



11th March 2020

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.

Please ensure that items for the next edition are sent in by the end of the month. It is helpful if you can provide text, rather than copies of fliers which need to be transcribed and summarised. Please include contact information for those seeking more information.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Welcome to our new Chairperson

The installation of Lisa Carey as the Presbytery Chairperson during the Presbytery meeting on 29th February was a great celebration for the whole Presbytery. We look forward to her leading over the next two years. As noted at the footer of this newsletter, we are still setting up a phone connection. In the meantime, if you need to contact Lisa by phone, please ask the Presbytery office to pass on a message.

Inductions and Ordinations

Our new Chairperson has a busy schedule of special services booked up over the next month and as the year develops. The day after Lisa's installation she presided like a veteran at the ordination of Mike You, at Surrey Hills. Now we look forward to the following services, and invite every member of Presbytery to make a sincere attempt to attend at least one of these events.

- Rev (Decon) Steve Crump will be inducted as the Minister at Auburn on Sunday 15th March at 2pm. Steve will exercise a half-time ministry here, sharing his time with his current placement at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.
- Ye (Viola) Liang has accepted a placement at the Warrandyte congregation, and there will be two associated services. Her ordination

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will take place at the Melbourne Wesley Church in Lonsdale Street, within the Melbourne Gospel Hall congregation, on Sunday 22nd March at 2pm. Members of Presbytery attending the service are invited to gather before the service in the Hoban Chapel which is located at the front of the church, and accessed from the church foyer. The following week, on 29th March at 2pm the Presbytery will induct Viola into the Warrandyte congregation at the Warrandyte church.

- We look forward to the induction in April of Rev Rod Peppiat at Blackburn (The Avenue) congregation, and of Rev Jinseon Park at Mooroolbark in June. Details of these services will be shared as they are finalised.

Covid-19 Coronavirus concerns

The Synod [Crosslight web page](#) has a helpful article relating to precautions and other issues arising from the spread of the Covid-19 virus through our community. The Presbytery officers would also encourage you to keep abreast of current health warnings from reputable sources such as the [DHHS VicHealth web page](#). To quote from that page (11-Mar-20), “At the present time there is no evidence of transmission in the community in Victoria so you should continue to go about your business. You don't need to take actions like limiting your movement in the community or staying at home.” That said, however, there are many ways you can reduce your risk. The web page lists ten specific actions you can take, and provides a [safety poster](#) you can download. A [web page from the Queensland Synod](#) provides some advice in the context of congregations.

Each Church Council should have an explicit policy, preferably documented and published. It is the recommendation of this Presbytery that in services of Holy Communion that particular care is taken when preparing and serving bread and wine. The minister presiding should cleanse hands, thoroughly and visibly, prior to communion. Those assisting should do likewise. A common cup should not be used, and in the current climate it is preferable to use individual serving glasses instead.

Changes to Office Bearers

We are aware that some congregations have changed their office bearers and/or their presbytery representatives. If there are changes happening in your congregation, please ensure that the Presbytery is informed so that we are sure that information is being sent to the correct people. Any changes to the Church Council Secretary position also need to be advised to the Synod at directory@uca.victas.org.au.

Lay Education Online

At the recent Presbytery meeting, Mel Perkins presented information about a range of online resources for lay education. Our Presbytery Minister (Congregations) is able to answer questions about these resources and arrange access for those who are interested. You can talk to Sunny about issues such as:

- Group study
- Faith and discipleship development
- Period of Discernment study
- Lay Preacher training
- Worship leader training
- Assessment or no assessment
- Learn with flexible units that can be used for group studies, individual learning, worship leader training, Lay Preacher training, and continuing education for Lay Preachers.
- Assessment is available and optional (unless undertaking Lay Preaching training) – though assessment questions make great stimulus questions for small groups and individuals.
- Once you have a login, you can learn anytime and anywhere you can get an online connection.
- Learn more about the UCA as you grow in faith
For more information, contact Sunny Chen, on tel 9857 1001 or at sunny.chen@victas.uca.org.au.

