

New Times

October-November 2021 / Issue 43 / No 5

THE VOICE OF THE UNITING CHURCH IN SA
FREE



Theological Education



The Uniting Church in Australia
Synod of South Australia

Developing lifelong disciples & effective missional leaders

**Do you have the desire
to serve the church?
Are you preparing for
ordination or another
specified ministry
within the Uniting Church?**

Our courses and programs have a specialist focus on leadership development so you can become an effective leader empowered by the Spirit.

Find out more or enrol now!
acd.edu.au or unitingcollege.edu.au

More information is available on pages 8 and 9





Uniting College
Learn. Lead. Live.



Adelaide College
of Divinity

What we offer

Vocational Education & Training	Higher Education Courses	Uniting Church specific courses
Certificate III Christian Ministry and Theology (Code 10741 NAT)	Diploma of Ministry	Uniting Church Code of Ethics
Certificate IV Christian Ministry and Theology (Code 10472 NAT)	Bachelor of Ministry	Uniting Church Period of Discernment
Intern Year program	Graduate Diploma in Ministry	Intensives & Short Courses
	Master of Ministry	
	Doctor of Ministry	

Uniting College is a member of Adelaide College of Divinity. Adelaide College of Divinity is an accredited Higher Education Institution and Registered Training Organisation (RTO 4863) and if any mention of the VET Cert III or Cert IV courses need to include the National Code i.e. Certificate III Christian Ministry and Theology (Code 10741NAT) or Cert IV Christian Ministry and Theology (Code 10742NAT).

Contents

Features

A Resilient Theology	7
Accepting the call	10
My Faith Journey	11
Theological Study	12
Working with God	13
A journey in faith and exploration	14-15
Spiritual Adventure and the Promise of the New	16
Sharing my faith journey	17
A Defining Moment	18-19
Synod Resourcing Expo	20-21
Get on with Ministry!	22
A Champion for the homeless	22

Regular pages

Note from the Editor	4
Message from the Moderator	5
Message from the General Secretary	6
Classifieds	23-25

Cover details:

Faculty members from the Uniting College for Theology and Leadership

Editor: Bridget Ransome

Advertising: Engagement Team

Design: Nadia Moretti

Print: Graphic Print Group

For editorial enquiries:

Phone: (08) 8236 4249

Email: engagement@sa.uca.org.au

Mail: The Editor, New Times

GPO Box 2145

Adelaide SA 5001

For advertising bookings:

Phone: (08) 8236 4249

Email: engagement@sa.uca.org.au

Print circulation: 7,250



The Uniting Church in Australia
Synod of South Australia

Synod of South Australia

Level 2, 212 Pirie St, Adelaide

Phone: (08) 8236 4200

Fax: (08) 8236 4201

Country callers: 1300 766 956



sa.uca.org.au

From the Editor

A few years back I started a PhD in writing, and at that time my previous employer said to me 'I don't know why you want to collect degrees!' I was quite shocked by his statement and in hindsight I can see that it was probably more about him and where he was at in his life, than me and my desire to further my education.

Learning for me has never been about collecting degrees, it has always been about stretching myself and opening up my world – and I have a particular interest in writing and history – always the humanities it seems (never maths or science) whether I sought out formal or informal methods of learning.

As human beings we are constantly in a process of lifelong learning – whether we are taught cultural or family values as we develop or we seek out courses or opportunities to connect with groups of people who have like-minded interests or hobbies. It all adds to our understanding of ourselves and our world.

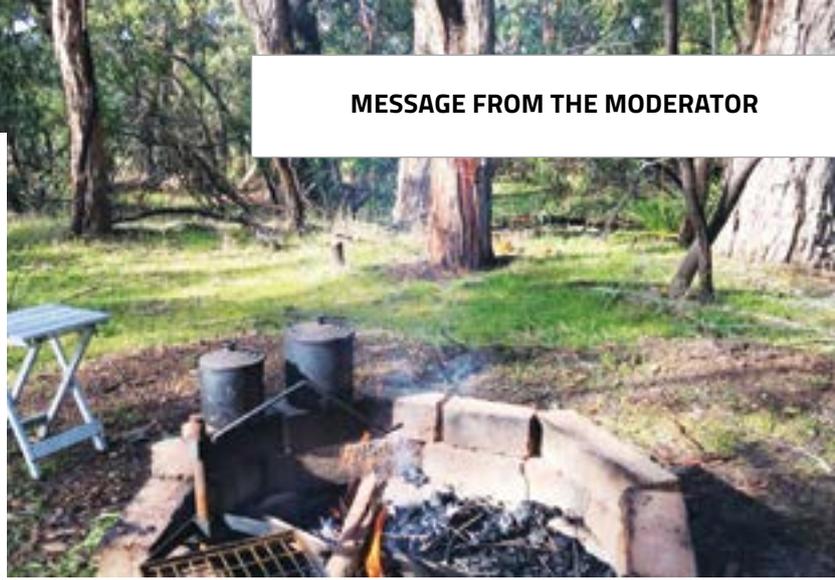
In this issue of *New Times* the people featured – whether they chose to become a Minister or a Lay Preacher have all experienced journeys that have been many and varied. It is apparent that the essential ingredient has been the moment of the 'call'.

I thank all contributors for being willing to share and reflect on their personal faith journey with the Uniting Church.

As you read on, may you also reflect on your own personal faith journey and where it has taken you to, at this point in your life.

Bridget Ransome

From the Darkness into the Light



I recently spent a few days camping in the southern Fleurieu and I found it very relaxing to wake up to the sound of kookaburras and then to take a relaxing walk along a bush track. It is when close to nature, without the distractions of life that I fully appreciate the presence of God. To see the beauty and intricacy of creation makes me realise how privileged we are.

Our Synod has agreed that Creation Care is to be at the forefront of our thinking in our strategic determinations, through theological reflection, education and action. The recently launched Synod Environmental Action Group website at environmentalaction.org.au is a significant outcome of this decision as we seek to honour God through our care and concern for all of creation.

We have agreed that as Christians, Creation Care needs to be a priority, as does reaching out to the lost and the lonely, bringing Jesus' message of love and concern. The church is a movement that must always be looking beyond itself, to see where God would have us be in mission. As Rev Canon Dave Male said in his presentation to the Synod Expos: 'We aim to be a church of missionary disciples, following Jesus, being in mission with those around us and expressing our everyday faith as we live, work and play.'

The first Synod Expo on the 18th September (and those still to come), was and will be an opportunity to discover how we can better fulfil God's mission in the world and be recognised as people who chase the wind of the Spirit. Dave challenged us to become simpler, humbler and bolder. These Expos are designed to help leaders and congregations discover the resources of the Synod that are available to assist them in determining their priorities and learning new ways of engaging in mission.

Recently I have also attended the 'Dive into Preaching' workshops held at Uniting College. These sessions have been a great opportunity to learn skills in theological reflection and preaching, alongside other lay leaders in our churches. It has been estimated that on any given Sunday, more than one half of the sermons preached in the Uniting Church will be given by a lay-person rather than an ordained Minister of the Word or Deacon. We are blessed by those who use their gifts and skills in this way, as we serve together in the church.

“

The hopeful light of Christ shines on us all and continues to guide our path. Our challenge is to focus on the light that gives us a hope and a purpose and to see the effect it has on the darkness.

Christmas postcards will be available to order soon. Christmas is a particular opportunity for mission and outreach to those in our communities, and these postcards are an ideal way to let people know about worship times and other activities, or to share a message of love and hope. This year the Synod theme for Christmas is about creating a light in the darkness. For many of us this year has been a year of darkness and despair, with COVID-19 restrictions and on-going uncertainty. The hopeful light of Christ shines on us all and continues to guide our path. Our challenge is to focus on the light that gives us a hope and a purpose and to see the effect it has on the darkness. As St Francis of Assisi said, 'All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.'

