



Record of Service – Rev Ernest Sorensen

Ernest Sorensen's journey of ministry began with his move from the Salvation Army to The Uniting Church in 1992. Soon Baptised and being elected as an Elder, Ernest began the process of Candidating as an Accredited youth worker, a ministry to which he was commissioned in 1999. Ernest's first ministry placement was with the Kadina-Wallaroo Parish with particular responsibility for the Wallaroo, Jerusalem and Wallaroo Mines congregations. Moving with his wife Leanne and child Joshua to Wallaroo. After 6 years of pastoral service with Kadina-Wallaroo he moved once again this time with two more children, Timothy and Nathan. Ernest was commissioned into the role of Youth Mission Planner with the Presbytery and Synod of SA in 2005 within the Mission Resourcing Network. This role was varied and diverse ranging from consulting with local congregations, much committee work with local state and national bodies, and in supporting events such as SAYCO and KCO.

In 2007 Ernest's ministry underwent a change as he began the process of candidating for Minister of the Word. Due to recognition of his being an Accredited Youth Worker and his experience as a Pastor and his numerous academic qualifications, this transition process was brief and to the point. In 2008 Ernest was ordained and began a placement with the Lower Murray Congregations where he served until 2014.

During this time he had the privilege of baptising his three children who chose this course as older children.

In late 2014 Ernest moved placements to serve the Lighthouse Church (Risdon Park) Port Pirie. Over the next five years Ernest enjoyed engaging with the church, the community and the strong relationships ecumenically which was expressed in an annual dinner between the UCA and the Catholic Church.

Leaving Port Pirie in 2019 Ernest spent a brief time at Adare UCA at Victor Harbor where his health became an issue and he retired from active Ministry in July 2020.