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Continuing the conversation



Rev Christa Megaw writes 'Inspiring, 'Important' and 'Integrated' are all words from comments that I've heard recently, commenting on the community development work of our partner church, the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP).

Rev. Andrew Tiver, a Uniting Church minister who has been assisting with this work in North Luzon for the last 3 years, has been visiting Adelaide with his family. Last Sunday, a large number of people gathered at Morialta Uniting Church to hear Andy talk about some of the issues of concern in the Philippines including extrajudicial killings and large scale mining with little concern for the local people and the environment.



The Presbytery of South Australia has had an active partnership with the UCCP – North Luzon Jurisdiction for 21 years. Many of our Moderators and groups of people from the Uniting Church in South Australia have developed friendships with people in our partner church over this time.

The Middle Luzon Jurisdiction, a densely populated area including Manila, was formed only 2 years ago, and incorporates some of the North Luzon area. The Uniting Church in South Australia has been invited to consider forming a partnership with this new jurisdiction.

The process began by considering whether the Urban Mission Network (UMN) might do this, and so recently a small group of people from the UMN visited this area. After discussing this issue, we now believe it best to form the relationship with the whole Presbytery. Within this, the Urban Mission Network and particularly Pilgrim Uniting Church are intending to be key players.

The proposal to form this new partnership with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines - Middle Luzon Jurisdiction will be put forward at our next Presbytery/Synod meeting at the end of October.

If you'd like to comment or provide feedback or would like more information, please contact:

Christa: International Mission Officer MRSA, ph 8236 4203 email cmegaw@sa.uca.org.au

Christine: Coordinator, Urban Mission Network, ph 8332 8339 email christine@urbannetwork.org.au

NETWORK NEWS & EVENTS

Administrators' Network

10.30 am, Tuesday 3rd September at Blackwood Uniting Church, 266 Main Rd, Blackwood.

Further information: Helena, Morialta Church Office, ph 8331 9344 email office@morialta.org.au

Ministers' Informal Bar-b-que Lunch

12.00 noon, Thursday 24th October at Payneham South.

Further information: Coordinator: Urban Mission Network, ph 8332 8339 email christine@urbannetwork.org.au

Windows into the Text with Rev Dr Howard Wallace

7.00 pm Sunday 10th November and from 9.45 am Monday 11th November

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Continuing to call

*for nominations for the Reference Group for 2014
Is this your ministry in 2014 - or that of someone you know?*

The role of the Reference Group is to progress the vision and mission of the Network, share facilitation of 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 the Network.

Interested? The Coordinator is longing to speak with you - ph 8332 8339

National Urban Mission Conference

COUNTDOWN - a little over a month to go and places are filling fast

Pilgrim Church, 24th - 26th September

Promising a wealth of insights into new opportunities. There'll be input from guest speakers, conversations with fellow registrants and insights from community activists.



Featuring 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.
Dr Baker will be the primary resource person of the conference.

Professor Dr Andrew Dutney, President of the Uniting Church in Australia, will be present and will assist us reflect on the implications of social change on the role and place of the Christian faith in a growing hybrid and post-secular society.



In the afternoon sessions, community activists will assist us in understanding the relationship between theory and practice as they share their insights about the best forms of Asset Based Community Development.

Cost \$100.00 for the three days includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea each day.

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

AROUND OUR CONGREGATIONS

Newland Memorial, 20 - 28 Victoria St, Victor Harbor

An Afternoon of Choral Music, 2.00 pm Sunday 18th August

Featuring the Adelaide West Men's Choir and Associated Artists. Admission \$10.00, children free.

Further information: Newland Church Office ph 8552 7732 email newlanduc@bigpond.com

Pilgrim, 12 Flinders St, Adelaide

Annual Symposium, 7.30 pm, Wednesday 16th October

Theme: *Islam and Multifaith Relations in Australia*

Featuring Prof Khaled el Fadi University of California, & a panel including Emeritus Prof Rev Dr James Haire.

Further info: Pilgrim Church Office ph 8212 3295 email office@pilgrim.org.au



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Pilgrim and Scots

Announcing an exciting development

Scots and Pilgrim Church Councils have adopted an agreement to work together to lead the congregations into a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world by working together and with other partners to help build a sense of neighbourhood within the square mile of Adelaide.

