



Uniting Church in Australia  
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

## **Community Educator and Advocate (0.5 EFT)**

Do you have an interest in the effects of tourism on developing countries?

Are you passionate about community education and enabling a diverse range of groups to become active campaigners and supporters of work being done in this area?

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we have a part-time employment opportunity for you!

Seriously, if you are interested in working in this area with and on behalf of the Uniting Church, please contact Lilian Bolek 03 9251 5477 to obtain the position description. If you would like more information about the position, feel free to contact David Pargeter (Executive Director, Commission for Mission) on 03 9251 5284.

### **Uniting Church Adult Fellowship (UCAF)**

The UCAF is a primary partner in this project. Whilst inclusive and welcoming of males, the UCAF is one of the largest organised communities of women in Australia – a membership of around 20,000.

The Victorian and Tasmanian section of the UCAF has 'adopted' Ecumenical Coalition On Tourism (ECOT) as a vehicle for making a difference in their life together as a community and in the lives of other people. The ECOT worker will work with the UCAF to promote issues and foster engagement at all levels across the UCAF network – urban and rural.

### **What is ECOT?**

ECOT engages through church and related networks, and in collaboration with local communities, to carry out its mission. It needs the support of the members of the Uniting Church to enable impacted churches and communities to question and respond to tourism's directions in the light of the gospel.



### **ECOT's relationship with the Uniting Church in Australia**

As the era of mass travel took off in the mid-seventies thanks to aircraft such as the 747s and DC10s, churches and concerned groups from Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, India, Sri Lanka, PNG, Fiji, and similar destination countries began to realise that tourism was becoming a serious threat to vulnerable communities.

In 1982 they formed the Ecumenical Coalition On Tourism (ECOT). The Uniting Church played a key role in the emergence of this network through the significant contribution of one of its ministers, the Rev Peter Holden.

ECOT was also assisted financially through the UCA and sources of support such as the Christmas Bowl. It is associated with the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) and the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC).

## **Applications close Tuesday 8th December 5.00PM**

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