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Church issues apology on forced adoption

The Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania today formally issued an apology to Australians who experienced harm through the forced adoption of their children over many decades in the last century.

The apology was made by the Moderator of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, Ms Isabel Thomas Dobson who said the Church, which united large parts of Presbyterian, Congregationalist and Methodist Churches in 1977, deeply regretted that some parents and children were let down while in the care of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.

“We apologise unreservedly for any physical, psychological or social harm that might have occurred through the past adoption practices and processes of the Church,” Ms Thomas Dobson said.

The apology comes a day before the expected release of a Senate report which examined the practice of adopting out children of single mothers which lasted into the 1970s.

For those who were involved with the Uniting Church facilities and wish to follow up, the appropriate contact is Connections UnitingCare: Tel: 9521 5666