As individuals, and as faith communities and congregations, we are called to be the light to our world, through our actions and our witness may you know God's blessings as we continue to proclaim the good news of Christ.

Bronte Wilson

Bronte Wilson, Moderator



The Synod at its best!

Was it a meeting? Was it a gathering?
Was it a talk-fest? The Synod Resourcing
Expos are all of these things and more.

The sun was shining, the music playing, coffee flowing and the food carts arrived as Adelaide West Uniting Church and the Uniting College of Leadership and Theology flung open their doors.

We came to consider what it might mean to be 'Chasing the wind of the Spirit'. The Synod, with its Mission Resourcing Team, seeks to resource congregations at mission and to provide opportunities for learning and sharing of experiences – and it was a great day!

Rev Canon Dave Male, very well known to South Australians, was interviewed by Rev Ruthmary Bond, and with great clarity recognised some of the challenges facing the Christian church in Australia (and in the UK). Our learned panel contextualised their conversation and offered responses to people's questions. Understandably, there was a variety of responses, however Dave's repeated call on the church to prayer and to keep our response to the Gospel simpler, humbler and bolder resonated.

A great collection of workshops enabled smaller and more targeted conversations around matters of significance to the Uniting Church here in SA. I chose to go to Matt Wilson's great presentation around the property challenges we are facing; and saw Rev Sue Page in action on how to be a healthy Church Council; and then to Bridget Ransome's Engagement Ministry Centre presentation to listen to the great work our new Engagement Team is doing to consolidate manage and grow the work of communications in the Synod.

Just to ensure I wasn't caught napping, I joined a significant group of people to hear Rev Dr Tim Hein's lecture on the renewal of the church. There was a feast of other workshops and I want to thank the Synod for coming out, for being visible and present and to continue to resource and challenge the church.

Rather than a gentle sitting by and waiting upon the Spirit, the Expos are an invitation to a more passionate and active 'chasing' of the Spirit; to find the best of the old and to connect it with the new, in a safe and respectful way, honouring creation, relationally caring for all people.

“

Rather than a gentle sitting by and waiting upon the Spirit, the Expos are an invitation to a more passionate and active 'chasing' of the Spirit; to find the best of the old and to connect it with the new, in a safe and respectful way, honouring creation, relationally caring for all people.

During October and into November the Synod Resourcing Expos will move out of the city into the regions of our Synod and we would love you to come along. Each will have its own flavour shaped by context and community. Don't feel you can only go to the one nearest to you. Bring your Church Council on a retreat day; nurture and feed your lay leaders by helping them to register; resource the mission of your congregation by coming together for prayer; and the sharing of ideas and resources.

The Adelaide Expo concluded with a very special celebration in the recognition of the Rev Mark Kickett as a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church. Rev Dr Denise Champion, in her reflection, called the church to an active response to the Gospel. 'When you stand at the crossroads, choose the road of faith in Jesus and you will find peace (Jer 6:16).' It was a strong call to discipleship, and for the church to be the best it can be, passionately committed to God's vision for the world.

Rev Felicity Amery, General Secretary

A Resilient Theology

by Craig Bailey

“

Theology is about thinking ... ruminating ... turning things over in one's mind. The apostle Paul frequently reminds us of the importance of 'examining ourselves' – of thinking through matters of faith.

My granddaughter lent me her stress cushion. I must have looked like I needed it! It's one of those spring back cushions – you can squeeze it, twist it, jump on it, but it will always bounce back into its original shape.

As well as being fun, it's a great illustration of resilience – the capacity to bounce back in times of stress. If ever we collectively needed that ability, it is now. In fact the need for resilience is almost a daily occurrence. At a personal level, we are needing to cope with everyday challenges of restricted movement, future uncertainty, limited access to family members ... the list goes on. For some of us, there are painful realities – grief and loss, depression, loneliness. There is often no simple remedy, no formula; no quick fix.

How we think about these things matters. More importantly, the *tools* we have available to us to think about these things matter.

Recently, Kirsty Bucknell, an organisational psychologist and doctoral student at Macquarie University, released some of her and her colleagues' research on resilience.¹ As part of it they surveyed 277 'ministry workers' from across Australia measuring the relationship between self-reflection, insight, ruminations, resilience and well-being.

While it is accepted that general self-reflection is helpful for well-being, and more so when it is accompanied by *insight*, their findings are that *adaptive* self-reflection is more powerful as a contributor to a person's resilience. By adaptive self-reflection, the researchers mean the awareness that enables a person to, not only connect with the emotions one feels, but to notice the strategies one requires and to evaluate and utilise the resources required to cope. In other words, it is one thing to enter a cycle of thinking and rumination as we often do when we are under pressure. It is another thing to have the tools at hand to know how to engage them effectively towards better health and resilience.

Theology is about thinking ... ruminating ... turning things over in one's mind. The apostle Paul frequently reminds us of the importance of 'examining ourselves' – of thinking through matters of faith.² Irrespective of one's position on faith, I would dare to suggest that most people think about God and most people think about themselves in relation to God: *If there is a God, what is God like? Does God love me?*

As educators in theology, our task is not to persuade people to think about God. Nor is it our task to tell them what to think about God or the Bible or Jesus. Our role is to give people tools that are going to equip them to engage with matters of faith, so that when life throws up the big questions or challenges, when faith is threatened, there is a strong, robust and resilient way of thinking that will help and not hinder.

As a pastor, I have often been confronted with situations that challenged a person's seemingly rock solid faith. Sometimes it's a gnawing question; sometimes it's related to death or ill-health and frequently it's about seemingly unanswered prayer. All of us have faced such situations from a personal perspective. It is my experience that when we have been told what to think or have simply gone to places that simply reinforce what we already think, we are less equipped to deal with the challenges of life. I count myself as blessed to have a faith in Christ that has been forged through exposure to a breadth of learning and education that I feel has prepared me well (though it is never complete). And the Uniting College, along with my early university experiences, has been part of that journey for me, both as a student and lecturer.

Here at Uniting College for Leadership and Theology, our stated goal is to provide 'high quality, accessible education for all people.' The quality of that education will be measured largely by how well we prepare our students to engage daily and – like the stress cushion – recover frequently in a changing church and a volatile, uncertain world.

Craig Bailey is the Director of Leadership at the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology

¹Bucknell, K.J., M. Kangas, and M.F. Crane, "Adaptive self-reflection and resilience: the moderating effects of rumination on insight as a mediator" in *Personality and Individual Differences* 185 (2022) 111234, Elsevier Ltd, 2021.

²Corinthians 13:5; 1Corinthians 11:28

Study options 2021/22

Vocational

Christian Ministry and Theology

Certificate III (Code 10741 NAT)

This course is suitable for those new in their faith, exploring Christianity, English as a second language, rural or remote, those in prison and for people with limited computer skills. Subjects include: Who is Jesus Christ? Communicating with God, How to Read the Bible, Dealing with Conflict and more.

Certificate IV (Code 10742NAT)

This course will help you to grow in your discipleship and relationship with God, including understanding and applying the Bible; it will equip you with ministry skills and enhance your leadership skills. It is delivered either online or in class (minimum numbers required). Scholarships are available to eligible students.

Enquiries regarding vocational courses can be made to Jessie Sanders, VET Coordinator, phone (08) 84 16 8420, Uniting College for Leadership and Theology or visit acd.edu.au. Some courses are available via distance learning.

