 16:14-34
  - Psalm 97
  - Revelation 21:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
  - John 17:20-26

### Pentecost
- May 27th
  - Acts 2:1-21 or
  - Genesis 11:1-9
  - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
  - Romans 8:1-17 or
  - Acts 2:1-21
  - John 14:8-17,25-27

- **Mother's Day**
- **Adelaide Cup**
- **Pentecost**
- **Easter Day**
One thing’s for sure in the Uniting Church - we’re not afraid to experiment with innovative forms of ministry.

“Black Wood Jazz” is a non-conventional style of worship with broad appeal that has emerged from Blackwood Uniting Church.

The informal jazz worship was started by ministry student and musician Sarah Agnew (pictured), Sarah said the idea grew out of her involvement with “Nightlife” at NCYC and her desire for a non-traditional style of worship.

Also, Scots Uniting Church has introduced Ecofaith worship. Services are held each Sunday in Botanic Park and worshippers gather in the open air to develop their Christian spirituality in relationship with the environment.

Thank you for contributing to the Mission and Service Fund. Part of your offering supports local congregations.

FRESH expressions of church
# June 2007 Calendar

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Encouraging children and young people to form a closer relationship with God is a high priority in our church.

The Mission Resourcing Network (MRN) recently appointed Children’s Mission Planner Heidi Jane Harding and Youth Mission Planner Ernest Sorensen. Together they help resource and equip ministry with children and young people in Uniting Church schools, congregations and playgroups, as well as supporting special events like KCO and SAYCO.

Last year Heidi Jane launched “the Great Bible Adventure”, a program encouraging parents to read the Bible to their children.

Heidi Jane and Ernest are pictured with Westminster School students looking at one of the Bibles used in the program.

Thank you for contributing to the Mission and Service Fund. Part of your offering supports the MRN and the Educational Ministries Commission.
‘cuddlies’ express GOD’S love

Last year Uniting Church Adult Fellowship groups throughout the state rallied behind a special cause – knitting more than 1,000 cuddly toys for children orphaned through HIV/AIDS in Zambia.

UCA assisted volunteer in mission Fiona Dixon-Thompson asked for the toys. She is coordinating the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) project in Mwandi village, in association with the United Church in Zambia.

The project captured the imagination of South Australia’s 200 fellowship groups and many church craft groups. Pictured from left are UCAF members Norah Norris and Cynthia Gifford.

We are thankful for fellowship members and many other church volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents.

Fellowship groups and the work of assisted volunteers in mission like Fiona are coordinated through the UCA’s national Assembly. Part of your offering supports Assembly’s work.
The Western Link Worship and Community Centre in Findon is a brilliant blend of old and new. It is also a great example of what can happen when congregations work together.

The $1 million renovation of the former Findon Uniting Church and hall became possible when five neighbouring congregations agreed to amalgamate and sell four properties to cover renovation costs.

The redevelopment was overseen by the Uniting Church SA’s Resources Board and staff, which provide our 350 congregations with expert property, financial, insurance and investment support.

Pictured from left is one of Western Link’s ministers, Rev Angie Griffin, with Property Committee chairperson Glen Edwards and elder Marion Bele.

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**Pent 14**
- September 2nd
  - Jeremiah 2:8-12
  - Psalm 81:1,10-16
  - Hebrews 13:14-15,16
  - Luke 14:17-14

**Pent 15**
- September 9th
  - Jeremiah 18:1-11
  - Psalm 139:1-6,15,16
  - Philippians 1:27
  - Luke 14:25-33

**Pent 16**
- September 16th
  - Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28
  - Psalm 14
  - 1 Timothy 1:12-17
  - Luke 15:1-10

**Pent 17**
- September 23rd
  - Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
  - Psalm 79:1-9
  - 1 Timothy 2:1-7

**Pent 18**
- September 30th
  - Jeremiah 32:1-3a,5-15
  - Psalm 91:1-6,14-16
  - 1 Timothy 6:6-19
  - Luke 16:13-17
new church has community FOCUS

There’s nothing like free food and colourful clowns to attract attention. It proved the ideal way to raise awareness about a new church with a community focus in Adelaide’s northern suburbs.

