

SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST

- Our AGM
- Ministry & Mission Worker
- Stories of Joys and Challenges
- Installation & Commissioning
- Youth Leadership - Linda Hobbs
- Intergenerational Ministry—Chris Barfnett

REGULAR MEETINGS

Standing

Committee:

3rd Thursday each month other than month of Presbytery

PLE—

1st Thursday every month Jenny Hayes
PRC Chairperson

Administration

Committee:

2nd Tuesday
Margaret Arthur
Administration
Chairperson

Chaplaincy

Chairperson—
Graeme Sutton
Meets bi-monthly on
the 2nd Thursday

Presbytery

In a Nutshell

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Annual General Meeting

Malcolm Boadle was appointed as Secretary and Geoff Barker as Treasurer

Angie Griffin, Mele Fakahua-Ratcliffe were elected to Standing Committee

Joy Robinson was appointed as inaugural Chairperson of the Pastoral Leadership and Education Committee (which will incorporate the work of the PRC) Linley Liersch, Rosemary Carter were appointed to the PLE Committee: Rev. Trevor Bassett and Margaret Pedlar be appointed as the representatives to Placements Committee

There were no nominations to the Administration Committee and this will only act as a hindrance to the speedy and efficient processing of congregational needs.

To be on a Committee does not require membership of Presbytery. If any one is

interested in exploring their gifts and graces for service with in the life of the Presbytery, please contact the Presbytery Secretary for further information. The oversight of the Church belongs with the people of God and is not the exclusive domain of the clergy.

Presbytery also reaffirmed its commitment to being a Safe Church and resolved: *The UCA Presbytery of Western Victoria is committed to providing safe places where people are cared for, nurtured and sustained. The Presbytery reaffirms its commitment to the Keeping Children Safe Statement of Commitment and the Keeping Children Safe Statement of Commitment to Induction and Training.*

Through it, we continue to commit ourselves to the care, protection and safety of all people, particularly those who are vulnerable.

Mission and Ministry Project Worker



Andrew Boatman had been appointed by Standing Committee to convene a task group to have conversation with the applicants for our Mission and Ministry Project. The focus of this .5 position over the next 3 years is to work with the congregations of the North West, North Central and North East regions to facilitate discussions and practical ways that a more regional approach to ministry and mission might be of benefit. Regional structures are already in place and support ministry in each of the three southern regions. Joyfully, and unanimously, Presbytery appointed Elaine Edwards to this role. Elaine comes with experience having been involved for a number of years as Chairperson of the Henty Region and in 2018 undertook to carry on work commenced by our previous Presbytery Minister (Mission & Ed)

Stories of Joys and Challenges

Geoff Barker (W-bool) Pt Fairy Jazz Festival – ecumenical service at Anglican Church – a packed service at which Geoff was the preacher

Joy Robinson (PLE) from 15th Mar – Ballarat Seth exit Carlin Nunn – now to be ordained

Steve Ratcliffe – Colac – changing of local demographics, multi-cultural – Chinese relationship, Sudanese connection,

Linley Liersch Horsham & District – Education Hub re-commencing 28th Feb – Life & History of the Hebrew People – heavily subsidized by Presbytery and Congregations leaving registration of \$50 per person—quite affordable!! 9-10 people are registered this semester.



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DATES:

- 5th March - Admin Committee**
- 7th Mar - PLE**
- 21st March Standing Committee**
- 4th April Admin Committee**
- 18th April Standing Committee**
- May 18th - Presbytery - at Ballarat**

NB - CC Secretaries - ask your Presbytery rep to table the PM Admin reports

Pres Reps - give copies of the Presbytery Papers- reports to CC

More Stories

Rosemary Carter Creswick/Clunes – ministry of hospitality - Summer smorgasboard meal so popular had to quickly get extra 110 people attended
Heather Macgugan (Dunkeld) – Countdown to Christmas 12 ladies assisted 35 children from local school with activities – a successful ecumenical activity. May lead to a Messy Church program.
Les George (Skipton St) 35 went from Skipton St to the Creswick meal. Continuing to be involved with joint “Streets” activities.
Malcolm Frazer (W-bool) – Hopkins having a Hopkins Car Raceway picnic next week to recognise the region – at Allansford – congregations building a “car” for a race meeting.
Sue Hobbs – camping – Youth Camp – March Labour Day camp at Halls Gap – campers needed – secondary school kids. Forms available – Jumping on Board.
Julie Andrew (Stawell) Mid- December – Carol and organ recital, Moderator’s visit. High Tea and Fashion Parade – 7 models with their clothing pop-up shop. 95 people raised \$1600. 22 went through an ALPHA course and another program started this week.
Will Pickett (Henty) – held refresher program for lay leaders at Lake Condah Mission – great time of encouragement for leaders.
Margaret Arthur (Admin) – will be establishing task groups – small grants program will be the first task – need 3-4 other people to get on this – Susan Pearse will run with this.
 Cobden Uniting Church – awarded local community award for their work following the fires



Installations and Commissionings

Following Christ, walking together as First and Second peoples, seeking community, compassion and justice for all creation

Children, Youth and Families – Chris Barnett

Chris led a very interactive session on Intergenerational ministry—his role within the eLM unit ay Synod— “two or more different age group learning growing living in faith through in-common experiences, parallel learning, contributive occasions and interactive sharing.” James White. An inter-generational environment is more likely to encourage and sustain lifelong discipleship for all ages. It’s not just a fad or good idea. It’s not just about children, it’s not what we do, not something that just happens. It’s about who we are, about people of all ages and requires intentionality. Need to distinguish between mono, multi, cross (some sharing, listening, learning, little individual collective transformation. Inter-generational:. Demonstrated in a practical manner. Comprehensive mutuality, equality and reciprocity individual/collective transformation more likely. All give, all receive.



NYALK—Youth Leadership—Linda Hobbs

Linda was one of 5 of the Horsham young people selected to attend this national conference and was financially supported by the Horsham and District congregations and the Presbytery. She presented a video of conference highlights. There were 120 leaders over 4 days in Adelaide and in Linda’s words “this was an amazing experience.” It was attended by our National President, Diedrie and every Moderator as well as being supported by other Assembly staff and representatives from every state and territory and 2 from the Middle East – city & country towns, large groups few groups, indigenous and other cultural groups. There were shared worship

and in many different languages and worship forms, shared projects; they danced, ate, prayed together. There was much learning about cultural inclusion and a deep admiration of differences. It was a privilege to be part of the initial Day of Mourning. In the conference they were guided through strengths, values and purpose of leadership and challenged personally to identify these characteristics in themselves. It was a change and growth experience – leaders how to deal with “toxic masculinity”. They visited a reconciliation park commemorating where stolen generation children were housed.