Find out more and enrol by visiting unitingcollege.edu.au or acd.edu.au

Undergraduate

Diploma of Ministry (DipMin)

The Diploma of Ministry provides foundational theological study in the disciplines underpinning ministry practice. Students completing the Diploma of Ministry course will be eligible for a one year status towards a Bachelor of Ministry course. This is a full-time one-year course (or part-time equivalent)

Bachelor of Ministry (BMin)

The Bachelor of Ministry course is designed to equip people for leadership. Employment and vocational outcomes include: youth worker, church planter, children and family worker, church administrator, congregational minister, worship leader; and chaplains in hospital, aged care, prison and mental health or disability settings. The Bachelor of Ministry course also provides preparation for ordained positions of Minister of the Word and Ministry of Deacon. This is a three-year, full-time course (or part-time equivalent).

Postgraduate studies

Graduate Certificate in Ministry Studies / Graduate Diploma in Ministry / Master of Ministry / Doctor of Ministry

All of the above are professional degrees that aim to assist Christian Leaders to develop their personal, spiritual, pastoral and intellectual capacities. These degrees encourage collegiality and enable you to pursue individually tailored study via Guided Reading and to articulate Theology for Ministry and to train participants in research methods in the particular area they are passionate about.

Specific Units

Preaching and Worship (CMTMIN402)

(12 October – 7 December 2021)

Learn how to put together an order of service, understand the different elements of worship, structure and prepare a sermon. Be able to connect with your audience, enhance your communication effectiveness, and practically present a sermon.

Heritage Theology and Polity

(7th – 11th February, 2022)

Explore the past, present and future of the Uniting movement. See yourself within the vibrant tapestry of the ministry and mission of the Uniting Church. Taught by Rev Professor Andrew Dutney; past Principal of Uniting College, former President of the Assembly (2012-2015) and Ordained Minister.

The Christian Story (MINS2214)

Part A: Rome to Reformation (27th April – 1st June 2022)

Online only led by Rev Professor Andrew Dutney.

God the Trinity (MINS 3555)

(Semester 1 2022)

This is a 12 week course, delivered over 2 hours in the evening that traces the development of Trinitarian thought and practice from the Scriptures through to the current day. Along the way explore the hearts and minds of the Christian tradition's most insightful voices. The focus of the unit is to revision Trinity as a practical, unifying and missional

Uniting College is a member of Adelaide College of Divinity. Adelaide College of Divinity is an accredited Higher Education Institution and Registered Training Organisation (RTO 4863) and if any mention of the VET Cert III or Cert IV courses need to include the National Code i.e. Certificate III Christian Ministry and Theology (Code 10741NAT) or Cert IV Christian Ministry and Theology (Code 10742NAT).



doctrine (teaching) of the Church. As such, Trinity need not be viewed as an intellectual curiosity or oddity but as an experiential mystery of overflowing goodness in whom to dwell and from whom to love freely. This course is led by Rev Dr Sean Gilbert.

Integrative Ministry Practice (MINS 2801)

(Semester 1 2022)

This course focuses on a number of things with an integrative, practical whole in mind. Firstly, the ministry theme of Courage. Throughout the semester various members of the faculty will share insights from their own discipline. Courageous ministry practice in the way of Jesus is arguably the needed substance and goal of all good theological education. Secondly, Sean's unique and accessible modelling of the 'Theological Reflection Circuit.' Thirdly, Case Studies arising from current ministry experience are shared in a Peer Group format where reflective practice is reinforced and deepened. This course is led by Rev Dr Sean Gilbert.

Introduction to Christian Leadership (MINS1509)

(2 March 2 – June 2022)

12 sessions from 9.30am to -12 noon each week. This intensive is designed for those interested in leadership, church leaders, lay or ordained, and those in ministry or preparing for ministry who are serious about seeing real and sustained change in a congregation. This unit can be taken as credit towards a Bachelor of Ministry or by audit.

Search for theological understanding

Community Membership

Membership includes access to all ATL resources including over 67,000 hard copy books, 6,000 eBooks and 75 theological journals

12 Months Full \$110 Concession \$70

6 Months Full \$60 Concession \$40

ACD Alumni Members

12 Months \$40

Synod Staff Members

Complimentary Membership

Accepting the call

by Rev Liz Dyson

In 2008 I began to discern a call to hospital chaplaincy. As is often the case with these things the signs came from a number of different and unexpected directions from without and within.

I was the pastoral care coordinator at my local church and I enjoyed visiting people in their homes, but visiting people in a hospital setting was so satisfying. To test the call I applied to do a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Ashford Hospital. What followed was an extraordinary twenty weeks of visiting patients and reflecting on that and experiencing personal growth in every conceivable direction. By the end I knew I needed and wanted to be formed more for the new future that seemed to be opening up and so I began a period of discernment.

Together the church and I discerned that there was a call on my life into ordination as a Deacon. Thus began a long relationship with theological study as I began ministry as a chaplain at the same time as studying.

Over some years I have been working my way through subjects that have stretched my mind and helped me to understand so much more about so many things. Sometimes I have enrolled in subjects that I was excited about pursuing. Others were core to the course but which I would not have chosen voluntarily. Whatever I enrolled in there was so much to wrestle with and be surprised by, and to discover anew.

From that tentative step in 2008 to do CPE at Ashford so much has happened. I kept studying and caring for people in hospitals and doing CPE. In 2018 I was ordained. I am now Senior Chaplain at Ashford Hospital and the Ashford CPE Centre Director training others in pastoral and spiritual care.

Along the way I have been blessed to be taught and stretched and accompanied by many gifted people, many of whom have been teachers at the Uniting College of Leadership and Theology.

Through studying I have delved with greater depth and breadth into scripture. I have gained an understanding of the past of our church, which helps us to understand its present and future. I have discovered unexpected delight and gifts in preaching and I have been invited to see and relate to our society and local community with new eyes.

I am pleased to say that I finally completed my Bachelor of Ministry. Now I am embarking on further study in Professional Pastoral Supervision. We have gifted and recognised teachers and scholars right on our doorstep here in South Australia and I am grateful for their part in my past and continuing formation.



My Faith Journey

by Robert Cartridge, Student, Uniting College

My faith journey and the beginning of me discovering my new understanding of God's love for me began in 2011.

At this time I was deployed to Afghanistan (from 2010–2011) this was high stress, and a high tempo environment. By early 2011, we had lost many mates and I was questioning life.

It was six months into the nine-month trip and I was sitting on a hill in an over-watch position, I was admiring the view as the sun set on snow-capped mountains and rolling hills that flowed down into snaking valleys below. Looking down into the valley the sound of the evening call to prayer came from the town below (being sung by a lady this was rare in their culture) listening to this prayer prompted me to pray.

I wasn't anticipating a response, let alone a call back to faith or a call to do more with my life. I had a *Gideon's Bible* that I had been carrying in my pack since I left Australia and I opened it and read. Not knowing where to start or what to go to, I opened to a random page and ended up reading Luke 15.

It was at this point when I realised God's love for me even in my shortfalls and slip-ups. After returning home to Australia, I decided to leave the Army. I was trying to find where I would fit back into the civilian world and what this 'call' to do more with my life was all about.

I found myself going back to church as part of this new 'call' but not quite understanding it or my experiences at the same time. I began thinking about the church beyond the church on a Sunday so maybe mission work might be the answer to this call?

Most organisations need some level of theological training but I wasn't keen as I am a practical hands on person not a head in the books type – this was my original thought in relation to theological studies.

Eventually I enrolled in the intern year at the Uniting College as it seemed to be more 'hands on' learning and the more I engaged the more my call was unpacked. I then went on to enrol in a Diploma of Ministry and Period Of Discernment and now I am a candidate for Deacon – which is a big change.

