



*News for the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions*

## Calendar of Events - 2025

Date	Time	Event
Wed 23 Jul	7:30pm	Presbytery in Council Zoom Meeting
Fri 25 Jul	11am	Quarterly Essay: <i>Hard New World</i> , CTM Parkville.
Sun 10 Aug	2pm	Ordination of Jane Yun, Deepdene UC
Sun 24 Aug	2:30pm	<i>John Wesley's Clock: a Methodist mystery tour!</i> , Queens Collage Chapel, Parkville
Sat 30 Aug-Tue 2 Sep		Synod 2025, Box Hill Town Hall
Thur 11-Sun 14 Sep		Leaders to Go Conference, The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops, NSW.
3-5 October		UC National History Conference, Canberra City Church
17-18 October		Intergen: <i>Belonging By Design</i> , Crossway Baptist Church
26 Oct	2pm	Celebrate the Centenary of Worship at Ivanhoe UC [put in your diary; further details to come]

## Ordination of Jae Eun (Jane) YUN – Sun 10<sup>th</sup> August

Deepdene Uniting Church members are thrilled to invite Presbytery members and friends to Jane's ordination.

Sunday 10 August 2025, **2:00pm**.

Deepdene Uniting Church  
958a Burke Rd  
Deepdene 3103.



Trams 72 & 109.

Parking in Deepdene Primary School next door, entry off Burke Rd.

Limited parking off Dale St.

Please note that we have a steeply sloping site. Limited accessible bathrooms at church level. Best access off Burke Rd.

## UCA Give away

To give away: an alb in very good condition, together with a blue UCA stole. This is a gift from a retired UCA minister who has asked me to see if we can find it a good home. It would suit a tall person, but can presumably be altered as required. Please contact Rod Peppiatt on 0419 883137.



**An invitation to conversations about missional things.**

**An invitation to community.**

Paragraph 13 of the UCA's Basis of Union is more than an invitation. It compels us with the reminder that our Church... “*acknowledges with thanksgiving that the one Spirit has endowed the members of Christ's Church with a diversity of gifts, and that there is no gift without its corresponding service: all ministries have a part in the ministry of Christ.*” And that our Church will “*...provide for the exercise by men and women of the gifts God bestows upon them, and will order its life in response to God's call to enter more fully into mission.*”

**The Presbytery of Yarra Yarra would like to invite you to a relaxed evening of connection, reflection, story-telling and wondering.**

This gathering is for you if you're interested in exploring missional things – how might we offer the gifts we have in expressions of God's love and in participation in God's mission in the world, even if it looks a little different to how we “do” church.

What is mission?

How can I use my gifts in mission?

I have this idea...

What can we do that's more than Sunday?

We are already too busy. What more can we do?

My church did this really creative thing...

I find it difficult to talk about my faith.

We have to do something different.

Come with your wonderings and questions. Your stories and ideas. Let's put ourselves in the way of inspiration and encouragement, and have a taste together of what God's Spirit is stirring in us and in our communities.

The details:

**6.30pm Thursday 24 July**

**Koonung Heights – Surrey Hills Uniting Church**

Corner of Belmore & Winfield Roads, Balwyn North

A light dinner will be provided.

**RSVP to [nadine.rozario@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:nadine.rozario@victas.uca.org.au) by 21 July for catering purposes.**

We hope this gathering will be the first of many.

Hope you can join us.



**Threads of Love** is more than a theme. It's a call to embrace the beauty of our diverse stories and the challenges of our time with grace and courage. Whether you are lay or ordained, younger or older, it's for you!

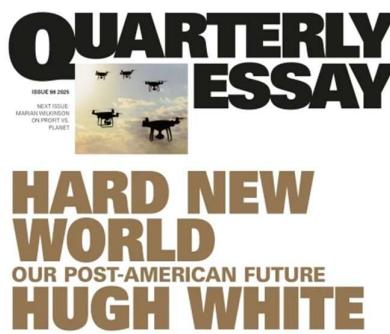
**Threads of Love** is an opportunity to engage with others from across the diversity of the Uniting Church, to deepen your understanding of our Pacific partnerships and to hear a variety of voices that will enrich and challenge you. You are welcome!

Congregations are especially encouraged to identify and support young leaders to attend. Whether through sponsorship or encouragement, your support nurtures the next generation of faithful and courageous leaders — those who will help us navigate today's challenges and shape the church of tomorrow.

The Presbytery of Yarra Yarra is offering a limited number of grants of up to \$1,000 each to assist people aged 18-29 in attending the President's Conference in Tonga in November.

Contact Chris Barnett at the Presbytery [chris.barnett1@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:chris.barnett1@victas.uca.org.au) with your expression of interest or to find out more by **24 July**.

