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NETWORK NEWS & EVENTS

Partnerships and an invitation

Our Presbytery's friendships with partner churches in Thailand, Papua (Indonesia), Papua New Guinea, South Korea and the Philippines (North Luzon and South Luzon Jurisdictions) are important to us and they continue to develop in various ways.

Several years ago, following growth in the area around Manila, the Middle Luzon Jurisdiction was established and the Bishops invited the Presbytery of South Australia into partnership.



During May, five of us from the Urban Mission Network, Christa & Phil Megaw (Blackwood UC), Graham Brice (Pilgrim UC), John and Christine Secombe (Morialta UC) responded to an itinerary developed by the Bishops. Over 5 days we visited grassroots programs and projects where the United Church of Christ in the Philippines is active in working with local people, supporting and empowering them in their daily struggles.



We discovered that The Philippines is a beautiful country. The people are friendly and hospitable, and the urban poor are amazingly resilient and hopeful. However, housing, education, unemployment, under-employment, and widespread poverty remain critical issues. Harassment of ministers and community leaders, coupled with the risk of extra-judicial killing, means that they risk their lives when they speak up for their people.

Our tour of exposure and immersion has set us wondering how the Urban Mission Network might work with the Presbytery in responding to the Bishops' invitation and, with Rev Christa Megaw, International Mission Officer MRSA, the Reference Group is beginning to explore and investigate what a partnership of mutual sharing might mean, what form/shape a partnership could take, and where are the synergies between the programs and projects of the Middle Luzon Jurisdiction of the UCCP and the congregations in this Network and the wider Presbytery.



This is very much in the developmental phase and we are taking it slowly.

Please continue praying for the people of the Philippines and for ourselves as we discern the most effective way to progress the invitation from the Bishops of the UCCP Middle Luzon District.

STOP PRESS: UMN hosting a gathering, 2.00 pm Sunday 4th August, to hear from Rev Andrew Tiver, a Uniting Church Minister working in the Philippines. Details will be on the web or phone Christine.

If you'd like to comment or provide feedback on this, please contact:

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Urban Mission Network Reference Group

Is this part of your Ministry in 2014?

The role of the Reference Group is to progress the vision and mission of the Network, facilitate the gatherings and events of the Network and take carriage of the business of the Network.

The Reference Group has a pastoral relationship with congregations and Ministers and is responsible for strategic planning, and maintaining oversight of Network programs and events.

Interested? Talk to the Coordinator ph 8332 8339

Introducing four members of the 2013 Reference Group - we met Cogs, Dean Anne & Christine In June

Bruce Ind



A member of the Uniting Church for all of his adult life Bruce expresses his commitment to its Ethos and Mission through regular attendance at his local congregation where he is Chair of Congregation and Church Council. Bruce has attended three Assemblies and participates in Synod and Presbytery meetings.

Bruce isn't too comfortable with labels, but, he describes himself as a Progressive Christian who will advocate for all members of the Uniting Church to experience the Divine in a way that resonates and enhances their Faith Journey.

Bruce is married to Anne and they have two married sons. Family is important to Bruce. He enjoys opportunities to share time with family and friends.

Bruce is a member of several boards related to the blindness sector, but, that doesn't stop him from attending Crows' Home Matches with his Guide Dog and others.

Wendy Prior



My working life began teaching Home Economics in the Ernabella Aboriginal community. That experience of living as minority in a rich Pitjantjatjara culture continues to challenge and nurture my heart for all who are disadvantaged.

Over the years this passion has been put to work in such areas as the Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women, South Australian Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic and Uniting Church Dialogue group.

I was ordained as a Minister of the Word in December 1993 and have ministered in a wide range of situations: Whyalla /Iron Knob; Memorial Hospital; Seaford; St Andrew's Glenelg; Gawler /Sandy Creek/Williamstown/Virginia and now at Prospect Road.

Since completing studies in Narrative Therapy I have offered personal counseling as part of my ministry. Women living with, or escaping from domestic violence have made up the majority of these clients.

I have been married to Andrew for 35 years and we have two adult children. Andrew and I share our home (and large garden) in Elizabeth with our son, my little dog AnnieRose and our daughter's 3 cats.

I enjoy leading worship and sharing in people's lives. When I am not working I enjoy swimming, walking AnnieRose, patchwork and quilting, and trying to keep some garden alive!