My journey has not always been sunshine and rainbows and with recent events in the world we can all be shaken to the core.

The teaching at the College on theological reflection has helped me unpack, understand and wrestle with different thoughts. When we have experiences that make you feel like you have just been through the 'heavy duty washing cycle' you can find yourself able to be re-grounded and then to re-build.

What do I aspire to achieve for myself personally and for the wider Uniting Church? I ask this with another question: How are we going to meet people where they are to show them love and grace as we sit beside them in their struggles and questions? Are we prepared in ourselves to do this?

To anyone thinking about study I would say 'give it a go' experience something different; be open to seeing things through a different lens; but also be kind to yourselves.

Theological Study

by Max Howland

Who is your favourite Bible character? I was at an event many years ago where we were invited (individually) to consider that question; if I tell you that I was unable to choose between Job and Thomas, what do you think that might say about me as a person of faith?

In the very early days of a study program, I undertook a Period of Discernment. Two of the major requirements were to work in an area of service to the wider Church and to undertake a unit of study. The study I undertook was a topic exploring the *Basis of Union* of the Uniting Church.

I was not all that surprised that the Period of Discernment led to the reaffirmation that the Uniting Church is my spiritual home. So when, after leaving paid work, I was drawn to degree studies in theology, there was no question about where to go – the Adelaide College of Divinity, Parkin Wesley College (as it was then) was the only place for me!

Since the age of about 12 I have known that information learned and discovered in areas of human knowledge including history, biology, astronomy and psychiatry (among many others) were at odds with the words of scripture as they appear on the surface of the page; so the question has always been: How can I find meaning for my life now in this ancient text from a world of twenty centuries ago? And I enjoy wrestling with

those questions – not just as an academic exercise but as the foundation for discerning how I am to live my 21st-century life.

And that's an important question, because under the exterior surface that changes over time, people are still just the same; they endure the same traumas of loss and grief that threaten to destroy their faith; they face the same impulses to indulgence of self and abuse of other as people of biblical times. The role of theology education is to enable the reader to dig beneath the superficial context of culture and history and discern the eternal truth beneath.

In truth, of course, we all 'do theology:' it's just that some do it more intentionally and for some it's more incidental to daily living. But whenever I preach and every time I lead worship for the start of a church meeting, and every time I help someone work through a puzzle that threatens to derail their faith, I am employing the skills and knowledge I gained through my theology study.

Why is the Gospel of Luke a politically subversive document? Why are so many Christian people so unwilling to take Wisdom literature seriously? How is the theology of the Cross different in John's Gospel from the other three gospel accounts? How do all these things shape how I live?

“

The role of theology education is to enable the reader to dig beneath the superficial context of culture and history and discern the eternal truth beneath.

Working with God

by Don Bubner OAM

I am now 81, a semi-retired farmer and a member of the Owen Community Church Congregation.

I grew up in a Christian home near Wasleys, attending church and Sunday school. In time I became a Sunday school teacher and ultimately Superintendent in the Wasleys Methodist Church.

In my late teens the late Rev Reg Lasslet challenged me to be part of a class of four locals who I knew, to study subjects set by the Chapman Alexander Bible Institute. In a way it was a correspondence course with Rev Lasslet leading our studies every Monday night.

Subjects included, *What is the Old Testament?* by C Ryder Smith – and also *Ruth and Jonah* by George AF Knight, *Introducing the New Testament* by Hunter, *Theology* by Maldyn Hughes, *Bible History*, *The Craft of the Sermon* by WE Sangster and teaching. A two-year course concluded in tests where we four were told that we had the best marks in the state. (Although I was fourth, it was still hard to believe!)

Although I had been conducting services for a few years, I was formally accepted as an accredited lay preacher in a special service in Hamley Bridge in 1960. Sixty one years on, I am not leading many services now but am still willing when called upon. I still regularly conduct services in seniors' homes – Hamley Bridge and Balaklava, and have conducted more than fifty funeral services. I don't believe that I am a dynamic preacher but have been accepted in many churches over the years.

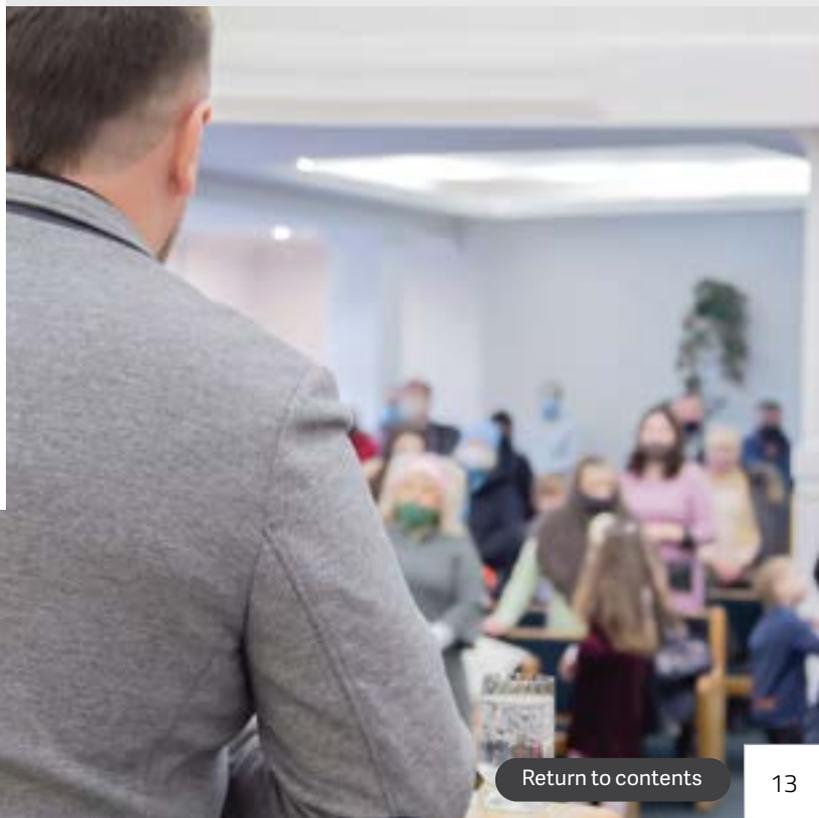
I truly believe that people take more notice of the way we live and how we treat others. Our living can be a sermon to those who don't attend church. Although I have had no further formal training, I regularly read commentaries to give me a greater understanding of lectionary set Bible subjects for preaching. Always, I have considered preaching a very serious responsibility – to lead others as we worship together and realise that many find scripture, music, singing, prayer and sharing all a valuable part of worship.

Apart from farming – which is working with God, two of my hobbies have always been music and gardening from which I use examples of God's beauty and reliability as illustrations to my sermons. I also like to share current experiences that indicate God's goodness to me as a neighbour to all.

Photo sourced from unsplash.com

“

Always, I have considered preaching a very serious responsibility – to lead others as we worship together and realise that many find scripture, music, singing, prayer and sharing all a valuable part of worship.





A journey in faith and exploration

“

Beyond the wanting or needing to change the world, morphing slowly into deepening centring prayer; prayer as stillness – walking, listening towards a sense of the unmediated experience of God.



by Rev Liellie McLaughlin

Studying at the Adelaide College of Divinity (ACD) fitted well with my first experience of Christ in Psalm 139:5 at the age of 17 as a generous call to all. This was highlighted by a wonderful remark by Tracey Bost, depicting the depth of inclusion of the Uniting Church when she reassured all in a medley of queues: stand anywhere 'cos the Uniting takes everyone and anyone!' A great affirmation of being in the right place.