UC HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR – TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Carlton Church of All Nations invites you to a presentation by Jack Hoadley about the achievements of his father, Arch Hoadley CBE, who was appointed Foundation Principal of the Footscray Technical School in 1916. The School became a highly regarded component of the civic life of the City of Footscray.

In particular, Jack will discuss some of the problems Arch experienced in establishing the school and the educational philosophy he sought to implant. Jack Hoadley is a key figure in modern planning education in Melbourne. After a career in administration at RMIT he worked as a consultant in Educational Planning and also chaired the Board of Management of Moreland Hall (now ReGen UnitingCare) for ten years. He then began to research his father's life story that he published in 2010, titled "Antarctica to Footscray".

Where: Church Of All Nations, 180 Palmerston Street, Carlton

When: Sunday 29 March 2.30pm

All welcome. Free event. Refreshments to follow

Enquiries: Uniting Church Historical Society, Mobile: 0418 317 942

LENTEN LITURGY RESOURCES – ILLUMINATING FAITH

Uptake of the [Illuminating Faith studies](#) distributed to date continues to encourage the congregation of Mark the Evangelist at North Melbourne, and in preparation for Lent this year, some new liturgical resources for Passion Sunday or Good Friday, and Maundy Thursday, have been published online. Click these links to access the new resources.

[The Passion according to St Matthew – A Service Order](#)
[A Tenebrae Service around St John's Passion](#)

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Whether you're already involved in running youth programs or you're keen to get started, the Somers Leadership Conference is perfect for you!

After training youth leaders for more than 20 years, the Somers team have partnered with guest speakers and professionals in their fields with awesome leadership experience to provide a refreshing approach to leadership training. With a strong focus on individual development and the latest info on youth leadership, you will be set to put your new skills and knowledge in action as a confident youth leader!

When: Saturday 25th April, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Where: Lord Somers Camp, Somers

Cost: \$95 including lunch and snacks

Information: core@somerscamp.com.au or Claire Dawe, tel 0410 827 597

HOLY HABITS

Holy Habits is a way of forming followers of Jesus based on Luke's model of a disciple forming Church of all ages in Acts 2:42-47. Holy Habits focusses on ten practices that we see in the passages and invites us to reflect on how they can be lived more fruitfully both within gathered Church communities and wherever we live our day by day lives. The ten practices are: biblical teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer, sharing of resources, serving, eating together, gladness and generosity, worship and the making of more disciples.

The following sessions will take place in this Presbytery:

Taster session: Friday 31st July 7-9pm, at Centre for Theology & Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville – \$10 (incl refreshments)

Indepth Session: Saturday 1st August 10-4pm, Friday 31st July 7-9pm Centre for Theology & Ministry 29 College Cres, Parkville – \$80 (incl morning tea and lunch)

Register online at

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/holy-habits-melbourne-tickets-96779276421>
or talk to Claire Dawe (0410 827 597) or Sandy Brodine (0413 355 483).

TELL US A STORY

The Uniting Church Historical Society is inviting people to write about an important figure they knew or knew about in this church. They are planning a meeting on Sunday 16th August at which four presenters will tell these stories. If you are interested, send your submission to Robert Renton at PO Box 5064 Hoppers Crossing VIC 3029 or by email to robert.renton@bigpond.com by 20th July.

VACANCY AT RICHMOND CHURCHES FOOD CENTRE

The award-winning Richmond Churches Food Centre has an exciting new position for a Supervisor. If you want to make a real difference, working with a dynamic volunteer team to co-ordinate food security for hundreds of people in need each week, this might be the job for you. Or it might be the perfect position for someone you know. This is a permanent part-time role for 24 hours per week covering Thursday, Friday and Monday. For more information and documentation please contact Jo Fouvy, rfoodcentre@gmail.com or on tel 0413 660 260

*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.