



## **Wesley Place guide – all you need to know**

### **Location**

130 Lonsdale St, Melbourne (between Russell and Exhibition Streets)

### **Synod mail address**

UCA Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, Level 2, 130 Lonsdale St, Melbourne, 3000

**Phones** Synod reception number: (03) 9116 1400

For the time being, you can still contact individual staff members on their 'old' phone numbers as these will automatically be diverted to the new phone numbers.

### **Emails**

Email addresses will be unchanged in the move.

### **Levels**

Synod mission and operations staff will work on level 2 and part of level 3 of the 130 Lonsdale St tower, accessed from Level 2.

Uniting Vic.Tas will be on levels 3 and 4 (accessed from Level 4), while Uniting AgeWell and U Ethical staff will be located on level 6.

### **Visitor info**

For the first months, staff have been asked to keep visitation to the Wesley Place workspace to a minimum, to reduce the onsite and travel-related risks of COVID-19 exposure but also to bed down the new offices. Whilst we look forward to a time when we can increase visitor numbers to our floors at Wesley Place, for the time being only essential visitor meetings can be held.

Once visitor limits do ease, any visitors to the Synod floors 2 and 3 must be signed in and out at reception on level 2, which is also where the main meeting rooms and chapel are located.

There will be no swipe cards issued to visitors, staff are expected to accompany visitors throughout their visit (with appropriate social distancing).

Lifts will operate freely from the foyer to level 2 during business hours.

Visitors do not need to sign in at the concierge desk in the Wesley Place foyer.





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## Public transport

Wesley Place is near Melbourne Central Station and Parliament Station. There are nearby tram stops on Swanston, Bourke and LaTrobe Streets, or bus stops on Lonsdale, Swanston and Exhibition Streets. Where possible please observe social distancing while taking public transport, which may entail avoiding peak times. There is also a nearby taxi rank.

## Parking

There is very limited parking for Synod visitors available at Wesley Place and space, if available, would need to be booked 24 hours in advance. To check availability, email [ParkingandCarBookings@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ParkingandCarBookings@victas.uca.org.au) or call (03) 9116 1400.

## Facts, figures and amenities

Firstly, it must be remembered that unlike 130 Little Collins Street, the Uniting Church is not responsible for the running of Wesley Place. We occupy 4 of the 35 floors of the 130 Lonsdale Street tower, owned and managed by Charter Hall.

There will be approximately 80 to 90 Synod mission and operations staff based at 130 Lonsdale St. The Secretariat and the Mission Resourcing Unit will be based there. Staff from Wesley Uniting Church will also have office space. equipping Leadership for Mission (eLM) staff will work at Wesley Place but will remain primarily based at the Centre for Theology and Ministry in Parkville.

The total of Synod, Uniting Ethical, Uniting AgeWell and Uniting Vic.Tas staff relocating to Wesley Place is 417. Other tower tenants are AFCA, Australian Super, CBus, Frontier Advisers, Telstra Super and Vanguard.



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When COVID-19 restrictions are eventually lifted and a full workforce compliment moves in, the tower will host approximately 5000 workers.

Wesley Place is part of the 1.1ha Wesley Precinct development, which will be comprised of eight buildings – the 130, 140 and 150 Lonsdale St office towers, Wesley Church, Schoolhouse, Caretaker’s Cottage, Nicholas Hall and Manse.

The 130 Lonsdale Tower has been cleverly designed so the heritage listed Manse is enveloped by the tower’s foyer.

The restoration of the church and its associated buildings has cost over \$20 million.

A pre-existing statue of John Wesley has been carefully restored and a newly created paving stone etched with the UCA logo are located in front of the Wesley Church.

Artwork recognising the ownership of the land by the First Peoples is being planned.

Wesley Precinct is one of five urban green spaces in the Melbourne CBD with 520 square metres of lawn and native flora.

The 130 Lonsdale tower has a six-star Green Star rating for its environmentally friendly tech-enabled Smart Building design.

There are also two heritage-listed trees on site, a 144-year-old olive (one of the first planted in Australia) and an elm. Both were fenced off during construction, carefully nurtured by a specialist arborist throughout the entire process, and are doing well.

There will be a display of some of the over 200,000 historical artefacts unearthed by archaeological digs at the site and an interactive Heritage Trail, with QR code-enabled plaques that link to online historical information.

Wesley Place will have childcare, shops, a bank, a gym, cafes and restaurants and green spaces. The vision has always been for Wesley place to serve as a gathering space for the local community, as well as for the congregation and office workers.