During my studies at the ACD I was delighted to have the privilege of gifted lecturers, working side-by-side from different traditions: Uniting Church, Catholic and Anglican. The work of Rev Dr Andrew Dutney, whose inspirational sharing about his own faith journey, during formal and informal teachings of church life and the *Basis of Union*, opened my soul to the many life-lessons (contained in his preaching and rich philosophical insights).

There were many people that guided and encouraged me in my journey – whether it was about understanding the depth and extent of reformation and counter-reformation or exploring a creative way to read the Bible. There were also many rich gifts including an appreciation of the depth of both Old and New Testament studies; a love for pastoral ministry and insights about preaching.

Unbeknownst to me then, these diverse traditions sparked the basis of a 'multi-faith' journey that led to me studying a Masters.

I am now grateful for the opportunity of co-vocational ministry, working as a physio with the marginalised at the Brian Burdekin and for the great life teachings of both Sandy and Geoff Boyce in mentoring me and teaching me to live with hope in Connecting Communities.

My growth continues, focussed more on prayer and the mystics, to explore the dark night of the soul (especially with new arrivals).

I have gained much from the wise wisdom and mystic essence of Indigenous Spirituality, as well as Muslim, Zoroastrian, Buddhist, Orthodox, Atheist and Hindu teachings to build bridges with many.

Phases of faith-growth (as set out by Fowler), has become a great tool to explore faith journeys within spiritual exploration. Working across faith traditions on an experiential basis provides opportunity to explore silence and mutuality within prayer-practice and to move beyond the senses; the transactional. Beyond the wanting or needing to change the world, morphing slowly into deepening centring prayer; prayer as stillness – walking, listening towards a sense of the unmediated experience of God.

References:

- ngumc.org/files/fileslibrary/james+fowlers+stages+of+faith.pdf
- institute4learning.com/2020/06/12/the-stages-of-faith-according-to-james-w-fowler

Spiritual Adventure and the Promise of the New

by Jenny Esots

I reflect on the different ways God has sought to shape my Christian identity. Through God's grace I have been given opportunities to grow in my Christian ministry, within my local congregation, and in my theological studies.

God is persistent and powerful and can present in surprising new ways. Denis Edwards wrote about the persistent nature of God; 'The Christian believes that God is already at work in every human being – sometimes painfully, sometimes joyfully. God is always trying to reach us and bring us to himself.'¹ Over the past thirty years I have been blessed to have many mentors that have encouraged me to step up in ministry, to be involved in church council, lead worship, preach and eventually tackle tertiary education later in life (the other side of 50)!

God is always waiting for us, and also never finished with us. The big question that I have found myself asking throughout my life is how can I surrender myself to the love of God and still be me? That is, how can I best serve God in this one small, precious life while still being true to my whole self? Indeed, how can I be an authentic witness to the gospel as 'Jenny' (myself)?



The process of studying theology has involved writing about my own experiences while being simultaneously challenged and enriched by biblical traditions and reflections from theologians.

The development of my spiritual life within my everyday life has grown as I have learned to appreciate the rich tradition of sharing human experiences in the format of theological reflection, and I find my reading list has expanded, even though I thought I already had an eclectic reading pile!

In my final year in the Bachelor of Ministry I have been led to discern a more distinct role for my ministry practice. This has involved seeking out a period of discernment, mentor and guidance on where my gifts and limitations lie. I have connected with more experienced ministry practitioners about discernment, preaching opportunities, the practice of officiating at Holy Communion, pastoral care and Christian ethics.

My theological reflections have germinated from individual prayer, devotions, sermon writing, worship, journalistic writing, reading (both theological and secular) news and current events i.e. the euthanasia debate. I find myself asking where does God want me to be, and how will my own ministry practice flourish? Unexpectedly my ministry practice has flourished in an area where I did not previously see myself engaged. Who knew I could lead a bible study group in which the members are actively engaged and saying things like: 'You are going to keep doing this aren't you?' and so we have continued to meet in the ensuing months.

I continue to appreciate being able to reflect publicly in worship, faith discussions and engagement in the wider church. These are all ways of telling God's story that make it real and engaging for people (churched and unchurched). These are the creative ways to speak about God using my own lived experience and placing my story within God's story.

God moments come with pain and joy, and I have always actively sought a life of change, growth and adventure as part of my life and faith. The promise of the new does entail some risk. 'The spiritual life requires risk because the new is always breaking in. The old is always having to shift and accommodate to new insights, to new perspectives.'² In my Christian ministry I am always seeking new perspectives, noticing, sharing, and connecting with the gospel. Leading into Advent the message is one where God shows us the promise of the new and who knows where this will lead?

¹ Denis Edwards, Denis. *Human Experience of God*. (New York: Paulist Press, 1983). 61.

² Denis Edwards, Denis. *Human Experience of God*. (New York: Paulist Press, 1983). 62.

Sharing my faith journey

by Daphne Atkinson

I was a member of the Millicent Parish when there were four congregations: Mt Burr, Beachport, Tantanoola and Millicent.

Rev Frank Measday tried to encourage me to do the Lay Preacher's course. I applied, and received a large brown envelope in the mail filled with papers, I quickly declined as I felt strongly that I would never be able to do what was required.

Later Rev Malcolm Bottrill encouraged me to lead some services and deliver a message. This was late 1977 after union. Many years later Millicent could not afford a Minister and I was invited by the congregation to be their leader. I did my first funeral service (one of many to follow) and I engaged with and embraced most local civic organisations, which resulted in being invited to speak at an Anzac Commemoration.

I blessed a school, also a local hospital on its 50 year anniversary; performed naming ceremonies and other activities. As more invitations came to me asking me to speak, I became aware that I needed to equip myself more for the potential opportunities to be involved in serving the church in the Millicent congregation and in the wider community.

I was privileged to then be authorised by Presbytery to conduct baptisms, and to preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion. It took me 2 years of hard effort (as I left school at age 14) to then become an accredited Lay Preacher and I was commissioned in 2002.

I did the course in the days of listening to tapes (some of very poor quality!). Following on from this I did some leader's topics with Rev Rob Stoner and he ensured his tapes were clear and easier to learn from.

One of my lecturers was also Dr Deidre Palmer, she was an encourager and always enthusiastic, which enabled me to move on with confidence. I did attend some lectures in Adelaide by travelling from Millicent and staying with my daughter. After I moved to Edwardstown I became a member at Vermont Uniting Church - a very caring congregation.

“

As more invitations came to me asking me to speak, I became aware that I needed to equip myself more for the potential opportunities to be involved in serving the church in the Millicent congregation and in the wider community.

In the early days I continued to preach and I have always been a Worship leader, and again I was authorised to preside at Holy Communion in absence of the Minister and in nursing and private homes and hospitals – which was always a privilege.

Prior to my husband's long illness and subsequent death, and as I was born in 1939 and it was catching up with me, I have not been as active; though for a number of years I was a member of the Lay Preacher's Committee with Max Howland as Chairman who was excellent.

The church has been so gracious to me and that enabled me to conduct my husband's funeral two years ago and our family all took part.

I give thanks for the opportunity to share a condensed version of my faith journey. I have now moved into the Salisbury area and attend the Salisbury Uniting Church.

A Defining Moment

We asked Rev Professor Vicky Balabanski why she chose to teach biblical studies and theology and if there was a defining faith moment for her?



I think the seeds of my passion for studying the Bible can be traced back into my childhood. My mum and dad were post-war immigrants, and had joined the local Methodist Church. Dad had been brought up in the Bulgarian Orthodox tradition, and mum in the Roman Catholic Church, so it was perhaps a surprise that the Methodist Church became their spiritual home.

