



Uniting Church in Australia  
Synod of Victoria and Tasmania  
Presbytery of Yarra Yarra

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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.*

*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.*

*Now that the Assembly meeting is over, life at the Presbytery office is starting to return to normal, although this newsletter is still a little late for the "usual" third week of the month. Please ensure that items for the next edition are sent in by the end of the month.*

### PRESBYTERY NEWS

#### Special Service information

Diamond Valley Parish invites everyone to a service to recognise **Rev Dr Fiona Hill** as a Minister of the Uniting Church at the Hurstbridge church, at 9 am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

We will welcome and induct our new Presbytery Minister, **Rev Liz McMillan**, at the Presbytery meeting on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August. The meeting will be held at Highfield Road church. The time will be included in the working papers for the meeting, but is likely to be early afternoon.

**Peter Mallen** will be ordained and inducted into a placement at Croydon and Croydon North on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 2 pm. The service will be at the Croydon church, Tallent Street, Croydon.

#### Ministers and Pastors Conference

This year the Yarra Yarra and Port Phillip East Presbyteries will be combining for the 2018 Ministers and Pastors Conference, to be held at Pallotti College from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August. All Ministers, Pastors and active ministry agents have been invited, and are expected to attend as part of their commitment to life-long learning and to the wider Church. Church Council Secretaries are asked to encourage ministers and pastors to act now on the registration information which they will have received.

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## **EMBRACING INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY**

Dr. Holly Allen, author of the seminal [Intergenerational Christian Formation](#), editor of the upcoming [Intergenerate: Transforming Churches through Intergenerational Ministry](#) and previously well known [for Nurturing Children's Spirituality](#) will be in **Melbourne** over **Friday July 27** and **Saturday July 28**. One of the most significant voices globally in the growing area of intergenerational ministry, Holly will bring her passion, knowledge and experience to Melbourne for two days of stimulating engagement. Especially suitable for those in *any* ministry leadership role, participants can register for *either* or, ideally, *both* days. For best value, participants are encouraged to register with others from their church or organisation *as soon as possible*.

Day 1: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July

[Embracing Intergenerational Ministry – The Why and How](#)

Day 2: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July

[Embracing Intergenerational Ministry - Bringing Change, Growing Practice](#)

Venue: Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville

Time: 10 am – 4 pm (each day)

Cost: \$70/day

## **BEER AND HYMNS**

“Beer and Hymns” is an initiative of Richmond Uniting and Northcote Chalice Uniting Churches, with musicians from Brunswick Uniting Church. It will be held from 3 pm to 5 pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August, at Wesley Anne, an iconic restaurant, bar and live music venue located at 250 High Street, Northcote. Bring along a copy of TIS or your old AHB.

Enquiries: Sally Douglas, [sal\\_douglas@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sal_douglas@yahoo.com.au)

## **FUNDAMENTALS OF TRANSITION MINISTRY**

Fundamentals of Transition Ministry is a three day experiential program focussing on ministering with congregations in times of transition. It is being offered by Port Phillip West Presbytery from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August at Hoppers Crossing Uniting Church. The trainer will be Rev Dr Rob McFarlane.

The purpose is to equip ministers and lay leaders with expertise and tools that will assist them to lead congregations through the challenges and difficulties of change, towards renewed life and sustainable future. The course is based on 3 key foundations: Understanding Change and Transition, Systems Theory, and Family Systems and ways in which they connect with our sacred stories. This is a stand-alone program but can also be the 1st phase of training as a qualified Intentional Interim Minister. Phase 2 will be offered in 2019.

**Cost:** Whilst normally this course costs \$350 per participant, Port Phillip West Presbytery considers this training important enough to subsidise these costs. So costs per person will be \$75, or \$50 for those with Seniors or Concession cards. This will also cover lunches, and morning and afternoon teas. Places will be limited.

**Information:** Rose Broadstock M. 0416805022 E. [rnrl@tpg.com.au](mailto:rnrl@tpg.com.au)

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### **SEMINAR: PASTORAL PARTNER PROGRAM**

MediaCom Education Inc are presenting a two-day seminar at Brunswick Uniting Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August. The two sessions cover “The Pastoral Partner Model” (Friday evening) and sessions on “Managing Conflict in the Congregation” and “Self-care for Pastoral Carers” (on Saturday). The cost is \$40 for individuals, or \$175 for a group of five.

For information: [http://www.mediacom.org.au/vmenu/PP\\_Seminars2018.php](http://www.mediacom.org.au/vmenu/PP_Seminars2018.php)

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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.*

*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](mailto:pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au) with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person.*