



Uniting Church in Australia Wimala Presbytery

19 June 2020

Greetings Ministers, Church Council Secretaries, Treasurers, Presbytery Reps

Bringing you an update from the Presbytery.

Standing Committee continues to meet fortnightly to do the work of the Presbytery and will meet next via Zoom on Wednesday 1 July. Please email the Secretary for meeting minutes to be forwarded to you.

Reminded by the Regulations of our need to be community together, Standing Committee continues to set up those processes and procedures that will both guide and undergird our life together.

Two recent decisions for your attention:

- **Suspension of congregations' contributions, April – June 2020**
The suspension of congregation's 2% contribution is to cease on 30 June.

However, if your congregation is experiencing financial stress through a decrease of income due to COVID19 related restrictions please follow the normal Synod processes and apply to be relieved from payment of the 2% contribution to the Presbytery.

Please contact our Treasurer Richard for further information wimala.treasurer@sa.uca.org.au

- **Change of date of Presbytery meeting**
The postponement of the meeting of the Synod of SA from October 2020 to February 2021 provides Wimala with the opportunity to meet in the spring rather than the winter.

We will gather on Saturday 31 October. Please change the date in your calendar and plan to join us. Further details will be passed along as they come to hand.

Expressions of interest are sought for Presbytery Reps on these three bodies:

- Uniting Church Foundation Grants Committee
- Synod Property Committee
- Public Theology & Mission Subcommittee of the Mission & Leadership Development Board.

Of general interest as we respond to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and contemplate our 'new normal'

- Keep an eye on Wimala's **Facebook** page for news and information from the Presbytery and our congregations. The web site creeps closer, and, hopefully, will be launched during July.
- Tune in to Sue Page's live Facebook updates on COVID19, and have a look at the Assembly document *#BuildBackBetter A Just Recovery post-COVID-19*
<https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/3197-a-just-recovery-post-covid-19>
- **Positions are vacant** in the Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress and Mordialta Uniting congregation – details are on the Synod Human Resources page <https://sa.uca.org.au/uc-positions-vacant/current-positions/>
- Be watchful for **phishing emails**, these are doing the rounds again. I'm sure you know all this, but if you receive a message that looks a bit iffy, check the "From" email address, and if in any doubt, do not reply, but start a new email and use the contact details from your own contact list.

As always, please contact us if you have questions/comments/feedback, or in relation to any of items above. We are always pleased to hear from you.

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