They were both involved in running the Sunday school. I still have a puppet play my mother wrote for a Sunday school session, depicting Paul being let down in a basket to escape (Acts 9:25). Maybe it made an impression on me to see my mum enjoying getting into the Bible story!

There was a choir at church that my mum, my sister and I sang in, and I remember singing 'The Lord's my Shepherd, I shall not want.' I started developing my interpretation skills, and decided that this must mean that if the Lord's the Shepherd that I don't want, I must be pretty rebellious!

At Primary School, I remember having a Religious Education teacher who came in each week as a volunteer and told us engrossing stories about the Christian faith. One memorable occasion was the story of Albert Schweitzer, and his decision as a theologian and musician to become a medical doctor and work in Africa. Of course at the time I didn't know that Albert Schweitzer was a famous New Testament scholar, but I was impressed by someone who combined study and action.

Dad was the one who prayed with me each bed-time. Both mum and dad were half a world away from their families, and I learned to pray for people I had never met.

Then, while I was still at Primary School, first mum and then dad died within a year of each other with health issues. My memories of this time are of fear and also courage, grief, lots of discussion about where we

would now live, and a certain isolation that descends when your peers are no longer on the same page as you are.

God was present too. Because we were not allowed to view dad's body nor attend the burial, probably for fear of what the grief might evoke in us, any talk about God was held at arm's length. In the end, my sister went to live with our next door neighbours. I eventually went to live with a family a few doors away that was newer to our community – a Churches of Christ family with three daughters.

The loss of my parents was the biggest challenge to my faith that I had ever had or would ever have; how could a loving God let that happen?

Pictured above: Vicky Balabanski and Rev Andrew Dutney



My teen years – as a scholarship kid at Methodist Ladies College in Melbourne – saw me bury my nose in my studies, hang out with the Jewish girls at school and embark on learning Hebrew.

I was now actively involved in the local Churches of Christ Church, morning and evening, and attending the Friday night youth group. One of the women who ran the youth program was a significant mentor to me. She had a vast, extrovert personality, and managed my isolation very well, and with lots of humour. She also had a PhD in English, and was teaching at Melbourne University, and she combined her intellect and her Christian faith in a way that I respected.

At 16, I spent a year in Munich with my mum's family. It was a very healing year for me; one of reconnection with my family of origin; one of learning the traditions of the church; one of allowing myself to be a normal teenager who could get angry – not something I felt I could risk in my foster family, despite their kindness.

On returning to Australia to do Year 12, I decided to do Religious Studies in the evening, and I remember sitting all by myself in the school gym to take the final exam.

I think my love of studying the Bible was my pathway into making sense of life. I like to think it can be for others too!

*Rev Associate Professor Vicky Balabanski
Director of Biblical Studies
Uniting College for Leadership & Theology*

Synod Resourcing Expo

Book now
for free!

sa.uca.org.au/synod-expo

Upcoming dates

9
OCT

Pt Lincoln Uniting Church

16
OCT

Pt Pirie

23
OCT

Murray Bridge Uniting Church

30
OCT

Millicent Uniting Church

6
NOV

Berri Uniting Church



Highlights

Adelaide West Uniting Church

by Rev Mark Schultz

On Saturday 18th September, the first of the Synod Expos began at Adelaide West Uniting Church.

Ministers, leaders and congregation members were greeted in the morning and led through to refreshments and a market-place of stalls from Mediacom Education, the Synod Refugee Advocacy Group, Fellowships and Mission Support, Uniting Foundation and others. There was a real buzz around the room as well as the music of Leigh Newton and Ferg in the sanctuary.

The keynote was a conversation between Rev Canon Dave Male, Director for Discipleship and Evangelism for the Church of England and Rev Ruthmary Bond (Minister and Fresh Expression planter) on the theme of 'Chasing the wind of the Spirit'. Dave shared his knowledge and experience, offering his own churches' approach to ministry mission. He spoke of being a simpler, humbler and bolder church: less encumbered in governance and structure, humble

enough to see our shortcomings and work for the common good and bold enough to share the gospel in simple ways. It is a radically simple way of setting the church ready for the opportunities and challenges that face it in God's calling upon it.

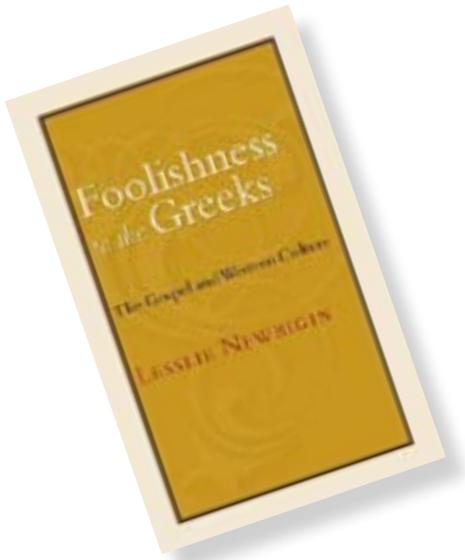
Later in the day, a panel of leaders from across the church answered questions from the attendees, helping them all to work through the application and ramifications of the day's content. There were also workshops, a market-place full of ideas and plenty of food and fellowship, completed by the admission of Rev Mark Kickett as a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church in Australia.

The Expos continue through October into November in Port Lincoln, Port Pirie, Murray Bridge, the South-East and Berri. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to re-engage with God's mission in the Church.

To view the video highlights of the day and for further information and to register visit sa.uca.org.au/synod-expo

Get on with Ministry!

by Stuart Cameron



Back in 1997 I entered the Uniting College kicking and screaming. I just wanted 'to get on' with ministry. This was a season to endure, not enjoy.

But within a semester I found myself immersed in a stimulating world of theological, biblical and missiological reflection. Thanks to lecturers like Andrew Dutney I discovered writers like Lesslie Newbigin, whose reflections on what it might mean for the church to have a missionary encounter with western culture shapes me to this day.

Another good friend, Tim Hein, referenced this book a few weeks ago on social media. I ordered it, as well as another. Reading this little book again is like being acquainted with an old friend.

At times Uniting College felt like a ministry cul-de-sac. But mostly it was a rich season of profound ministry formation and theological reflection. In particular, I'm forever grateful for the appetite it gave me to continue to love God with my mind – to be lost in wonder, love and praise as I dive ever deeper into the goodness of God.

A Champion for the homeless

by Rev Sandy Boyce

Recently, a celebratory dinner was held for Eric Hurrell, who has played a key role in coordinating the Sunday Night Tea program for 35+ years.

Eric worshipped for many years at Maughan Uniting Church, when the congregation noticed the growing number of homeless and disadvantaged people in the city. So, before the Sunday evening service, it became a practice to bring sandwiches to share with the homeless. It then became clear that more food was needed, and so the program extended to a meal. This continued as an integral part of Maughan's outreach ministry of compassionate care for many years.

A few years ago, when the Sunday Night Tea (SNT) program had to find a new home, Eric liaised with the neighbouring church, Pilgrim Uniting Church, to host the program. In a very short time, arrangements were in place, and Pilgrim has continued to extend the tradition of welcome and hospitality and offers a nutritious meal to homeless and disadvantaged people in the heart of the city.

The COVID-19 pandemic meant the program had to be curtailed and has only recently re-commenced, with many of the experienced volunteers continuing, along with many new volunteers keen to offer practical support for the homeless and disadvantaged.



Eric's leadership was appreciated by the many volunteers who have been part of the roster over the decades of the SNT program. His calm, methodical and faithful way of managing the often complex logistics of coordinating the program has provided the stability and encouragement for volunteers to be involved from a number of churches and community groups.