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Peter Trudinger



I read once that the guiding core of a person's life of faith is shaped by their first experiences of other Christians. That is true for me. As a teenager, I was both an enlightened agnostic and a devotee of the organ. There's a bit of tension in that - it's difficult to find an organ to practice on that is not in a church. Then I joined a radio program sponsored by a city church where young people could speak on social issues. (It was 'young' and 'social' that attracted me, not 'church.') The very first time I attended, I fell into conversation with one of the church staff and he offered that I could practice on their church organ. I had never encountered such immediate acceptance and generosity. So, to this day, I prize hospitality as central to our Christian faith and practice.

I am passionate about the interconnectedness of all creation and am active with an international group of biblical scholars exploring the Bible and Ecology.

Before ordination in 2009, I was on the faculty of Uniting College for Leadership and Theology, involved with Lay Education, Master of Ministry and Biblical Studies. Before that, many things - working in Mathematics and Electrical Engineering and completing more university degrees than is polite to talk about. I have spent considerable time in the USA and have a soft spot for a farm in Alabama and its herd of cows, many of whom I know by name.

I have two wonderful daughters, the elder of whom works in payroll and the younger is a creative student with more projects than time, as well as a fast and greedy Italian Greyhound, Walter, and a cat, Shana.

I am currently minister of Scots Church Adelaide. One advantage of a city church is the proximity of a multitude of coffee shops. I am always 'up' for a coffee and a chat – you're welcome to join me sometime.

Sandy Boyce



I have been working full time for the Uniting Church for over 20 years – youth ministry in a local congregation, Synod youth ministry consultant, national People in Mission Coordinator, National Faith Development Consultant, and now Deacon in placement at Pilgrim Uniting Church. Each role has brought richness to my own faith journey, and offered a wonderful opportunity to be involved in ministries with a very diverse focus.

But for me it's always been about the people – encouraging people to value, develop and share their gifts and skills, to grow deeper in their Christian faith, to explore beyond their natural 'comfort zone' in whatever form that takes, and to embrace opportunities to be immersed in other cultures and with people from other faiths.

Geoff and I 'downsized' a few years ago, and moved to a courtyard home. We quickly set about transforming the standard backyard into a series of raised vegetable gardens and fruit trees, installed solar panels, and rainwater tanks. We like to think our 'carbon footprint' is now much less than it was before!

We continue to host many people in our home, from many parts of the world. We have made lasting friendships with some of the people who have stayed with us, and are so thankful we have a chance to give and receive hospitality doing something as simple as sharing our home and our lives with visitors.



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National Urban Mission Conference

Pilgrim Church, 24th – 26th September

Recent headlines suggest that local congregations are still coming to terms with many of the economic and social changes currently impacting Australian family and community life.

This three day conference will explore some of the implications these changes have for our missional life



through input from our guest speaker, reflection on our own experiences and ongoing conversation.

Guest speaker: Dr Chris Baker, Director of Research for the William Temple Foundation and Senior Lecturer in Urban and Public Theology at the University of Chester UK.

Information: Rev Dr Dean Eland 0419112603 djeland@bigpond.com Rev Sandy Boyce 0409283004 boyce@pilgrim.org.au

AROUND OUR CONGREGATIONS



Glengowrie, 33 Butler Crescent, Glengowrie

60th Anniversary Celebrations, Sunday 28th July, 10.00 am, followed by shared lunch.

Preacher: The Moderator Rev Rob Williams, Choir: Introit and Anthem

RSVP and information: Rev Christine Ostle ph 0413-431-243 email csostle@adam.com.au

Wesley Kent Town, Cnr Fullarton Rd & Grenfell St, Kent Town

2013 Winter & Spring Concerts

Opening concert: 2.00 pm Wednesday 17th July. Tickets at the door, \$8.00

Enquiries: Sheila Bryce ph 8322 4581 email sbrycepublicity@hotmail.com



Payneham Rd, 343 Payneham Rd, Marden

Korean Christmas in July, 6.30 pm, Saturday 27th July

Share in the traditions of Christmas in Korea. Adults \$15.00, families \$30.00

Book by 20th July with Sue 0400 882 073 or Jill 8333 2640

NEWS FROM OUR CENTRES

Effective Living Centre, 26 King William Rd, Wayville

Mindfulness for Ministers, 9.30 am – 1.00 pm, Wednesday 17th July

Mindfulness for Everyone, 9.30 am – 1.00 pm, Thursday 18th July

Details: <http://www.effectiveliving.org/> or phone 8271 0329 or email office@effectiveliving.org

Centre for Music, Liturgy and The Arts

16 pilgrims leave on 13th July for 7 days at the Taizé community in France.

Hear stories of their experiences,

7.00 pm, Sunday 4th August at Brougham Place Uniting Church and

Urban Mission Network Gathering, Thursday 21st November at Uniting College for Leadership and Theology.

