



Synod 2022

A joint message to all Church Councils, Presbyteries, Ministers and Faith Leaders from our Moderator, Rev Denise Liersch, and our Moderator-elect, Rev David Fotheringham

Friends,

Synod 2022 is now less than three months away and we are calling on UCA members of all ages and backgrounds to join us and help shape the Church's future direction.

Our Synod meeting is back as an in-person gathering

This year's meeting will begin on the evening of June 30 with the installation of our Moderator-elect as Moderator, and will continue through to July 3 as an in-person gathering at Box Hill Town Hall.

The theme of Synod 2022 is

Arise, come with me

Song of Songs 2:10

Synod is an opportunity for us to come together and be heard and seen. We worship together, listen together, pray together and discern the ways that God is calling the Church forward and to shape our Synod. It is a time to hear the diverse voices which make up our Church.

We understand some members are concerned about meeting in person in this post-pandemic world, but we assure you the Synod Business Committee and Synod Standing Committee have done, and will continue to do, everything they can to ensure everyone's safety.

After close consultation with Box Hill Town Hall and our Crisis Management team – who have so faithfully helped us navigate our way through the past two years – we have made some changes to our “normal” Synod meeting. The most obvious being we will gather in COVID-safe numbers for three days, instead of five.

Your voice is valued

Synod meetings provide the opportunity for discussion and discernment of major opportunities and challenges before us. You will hear what the Church has done since the last Synod meeting and help build the framework for much of the Church's work in the next 18 months.



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Highlights of Synod 2022 include:

Discussion:
How is God calling
our Church forward?

Bible Study Leader:
Rev Dr Sean Winter
Head, Pilgrim Theological
College

Discussion:
Response to Tasmania's
Voluntary Assisted Dying
legislation

Daily Reflector:
Rev Mark Kickett
Interim National Chair,
UAICC

Discussion:
Designing future
Synod gatherings

Three Choose Your Own
Adventure sessions:
The chance to talk with
teams about the work of
the Church which most
interests you

We have heard of some older church members who have been reluctant to attend Synod so as to make way for younger members. We applaud such selfless motives and look forward to the input of younger members, but it is vital that all age groups are represented.

**Leave your seclusion, come out in the open.
Let me see your face, let me hear your voice.**

Song of Songs 2:14

Nominate now

If you would like to attend, or know someone who you believe should be a member of Synod 2022, but have possibly missed the chance to be nominated by your presbytery, it may not be too late. Contact your Presbytery if you would like to respond to this call and we will do everything we can to ensure you can join us.

We would love to see your faces and hear your voices at Synod 2022.

Grace and peace to you all,

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