Eric understood his leadership role was an expression of his Christian faith, and following the example of Jesus in caring for the 'least and the last,' Eric has decided to retire from his leadership role, and Carol and Peter Dungey at Pilgrim Uniting Church will now be the Coordinators.

Thank you Eric for all you have done to connect church and community, and to meet the practical needs of the homeless and the disadvantaged in the city.



IVAN BUTLER
Family Funeral Directors

8261 8211

All hours

www.ivanbutlerfunerals.com.au
enquiries@ivanbutlerfunerals.com.au

26 OG Road Klemzig SA 5087



Geoff Lewis
General Manager



Minister Vacancies

Expressions of interest are invited for a **MINISTER – DEACON (MISSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT) (0.6 FTE)** and a **MINISTER – PASTORAL CARE (0.4 FTE)** to join the Pilgrim Uniting Church ministry team. May be offered as one fulltime position.

Enquiries and Expressions of Interest (marked private and confidential) to Rev Philip Gardner, Synod Office, PO Box 2145 Adelaide 5001, pgardner@sa.uca.org.au phone (08) 82364200 by 22 October 2021.

www.pilgrim.org.au

All Souls' Service of Remembrance

featuring

Fauré Requiem

The Choir of Pilgrim Church

A candle-lighting service
of remembrance for
friends and loved ones.

6pm Sunday 31 October

 Pilgrim Uniting Church
12 Flinders St, Adelaide



Basket Range sandstone has been used extensively throughout South Australia for over 100 years and our quarry in the Adelaide Hills continues to produce a wide range of traditional finishes, in both solid block and veneer cladding.

Whether you require sandstone to restore your church to its' former glory, or would just like to build an addition to match your house or garden, please give us a call on (08) 8390 3420.



Email: sales@basketrangesandstone.com.au
Website: www.basketrangesandstone.com.au

SPECIALISTS IN COMMERCIAL **AUDIOVISUAL** SOLUTIONS



- Sales – Design – Installation – Service – Support
- PA & Sound Reinforcement Systems
- Projection & Large Screen TV Systems
- Induction Loop & Hearing Assistance Systems
- Sanctuary, Stage & House Lighting Systems
- Camera & Live Streaming Systems

Keith Ellison 0401 535 279
keith.e@avintegration.com.au

www.avintegration.com.au

avintegration

8297 8888
8 Croydon Rd, KESWICK

AUDIO VISUAL SPECIALIST

Church - School - Board Room - Retail Display - Hospitality

- ▶ Hearing Assistance Systems
- ▶ Live Streaming/Video Cameras
- ▶ Public Address Systems
- ▶ Projection Screens
- ▶ Stage Lighting
- ▶ Multimedia/Interactive Projection
- ▶ LCD Interactive Displays
- ▶ AV Equipment
- ▶ Portable PA

SALES | INSTALLATION | SERVICE | HIRE

TEC

TOTAL ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING

Greg Hallam 0411 550 417

U2/650 North East Rd, Holden Hill
08 8369 1964

tec@tecsa.com.au
www.tecsa.com.au

Adare
Uniting Venues SA

Adare Camp & Caravan Park
Victor Harbor
Holiday Accommodation
Discounts for UCA Ministers and Members
www.unitingvenueessa.org.au/adare
08 8552 1657

CLASSIFIED

MORIALTA CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

Morialta Charitable Trust Fund has been supporting disadvantaged children, young people and their families in South Australia through its annual program of distributions for 40 years. To enable the Fund to continue this support through community organisations in South Australia, Morialta Charitable Trust Fund seeks donations from the public. Donations of \$2 and above are tax deductible and can be forwarded to the Morialta Charitable Trust Fund at **PO Box 92, Crafers SA 5152**.

MORIALTA UNITING CHURCH STUDENT HOUSES VACANCIES 2022

Undergraduate university/TAFE students from rural/regional areas. Furnished single bedrooms, living areas, shared bathroom or ensuite. Close to UniSA, Magill. Easy travel to city for Adelaide University and UniSA, and to Mawson Lakes Campus. Rent \$390 or \$430 monthly. **Contact Anne Ind 0402061124 Church Office 83319344**. Now is the time for school leavers heading for tertiary studies to apply for accommodation in our Student Houses.



Send your letters to:
engagement@sa.uca.org.au
or GPO Box 2145,
Adelaide 5001

Education with Uniting Church Schools



Annesley Junior School

HERITAGE | VALUES | INNOVATION

28 Rose Terrace
Wayville 5034
08 8422 2288
www.annesley.sa.edu.au



PEDARE

An R-12 Anglican and
Uniting Church School

20-30 Sunley Farm Drive
Golden Grove 5125
08 8280 1700
www.pedarecc.sa.edu.au



Pilgrim School

Campus Drive
Aberfoyle Park 5159
08 8270 3033
www.pilgrim.sa.edu.au



**PRINCE
ALFRED
COLLEGE**

PO Box 571
Kent Town 5071
08 8334 1200
www.pac.sa.edu.au



**SCOTCH
COLLEGE
ADELAIDE**

Carruth Road
Torrens Park 5062
08 8274 4333
www.scotch.sa.edu.au



**SEYMOUR
COLLEGE**

546 Portrush Road
Glen Osmond 5064
08 8303 9000
www.seymour.sa.edu.au



**Westminster
School**

Allison Ave
Marion 5043
08 8276 0276
www.westminster.sa.edu.au

Our seven independent schools provide education for around 6,000 students in South Australia from Early Learning to Year 12. They offer a variety of learning environments, and a world-class standard of excellence in facilities and academic standards.

While these schools respect the faith diversity of all students, the story, values and practices of the Christian faith are expressed with integrity in order to nurture young lives for sound learning, faith, compassion and responsible service.