The church plant is a second campus of Pedare Uniting Church. The new congregation is based at Gateway Uniting Church in Elizabeth Downs, which is more than happy to share its premises.

Pastor Craig McGlone (second from left) said church members are active in sports, dance and craft groups and hope to attract new members through their community involvement.

The church plant is receiving $180,000 over three years from the Uniting Foundation. Thank you to church members who are ensuring a healthy future for our church by making donations and bequests to the Uniting Foundation.
Rev Eric Kirkham has been touring the South East in his caravan – developing a new model of rural ministry.

Eric is one of three rural mission planners working from the Mission Resourcing Network (MRN).

Eric, along with Deane Meatheringham and Malcolm Wilson, is encouraging and resourcing lay-led rural congregations for ministry.

“My caravan serves as a totally mobile ministry centre – equipped with a laptop, printer, copier, scanner and mobile phone, I can go wherever I’m needed,” said Eric.

The three rural mission planners are also running rural ministry schools designed to resource and re-energize rural lay leaders.

Thank you. Part of your offering supports the MRN.
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**Pent 23**
- November 4th
  - Hebrews 1:1-2, 1-4
  - Psalm 119:137, 144
  - 2 Thessalonians 1:1-14, 11-12
  - Luke 19:1-10

**Pent 24**
- November 11th
  - Psalms 133:1-3, 2-6 or Psalm 85
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-15, 13-17

**Pent 25**
- November 18th
  - Isaiah 65:17-25
  - Isaiah 12
  - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

**Christ the King**
- November 25th
  - Jeremiah 23:1-6
  - Luke 1:46-55
  - Colossians 1:11-20
Ministers' Day is a day when the church says thank you to our 200 ministers for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

The church is mindful that while ministers are usually the ones caring for and encouraging others, they also need support.

Minister’s Day provides ministers with an opportunity to recharge and learn how to strike a healthy balance between their private and working lives.

From left are Ruthmary Bond (Kensington Park UC), Matt Curnow (All Saints, Plympton and Hare Street UCs), Ruth Trembleton (Clearview UC), Geoff Tiller (Western Link UC) and Jenny Walker (Annesley College).

Thank you for contributing to the Mission and Service Fund. Part of your offering supports Pastoral Relations.
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**Advent**

- **Advent 1**
  - December 2nd
    - Isaiah 2:1-5
    - Psalm 122
    - Romans 13:1-14
    - Matthew 24:3-6

- **Advent 2**
  - December 9th
    - Isaiah 11:1-10
    - Psalm 72:1-7,18-19
    - Romans 15:4-13
    - Matthew 3:1-12

- **Advent 3**
  - December 16th
    - Isaiah 35:1-7
    - Psalm 146:1-10
    - James 5:7-10
    - Matthew 11:2-11

- **Advent 4**
  - December 23rd
    - Isaiah 7:10-16
    - Psalm 40:1-7,17-19
    - Romans 1:1-7
    - Matthew 1:18-25

**Christmas Day**

- December 25th
  - Isaiah 62:6-12
  - Psalm 97
  - Titus 3:3-7
  - Luke 2:11-14,8-20

**1st after Christmas**

- December 30th
  - Isaiah 63:1-9
  - Psalm 148
  - Hebrews 2:15-18
  - Matthew 2:13-23
equipping for MISSION

Thirteen mission networks have been established in South Australia to encourage and support congregations in mission and ministry.

3Dnet is one of the larger networks with 40 member congregations. Leader Rev Dr Dean Brookes said 3Dnet is focused on building congregations that are evangelistically effective and fruitful in their life and ministry.

“We’re also keen to build future leadership and have established special reading groups, to resource, equip and encourage church leaders.”

Pictured from left to right 3Dnet members Craig Bailey (Aberfoyle UC), Peter Morrell (Balhannah UC), Dean Brookes (Hope Valley UC), and Margaret March (Balaklava UC).

Thank you. Part of your offering directly supports your congregation’s chosen mission network.