



Record of Service – Rev Naomi Rosenberg

Naomi Rosenberg was born in April 1957, the fourth child of Stan and Eunice Clarke, and grew up in various country towns within South Australia. She attended the local Lutheran churches with her family in these towns, where she received early nurture and education in her Christian faith.

In her teen years she often imagined herself possibly working for the church as a Deaconess, but this dream did not happen as she married young, became a nurse and as soon as she graduated had a family. Whilst the family were growing up Naomi was always involved in the pastoral care teams of the particular church they were part of, and running bible study groups.

Once her family grew up and after many years working as a registered nurse, she developed a sense that in the later part of her life she would be working in some form of full time ministry along-side of her husband. In 2003 she therefore began studying theology with her husband Marty, who was studying to be a Minister of the Word at the Parkin Wesley College (SA). Whilst studying theology she was guided by the encouragement of the lecturers and other experienced ministers, that she had the leadership capabilities, the tertiary qualifications, the spiritual maturity and the adequate gifts, to fulfil the role of a Lay Pastor.

So in the beginning of 2008, she and Marty began serving in ministry together, in country South Australia, namely the ten churches of the Southern Yorke Peninsula. (Yorketown, Warooka, Pt Vincent, Minlaton, Brentwood, Curramulka, Koolywurtie, Stansbury, Edithburgh, Corny Point). After working a few months in a Lay Pastor role, she attended a Ladies Fellowship Rally and the then SA President talked on fulfilling your God-given dreams and visions, and this got her thinking about her possible call (dream or vision) as a young person to be a deaconess (deacon), so that's when she seriously started praying about her next step in her "faith journey".

She then decided to do a spiritual retreat to seek God on this call to the specified Ministry of Deacon. During this retreat one text that jumped out at her was Esther 4, verse 14: "who knows that you were born for such a time as this". The light bulb came on and her decision was made clearer. All her life experiences, up to her current middle age, was God preparing her to the ministry of Deacon. She was then ordained in 2010. In 2012 she began serving as a Deacon at Sunset Rock Uniting Church in Stirling as her second service placement, along-side her husband who was the Minister of the Word. Her role included finding ways to serve those on the margins of the community, being a voice for those who are unable to speak out and working with the church finding various ways to facilitate mission both locally and internationally.

After a three year placement at Stirling, Naomi moved out into ministry on her own at Nairne in September 2014 along with Woodside 2016. Here she offered leadership, guidance & direction with a real passion for reaching and serving others in need and in both churches her ministry included pastoral care and serving them in the Word and Sacrament. In her time at Nairne the church became involved in children's ministry, a mental health support group, outreach at community carols & shared worship & ministry with the 2 other denominations in the town. In Woodside she assisted in organising a mental health course and an alpha course for the local churches and community, a combined churches float in the local pageant, chaired the

local Onkaparinga minister's fellowship and connected with the local Christian School and the local army chaplain to work on projects to assist the needs of the local community.

Naomi is a member of the SA Deacon's fellowship, a former chaplain for the National UCAF committee and currently a member of a "formation panel" assisting and supporting candidate's with their formation plans. She is very grateful for all that she has experienced in her years of service. She is also thankful to God, her family and the precious people she has met that gave her their love and support along the way.