You can also get more info here: <https://uniting.church/presidents-conference-2025/>



FRIDAY July 25, 11.00–12.30, in the library at [the Center for Theology and Ministry](#). (Some parking may be available onsite, but plan to park in the surrounding streets, just in case...). **Catch a coffee at the CTM cafe before the meeting** (although coffee not allowed in the library), and **then stay for lunch afterwards!**

More info:

[www.marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au)

*The newsletter is sent to Church Council Secretaries and Presbytery members. If you should not be receiving it, please contact myself at [ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au) with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person to receive PYY News.*

## John Wesley's Cock: a Methodist mystery tour!

*Presented by the VicTas Uniting Church Historical Society*

Talk by Prof Graem Davison AO.

FREE EVENT

**Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2:30pm**

Queens College Chapel, University of Melbourne, 1-17 College Crescent Parkville.

Or for a zoom link email: [ken.barelli@bigpond.com](mailto:ken.barelli@bigpond.com)

For enquires call Ken on 0418 317 942

## Leaders to go – Sep 11-14<sup>th</sup> Stanwell Tops NSW

Leaders to go is the best training conference in Australia for key leaders in Children's and Families Ministries. It is an amazing opportunity to network with other key leaders around Australia, engage in learning and conversations about key issues and current trends and take some time to retreat and reconnect with God. To find out about support for part-timers under 35, contact [Sandy Brodine \(sandy.brodine@victas.uca.org.au\)](mailto:sandy.brodine@victas.uca.org.au).

## Invitation to UC National History Conference



All who have an interest in the heritage of our churches are invited to register for the UC National History Conference to be held at Canberra City Church on 3-5 October.

The theme is about our church offering a 'prophetic voice' having spoken up on issues affecting Australia. Speakers will look at the impact of the church's influence in the past and give a focus to the present and offer inspiration for the future.

Please visit our website (below) for information and registration options.

[www.uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/](http://www.uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/)

Enquiries: Rev Ivan Roberts – mobile 0422 648 191

## Pastoral Assistant (0.4 FTE)

### Koonung Heights-Surrey Hills Uniting Church

Would you like to -

- Express your Christian faith by responding to pastoral needs
- Make a difference in a role with meaning and purpose
- Be a member of a supportive team

Salary: \$37.64 per hour plus superannuation

#### **About the Role**

Koonung Heights-Surrey Hills Uniting Church, located in Balwyn East (Melbourne's eastern suburbs), is looking for an experienced pastoral carer to offer pastoral support to members of our lively congregation.

The Pastoral Assistant will work with the minister and congregational members to visit members in their homes, in hospitals or in places of care. They will also organise and deliver occasional education about pastoral care for volunteer pastoral carers from the congregation.

The successful applicant will be appointed as a 'pastor in non-placement' (level 2). This is a permanent part-time position at 15.2 hours per week. Flexibility is required within these hours to include some after-hours and Sunday work. External personal supervision is integral to the role and will be reimbursed by arrangement.

#### **About You**

We are looking for someone who has

- At least two years of relevant experience in pastoral care;
- A degree or significant post-secondary education in a relevant field (for example, pastoral theology, grief counselling, psychology). At least two units of Clinical Pastoral Education would be well-regarded;
- Church membership in the Uniting Church in Australia or willingness to become a member-in-association in the UCA is a requirement.

#### **The successful candidate will:**

- Participate in the UCA's development program for pastors (non-ordained) and demonstrate required competencies;
- Be willing to participate in team supervision as necessary;
- Have a current Victorian Working with Children Check;
- Have the right to work in Australia;
- Successfully complete a national Police Check before being employed;
- Hold a current driver's licence and have access to a car.

#### **How to Apply**

- For a copy of the position description, please send an email with the subject line 'Position description' to [koonungheightsuniting@gmail.com](mailto:koonungheightsuniting@gmail.com)
- Please email your resume and cover letter to the attention of Harriet at [koonungheightsuniting@gmail.com](mailto:koonungheightsuniting@gmail.com) with the subject line 'Pastoral Assistant'.
- Closing date for applications: **Thursday, 31 July**

## Missional Worker (0.3 FTE) Kyneton PPW Presbytery

All enquiries to be sent to Mr Peter Canning - [wanderinaussie52@gmail.com](mailto:wanderinaussie52@gmail.com) Ph Num 0478 777 400 – Closing date for applications will be **Aug 7, 2025**



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# Belonging by Design

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**17 October, 2025**

Pastors, children &  
youth staff & key  
leaders

**18 October, 2025**

Pastors, leaders and  
church volunteers

Crossway Baptist Church  
2 Vision Drive, Burwood

Keynote Speaker

**Kirstyn Oliver**



Keynote Speaker

**Louise Gosbell**



more details to come  
[intergen.org.au](http://intergen.org.au)

## August Newsletter Deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> August

Please forward articles and other information you wish to share with the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra (in Word or image format, not PDF) to [ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au) by 14th of the month.