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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.

Apologies to everyone for missing a newsletter in June. Preparations for the Assembly meeting have been all-consuming in Yarra Yarra as we prepare to host the meeting next week.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery Endorses Applicants

The special meeting of presbytery held last month was well-attended and we were privileged to hear from six applicants for candidature in the Uniting Church. The proposals from the Ministry Formation Committee were accepted, and we congratulate each of these young people on this step on their path of discernment. The presbytery decisions mean that as they go to the Selection Conference there will be an expression of support from the presbytery for each.

More Induction Services – and an ordination

Coming hard on the heels of the Assembly meeting, all members of presbytery are reminded of the induction service for Rev Clare Dawe at Manningham. **The service will be at Templestowe, at 1pm on Sunday 15th July.**

And please note that Peter Mallen will be ordained and inducted into a placement at Croydon and Croydon North on 5th August. Watch for more details shortly.

The other induction currently planned is that for Rev Liz McMillan, which will take place at the Presbytery meeting on 11th August. The meeting will be held at Highfield Road church.

Assembly meeting

As mentioned above, there has been much activity leading up to the Assembly in Box Hill, starting on Sunday 8th July. The meeting runs from Sunday afternoon to Saturday morning, and is open to everyone who would like to visit. To see what is on, check the web page at http://Uniting.Church, where you will find all the details.

Many people from this presbytery are involved as members, volunteers and staff. There will be a number of occasions during the week when the presbytery office is unattended, and responses to mail may also be delayed, so thank you in advance for your patience at this time.

A good attendance at the opening service and installation of the new President would demonstrate our support for the Assembly.

Sunday 8th July 2018 at 7pm for 7:30pm start

St Michael's Uniting Church, 120 Collins St, Melbourne

Supper will follow the service at
Scots' Presbyterian Church, 156 Collins St, Melbourne

NEW RESOURCE — ILLUMINATING FAITH

'*Is God among us or not? God's presence to people on the way*' by Howard Wallace is a new study resource for small groups from Illuminating Faith (Congregation of Mark the Evangelist, North Melbourne). It is available free online from

http://marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au/illuminating-faith/.

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*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.*

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