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Notes and news for Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

As usual, the newsletter contains two sections. The first has information directly related to Yarra Yarra Presbytery, and this is followed by information about items which may be of interest to your congregations. Apologies for the lateness of this edition, and particularly to those whose events have already taken place.

Please identify other items relevant to your community, and promote the issues and events listed below through your own newsletters and other communication channels as appropriate. There is much going on, so please take a few minutes to review.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery Meeting Dates

Following the resolution of the Presbytery at its last meeting regarding dates for 2018, the Standing Committee has made one change because of a clash with other Synod activities. The meeting dates for 2018 will now be Saturdays 3rd March, 19th May, 11th August and 17th November. Please note these in your calendars now so that you can be sure of attending.

The first meeting for the year will include the installation of our new Chairperson, Rev Ross Pearce (also the Minister at Highfield Road, Canterbury). Information about the agenda, including the location, will be distributed to Presbytery members in the next few weeks. We will also recognise the service of those who have been members of committees and welcome those who will be members of committees during 2018-9. Let's ensure that this is a real celebration with a full attendance.

Induction Services

With several changes to ministerial placements in the Presbytery, all members of Presbytery, as well as members of nearby congregations, are invited to attend the following induction services:

Burwood will celebrate the induction of Rev John Mann on Friday
16th February at 7.45 pm at Burwood Uniting Church, cnr of Hyslop Street and Warrigal Road, Glen Iris.

The next two induction services will be in March. Watch for the announcement of dates in the next newsletter.

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Canterbury Balwyn Road will celebrate the induction of Rev Salesi Faupula.

Ashburton will welcome and induct Rev Lavingi Tupou.

Presbytery members are reminded that these are Presbytery functions, and invited to attend those services which are in their own area. Ministers are invited to robe using red as the liturgical colour.

Presbytery Database Updates

Thank you to those Church Council Secretaries who have already responded with updates to the database. To the three-quarters of congregations who have yet to respond, may this be a gentle reminder that we do need to hear from you, even if there are no changes to your current appointments. Now that the holiday season is almost over, please treat this as a priority.

WOMEN OF FAITH

The Faith Communities Council of Victoria and Murrumbeena Uniting Church start their 2018 programme with a session entitled Women of Faith at Murrumbeena Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena, on Sunday 21st January at 5:30pm. The event will be followed by Men of Faith on 15th April. Everyone – men and women, any faith background, those searching for faith too – is invited to come and share in conversation, listen to these amazing stories and ask some questions with these four women sharing their life journeys from their different faiths.

BEHIND THE WALL

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist in North Melbourne, in collaboration with the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network, invite people to come and hear Vice-Chancellor Brother Peter Bray speak on what is happening in Bethlehem University and in the Holy Land, at a session entitled *Oasis of Peace Behind the Wall: Bethlehem University in the Holy Land*. The meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd February at 6:30pm, at Elm Street Hall, 4 Elm Street, North Melbourne, near cnr of Curzon Street (Melways ref 2A H10). Enquiries: Heather Mathew, tel 0403 654 185.

ORGANIST AVAILABLE

The Presbytery has received an enquiry from a young man relocating from NSW to continue music degree studies, and seeking a paid opportunity to work as a church organist. Please contact the Secretary, tel 9857 1003, if you are interested.

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM CTM

Early in 2017 Mark Scandrette introduced us to “Belonging and Becoming” and “Practicing the Way of Jesus”. Mark and Lisa are returning in 2018 for a series of events:

Tue 6 Mar, 10:00am-12:30pm + 1:30pm-4:00pm: Create thriving cultures & practices

- Hosted at [CTM Parkville](#) and live-streamed to [Horsham UC](#) and other venues

- Two half-day workshops for local/regional church leaders & ministry workers, creating ‘networks/communities of practice’
- Morning: creating thriving family/intergenerational culture, “Belonging and Becoming”
- Afternoon: faith-full practices for discipleship and mission, “Practicing the Way of Jesus”
- Participant cost \$40 (inc GST) includes refreshments & lunch. [Registrations open mid-January.](#)

Tue 6 Mar, 7:00pm-9:30pm: workshop on “Creating a thriving family culture”

- **Hosted at [Living Faith Church](#)**, 37 Grimshaw St, Greensborough
- Evening workshop for families & leaders on creating thriving family culture, “Belonging & Becoming”
- Goals include connecting families with each other for ongoing encouragement, support, & accountability
- Participant cost \$20 includes light refreshments. [Registrations open mid-January.](#)

Fri-Mon 9-12 March: Synod Social Justice Family Camp 2018

- [Mt Morton Camp & Conference Centre](#), Fairmont Ave, Belgrave Heights
- Join the annual Synod family camp network, a dispersed community of faith-full families diving deep
- *What are the practices and approaches that will help us to be strong, enriched families where each member is loved and supported to become all that they were made to be, and enabled to thrive?*
- 6pm Friday 9 March until 1pm Monday 12 March 2018: [download the promo flyer](#) or [register online now!](#)

Full details of these and other events can be found on the CTM Events page at <http://ctm.uca.edu.au/ctm/events/>.

*If you have information that you wish to have distributed through this newsletter, please ensure that it is submitted by the start of the month in which the item is to appear. I plan to try to send newsletters out in the third week, so that means if your event occurs early in the month, you will need to have it submitted by the start of the **previous** month.*

The newsletter is sent to Church Council Secretaries. If you should not be receiving it, please contact me at pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person.