



## ILLAWARRA PRESBYTERY NEWS #5

9 April 2019

***Focused on God's Mission – Providing Leadership – Growing Discipleship***

The Standing Committee is keen for the best possible communications within the life of the Illawarra Presbytery. To that end, the following notices are issued for your information and consideration. We especially want congregations to be aware of significant events and dates.

Please circulate this newsheet as widely as possible and do not hesitate to contact me if you require further details. Sharon Hoogland, Secretary ([illawarrauca@bigpond.com](mailto:illawarrauca@bigpond.com))

### 1. INFORMATION FOR CONGREGATIONS

## **Illawarra Presbytery Meeting**

Wednesday 8 May 2019 commencing at 4.00pm

@ Dapto Uniting Church

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### **INVITATION TO ALL CHURCH MEMBERS**

**The NSW UCA Synod Leadership Team  
will be in the Illawarra Presbytery  
for a one day workshop  
Saturday 25 May 10.00am**

UCA General Secretary Rev Jane Fry, Albert Olley (Uniting Resources),  
Glen Powell (UME) and Doug Taylor (Uniting)  
will all present material relevant to their areas of responsibility.

**The Team is very happy to answer your questions –  
please come prepared!**

**VENUE TO BE ADVISED**

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### **Invitation to Womens Fellowship Kiama-Jamberoo Uniting Church Pre Easter Service**

Our preparation for Easter will take place on Thursday 11th April in the Kiama Uniting Church Fellowship Centre with our Pre Easter service.

This year Lesley Southon has written another thought provoking short play entitled "The Keeper of the Flame" .

Our Guest Speaker will be Father Paul Gurr from the Abbey on Jamberoo Mountain.

Morning tea will be served at 10am followed by the service at 10.30am. All are welcome so why not come along and join us .



If you need any further information please call Gail Pickles on 42321630

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We are writing to inform you of a new resource for your congregations. The **Uniting Church Vision Statement for a Just Australia** is a collaboration of those working in justice across the church, including in Synods, Agencies and the Assembly.

The resource encourages people to think deeply and engage in conversations about the kind of nation we want Australia to be and to reflect on where our faith in Jesus is calling us to seek out justice for all.

The statement's release has been timed with the lead up to the Federal election and is intended to assist people to reflect on the issues in small groups or host public forums with local candidates.

President Deidre Palmer has commended the statement. In her introduction she writes: "I commend this resource to congregations and Uniting Church members. It is offered as a way of resourcing us as a Church, as we seek to live out our Christian discipleship in every aspect of our lives. As followers of Christ, each one of us is called to be a voice for justice and hope in our communities, in Australia and in the world."

The Vision Statement is expressed in seven foundational areas. It includes witness from the Bible and statements made by the Uniting Church.

There is a snapshot of the current situation in Australia across the seven foundations and key actions that are needed to move us toward the vision.

You can read and download the statement here:

<https://uniting.church/visionstatement2019/>

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**The Synod Pulse Team** would like to Plug out an awesome event!

For leaders in families and children's ministry, whether you are working amongst

Children and Families in a church or through a parachurch ministry context this is a conference not to be missed!

### **Leaders to Go Conference**

**Tuesday 11th- 14th June 2019**

A children's and families ministry leadership conference for paid or voluntary leaders-of-leaders of church, school & community based ministries with pre-school & primary children and families.

**Featuring:** Four keynotes (Leadership, Advocacy, Empowerment, Discipleship – LEAD);

Market place & expo, live-in community, prayer & individual retreat, workshops & small groups, worship & reflection, sharing & networking.

**Venue:** The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops, NSW

**Cost:** \$425 Early bird (registered and paid before April 26th) ... \$460 Normal Rego ... \$495 Late Rego (after May 24th)

<https://leaderstogo.goregister.com.au/conference-2019/registration/>

**Times:** 2.30pm Tuesday – 1.30pm Friday

Details: [www.leaderstogo.org.au](http://www.leaderstogo.org.au)

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## **INVITATION FROM UNITING (see flyer attached)**

Registrations are now open for our Climate Pastoral Care Training day.

Australians are worried about climate change, what it means for their own futures, and what it means for the health and safety of their children. They are looking for hope and support in these difficult times.

Ministers, Chaplains and church leaders, this is your opportunity to join our amazing line-up of speakers to share the experiences of climate anxiety you have encountered, hear from experts and discuss how best to provide pastoral care in an age of climate change and global ecological destruction.

When: Tuesday, 28th of May 2019

Where: Centre For Ministry, North Parramatta

Cost: \$50 plus optional extra for the dinner and evening talk

**Jessica Morthorpe**

Uniting Earth Advocate

**...to inspire people, enliven communities  
and confront injustice**

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## **PRESBYTERY DIARY DATES 2019**

### **Presbytery Meetings**

Thursday 8 May	4.00pm	Dapto Uniting Church
Wednesday 14 August	4.00pm	venue tbc
Saturday 16 November	10.00am	(Annual General Meeting) venue tbc

## **PRESBYTERY EDUCATION/TRAINING COURSES**

### **Ethical Ministry Training**

#### **Round 1**

Nowra	Thursday May 9 <sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm
Keiraview	Monday May 20 <sup>th</sup> at 9.30am
Bowral	Thursday June 27 at 9.30 am

#### **Round 2**

Nowra	Thursday Sept 12 at 1.30pm
Keiraview	Monday Sept 16 at 9.30am
Bowral	Thursday October 31 <sup>st</sup> 9.30am

### **Safe Church Workshops for 2018:**

June 15	venue tbc
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August 17            Keiraview UC  
November 23        Bowral UC

**Living Our Values**

Keiraview July 27 and 3<sup>rd</sup> August 9.30pm – 4.30pm

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**The Presbytery Standing Committee  
sends Easter greetings  
to all of our members.**

**He is risen!  
Death could not hold Him...  
Rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ.**

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**PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS NEWSLETTER  
AS WIDELY AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

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