

16th November 2023

News for Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

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

*Please note that the Presbytery Office will be closed during the Synod Meeting
18th to 21st November
and closed over Christmas 22nd December to 2nd January 2024.*

Presbytery Staffing

Presbytery Leadership Roles - Nominations

Thank you to those who have sent in their Nomination Forms for the various Committees but so far we have only received a few Nominations.

Please consider nominating for one of the positions on a PYY Committee and share this information and request with your congregation.

Our Committees' play an invaluable role in the work of the Presbytery, from finance and property to assisting congregations in calling a minister, supporting our candidates and lay preachers. ***We need your help in ensuring these committees have the variety of skills and people to be able to undertake their important work.***

The 2024 call for nominations for our Presbytery leadership roles and presbytery committees available on our website:

http://yarrayarrapresbytery.unitingchurch.org.au/?doing_wp_cron=1700124734.5093669891357421875000

The first link on our website takes you to the Nomination Form, the second link provides Profiles of each position.

If you have any questions about these committees, please contact Lisa Carey at lisa.carey@pyy.victas.uca.org.au.

Presbytery Meetings

December meeting: 2nd December 2023

- **Note new date** to prevent clashes with Synod Meeting in November
- 9:30 am in person – Location: Looking at having the December Presbytery meeting at Glen Iris, however this will be confirmed shortly.

Other News

Indigenous Hospitality House – Expressions of Interest

Indigenous Hospitality House is a project of Carlton Church of All Nations. We are looking for expressions of interest for people interested in joining as resident volunteers, hosting Indigenous hospital guests. It is close to a few of the universities and can fit well alongside study.

How do I find out more?

IHH love meeting people, and work best face to face. If you would like to find out more about this opportunity, send IHH an email or give them a call.

The most up-to-date information is on IHH [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram](#). Which you can access via their website <https://www.ihh.org.au/>, or contact (03) 9387 7557 | house@ihh.org.au | 1/907 Drummond St Carlton North, Wurundjeri land

An Advent Retreat –Wed 29th November

Please share this event with your congregations and other interested people.

At the beginning of Advent you are warmly invited by Robert Gribben and Sally Douglas to spend a day in quiet retreat with others. There will be a little bit of input, space for silence, for shared worship and Holy Communion, space for your own reflection times in the church, in the gardens, or in silent walks, and an opportunity to share in lunch and conversation with others.

BYO: art materials, journal, your lunch (there are cafes near by).

Tea and (real) coffee provided.

Wednesday 29 November **10am - 3pm**

Richmond Uniting Church, 304 Church St, Richmond

RSVP: Richmond.uniting@bigpond.com by Friday 24 November

Everything in Common Campaign

We invite you to support UnitingWorld's Everything in Common Campaign by hosting a stall at your church, school, carols night or markets. This is a great way to share the gifts of **hope, joy, peace and love** with our brothers and sisters in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. If you have not already ordered cards for your gift stall please click on the link below to do so.

<https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/everythingincommon-sign-up>

As an agency of the Uniting Church in Australia we are a channel for connecting Australian people to God's work in the wider world.

Everything in Common – Gifts that fight poverty and build hope!

Multicultural Youth Rally - Sunday 10th December

Come gather from across our churches for an evening of worship, fellowship and community.

Location: Canterbury Uniting Church 15A Balwyn Rad, Canterbury

Time: Starts at **6pm**

For further information contact Pastor Virginia 0484 189 318 or
Virginia.lavaki@victas.uca.org.au

*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 and Presbytery members. 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.