Because of
YOU



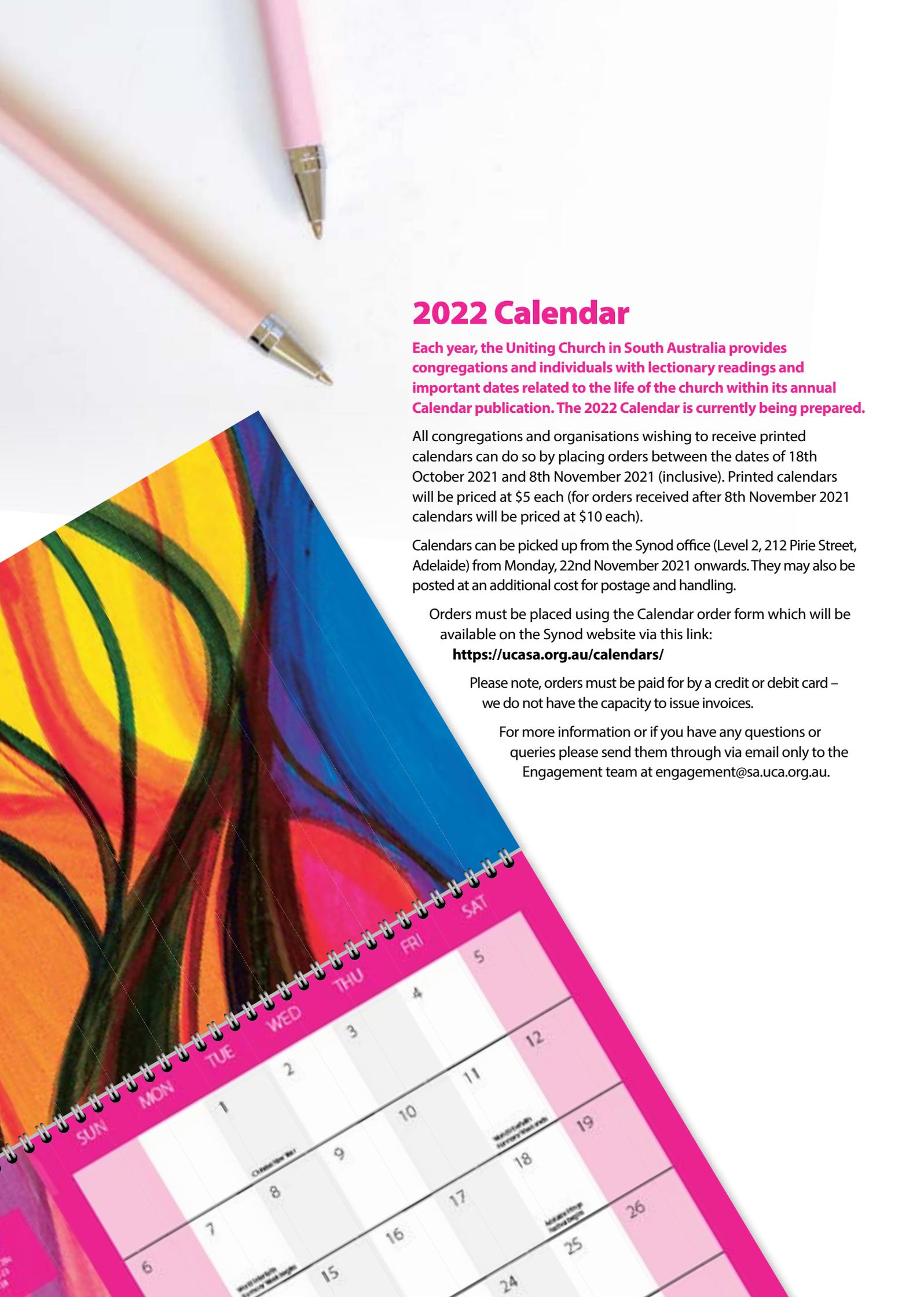
**UC Invest gave back
\$2.3 million last year
to the mission of
the Church.**

Want to be part of it too?

Contact us on **1300 274 151** to find out more or visit ucinvest.com.au today!

UC Invest is the trading name of Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Limited ACN 620 095 477 AFSL 501022 (the Fund), a public company limited by guarantee and registered under the Corporations Act 2001. The Fund exists for the charitable purpose of advancing religion by supporting the mission of the Uniting Church in Australia. The Fund is not prudentially supervised by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA). Therefore, an investor in the Fund will not receive the benefit of the financial claims scheme or depositor protection provisions of the Banking Act 1959. Investments in the Fund are intended to be a means for investors to support the charitable purposes of the Fund. The Fund is required by law to advise investors that investments in it are only intended to attract investors whose primary purpose for making their investment is to support the charitable purposes of the Fund, that investors may be unable to get some or all of their money back when they expect or at all, that investments are not subject to the usual protections for investors under the Corporations Act 2001 or regulation by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), and that the investment is not comparable to investments with banks, finance companies or food managers. The Fund holds an Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL) number 501022 authorising it to deal in, and provide general financial product advice in relation to, securities (which include debentures) and non-cash payment products. It also operates under an instrument made by ASIC the effect of which is to exempt it from the requirement to comply with Parts 6D.2 and 6D.3 of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to offers to issue debentures (ASIC Corporations (Charitable Investment Fundraising) Instrument 2016/0173). Our Charitable Investment Fundraising Identification Statement provides more information and explains how investment funds are used to support the charitable purposes of the Fund. © 2018 UC Invest | Uniting Church SA Investment Fund Limited | ABN 46 620 095 477 | AFSL 501022

UC Invest
Securing your future



2022 Calendar

Each year, the Uniting Church in South Australia provides congregations and individuals with lectionary readings and important dates related to the life of the church within its annual Calendar publication. The 2022 Calendar is currently being prepared.

All congregations and organisations wishing to receive printed calendars can do so by placing orders between the dates of 18th October 2021 and 8th November 2021 (inclusive). Printed calendars will be priced at \$5 each (for orders received after 8th November 2021 calendars will be priced at \$10 each).

Calendars can be picked up from the Synod office (Level 2, 212 Pirie Street, Adelaide) from Monday, 22nd November 2021 onwards. They may also be posted at an additional cost for postage and handling.

Orders must be placed using the Calendar order form which will be available on the Synod website via this link:

<https://ucasa.org.au/calendars/>

Please note, orders must be paid for by a credit or debit card – we do not have the capacity to issue invoices.

For more information or if you have any questions or queries please send them through via email only to the Engagement team at engagement@sa.uca.org.au.



John 8:12
When Jesus spoke again
to the people, he said, "I
am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will
never walk in darkness,
but have the light of life."

Christmas Postcards

Postcards are a great way to inform congregations and your wider local communities about Christmas service times. The Uniting Church Synod of South Australia's Engagement Ministry Centre has designed a postcard for your use across the Christmas and New Year period.

Also on offer are a range of resources to encourage congregations to build relationships with their immediate community and to provide a place of welcome where all can share in the companionship of the season.

Postcards and accompanying posters can be ordered from the 18th October through to the 8th November, 2021 and can be sent directly to your congregation from the printer or can be picked up from the Synod office on Level 2, 212 Pirie Street, Adelaide from the 22nd November 2021 onwards. There will also be a set of free, downloadable PowerPoint and social media graphics for congregational use available on the Synod website.

The Engagement Ministry Centre will send out the order details to congregations via Presbyteries and UC-news.

Placements news

Placements finalised as at 21 September 2021

Chelsea Size (MOP) to Eldercare 0.2FTE from 1 October 2021

Paul Hodgson (CoC) to Helping Hand Aged Care Inc. from 1 September 2021

Advertised placements

Wimala Presbytery Regional Coordinator 3 x 0.2FTE
Expressions of interest to wimala.chair@sa.uca.org.au
Coordinating Chaplain Helping Hand

Vacant placements

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

PROFILES AVAILABLE

Generate Presbytery

Kangaroo Island Linked Congregations (0.7)
Seeds UC Associate Pastor from 1 January 2022

Presbytery of Southern SA

Adare UC
Pilgrim UC: Minister - Deacon (Mission and Community Engagement) 0.6 and Minister - Pastoral Care 0.4.
NB: These part-time positions may be filled as one full-time role.

Wimala Presbytery

Croydon Park UC (0.3)
Lefevre UC (0.4)
Kadina Wallaroo UC
Semaphore UC (0.6)
Western Link (0.5)

Placements Across Two Presbyteries

Yorke Peninsula Restructure Intentional Interim Minister

PROFILES NOT YET AVAILABLE

Generate Presbytery

County Jervois

Wimala Presbytery

Berri UC / Barmera UC
Modbury UC (0.5)
Port Augusta UAICC

Presbytery of Southern SA

-

Placements Across Two Presbyteries

-

For more information about placements, please visit sa.uca.org.au

Deadline for the February/March 2022 edition:

Friday, 14 January 2022

ISSN 0726-2612

New Times is the voice of Uniting Church in SA. Published bi-monthly, February through November, *New Times* represents the breadth, diversity and vision of Uniting Church members in SA. Articles and advertising do not necessarily reflect the views of the *New Times* Editorial team.

Synod Resourcing Expo



Book now
for free!

sa.uca.org.au/synod-expo

Coming to a place near you!

9 Oct Pt Lincoln Uniting Church

16 Oct Pt Pirie Uniting Church

23 Oct Murray Bridge Uniting Church

30 Oct Millicent Uniting Church

6 Nov Berri Uniting Church



The United Church in Australia
Synod of South Australia