Further information: Pilgrim Church Office ph 8212 3295 email office@pilgrim.org.au

Sandy Creek, 162 Williamstown Rd, Cockatoo Valley

Wildflower walk in local bush, Thursday 26th September

Meet at the Church at 1.00 pm. Guided in an easy walking area. \$7.00 includes afternoon tea.

Book with Molly ph 8523 7428 or Hazel ph 8524 4149

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

Concerts at Kent Town, Winter and Spring Series 2013

2.00 pm Wednesday 21st August. Tickets at door, \$8.00 includes afternoon tea.

Graham Bell, Organist Wesley Kent Town Uniting Church and Adelaide Harmony Choir.

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

NEWS FROM OUR CENTRES

Effective Living Centre

Mindfulness at the Effective Living Centre – 'moment to moment awareness' guided by Nicholas Rundle

Christian Mindfulness is offered in a respectful, inclusive, open spirit for people of goodwill from all faiths.

Session times: 9.30 am – 1.00 pm. Fee of \$20.00/\$15.00 includes notes and morning tea.

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 29th August, Wednesday 21st and 26th September at the ELC.

Saturday 31st August at Murray Bridge.

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

Centre for Music, Liturgy and The Arts

Community Choirs Concert - a fabulous afternoon of music, from many talented community music groups

2.00 pm Sunday 11th August, Brougham Place Uniting Church, 193 Brougham Place, North Adelaide.

Tickets \$10.00 at the door.

Further information: <http://www.cmla.org.au/> or phone 8267 2657 or email admin@cmla.org.au

WIDER CHURCH

Changing Landscapes discussion papers intended to spark discussion and canvas views about how our Presbytery/Synod's future might be shaped. What are the urgent issues that must be faced? Where do we see God at work? What courageous decisions might be possible?

Copies available from the Presbytery/Synod office ph 8236 4200 email presbytersynod@sa.uca.org.au

Unity & Friends are delighted to announce that a grant from the Forsyth Foundation has enabled Mr Paul Marsh to take up the role of Pastoral Worker.

Details of the position and how you can top-up the funding to continue the role beyond the 6-9 months of the grant are available from Val Canty ph 8293 3980 email val.canty@gmail.com



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Congratulations Rev Sandy Boyce

Rev Sandy Boyce has been elected President, World DIAKONIA.

The appointment, which took place in Berlin in July as part of the World DIAKONIA Assembly, is for a four year term, 2013-2017.

Sandy will continue her work as Deacon in placement at Pilgrim Uniting church, supporting and engaging in diaconal ministry in that congregation, and in the wider church.

Sandy has been a member of the World DIAKONIA Executive that meets once a year, and will now take on the role of leading and coordinating these meetings.

The particular tasks shared by the members of the Executive of the DIAKONIA World Executive include:

- reflecting on the nature and task of diaconia in the biblical context
- linking and gathering those who are engaged in diaconal work worldwide (networking)
- encouraging, supporting and empowering the development of groups doing diaconal work
- developing ongoing ecumenical relationships and consultation

As well, the DIAKONIA World Federation:

- furthers the understanding of the diaconate
- provides a network of mutual relationships crossing church traditions and cultural boundaries
- strengthens a sense of community and understanding among all member organisations
- encourages member organisations to explore their diaconal calling
- provides a forum for discussion of diaconal issues including social justice and reconciliation
- organises a world assembly every four years (with a planning team from a host country or association).

A primary focus is networking and relationships. The Executive hears reports from representatives of the three 'world' regions – Africa and Europe (DRAE), The Americas and the Caribbean (DOTAC) and Asia and the Pacific (DAP), and offers financial aid when required for specific projects in developing countries. Each of the regions consists of associations, organizations and communities of deaconesses, deacons, diaconal brothers and sisters, diaconal ministers and other church workers, with each group having responsibility for its own life and witness.

Sandy has previously held other diakonia roles locally, regionally and globally: National Convener, DIAKONIA in the UCA; English co-editor for the annual DIAKONIA News; and member of the Executive of DIAKONIA Asia-Pacific (DAP region).

Sandy reflects: 'I remain convinced that a diaconal approach – connecting church and community - is core to who we are as 'church', informing our mission, and our priorities, projects and commitments'.

DIAKONIA World Federation website: <http://www.diakonia-world.org/en/>

