

Record of Service – Rev Gayle McClimont

I was Ordained at the Gawler Uniting Church, Tod Street in December 1996. My first placement was the Southern Flinder's Ranges which included six congregations in the parish. It was a joy to minister and be involved in the local communities, to have a strong inter-denominational connection and be a part of the Frome Presbytery which was extremely supportive. It was during this time I became involved with the Ministry for Seniors and for many years helped to organise and lead annual retreats at Nunyara.

In January 2002 I began my placement at Helping Hand Aged Care as Coordinating Chaplain. It was a placement which lasted nearly 20 years. I was able to use my gifts of chaplaincy, pastoral care, senior's ministry, management and preaching in an ever changing and growing setting. During my time at Helping Hand I was a member of the Helping Hand Board of Directors. Throughout my ministry I have served on numerous other committees within the church as well as committees within the wider community. Helping Hand encouraged, respected and supported me in my ministry and continuing education including my Advanced Level of CPE with a special focus on those living with Dementia.

Over the years, along with a team of chaplain's and ministers I worked with various church congregations training in various aspects of pastoral care including ministry with seniors. I also mentored many people in the various aspects of senior's ministry in aged care settings. I was blessed by those I ministered to and worked with over the years and appreciated the faithfulness and commitment of the many pastoral carers from various denominations who formed a wonderful team dedicated to caring for the spiritual needs of residents at Helping Hand.

I am thankful every day for the presence of God in my life, the ministry I was called to in the UCA and the lasting legacy I have received from my involvement with the many people that have touched my life.

