

## NEWSLETTER - SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2018

### PASTOR'S POINTS:

The last week I have been looking at how the church has coped with changes in both the social and political environment over the last 600 years.

Many people ask why do we study history, and that is a very valid question.

If we do not understand where we have come from, then how do we know what we want to take into the future.

If we look at the way some of our politicians behave perhaps they might benefit from some history lessons

Wesley had four things he found helpful, Scripture, Tradition, Reason and Experience.

As we evaluate what is happening around us Wesley's framework is a powerful tool to assist us.

In the midst of turmoil the Church is often the place people look too.

The challenge for us as a community is how can we share the Gospel story in these turbulent times.

Blessings

Neil

## **A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO RACISM**

President of the Uniting Church in Australia Dr Deidre Palmer has called on Australians to [respond with love, hospitality and inclusion](#) to a surge in anti-immigration rhetoric in Australian public life.

“Jesus’ great commandment to his followers was to love God and love your neighbour.

As Christians we believe all people are created in the image of God and deserving of respect and dignity.

Racism is incompatible with the Christian faith,” said Dr Palmer.

## **The solution to poverty?**

So often we hear the question: Why do people who are poor make so many bad decisions about how to spend what money they have?

How do they get themselves into these situations—is it poor decision-making skills?

This three-minute extract from a TED talk looks at the real reason.

[This is worth watching.](#)

It has been suggested that [Universal Basic Income](#) be trialled in Australia as a real solution to poverty. [What do you think?](#)

## **WALKING ON COUNTRY WITH FRONTIER SERVICES**

Read the stories of marginalised remote communities doing it tough, and how Frontier Services is there to lend a helping hand.

## **ADDITIONAL MARRIAGE LITURGY**

Uniting Church authorised celebrants will be allowed to marry same-gender couples from Friday 21 September.

The World Council of Churches has marked 70 years of Christian unity and action by returning to the place where the ecumenical council began.

[Rev. Dr Ji Zhang reflects on the important relationship between the Uniting Church in Australia and the World Council of Churches.](#)



## **#KIDSOFFNAURU CAMPAIGN**

Join with civil society and faith organisations calling for children seeking asylum in Australia to be removed from detention.



## **Uniting Care Training Opportunities:**

**2-day Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST 11) *\*\*LIMITED PLACES REMAINING\*\****

**Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.**

Learn to recognise people at risk of suicide, talk to them, hear their stories and understand their situations, then help them stay safe with a life-affirming intervention.

**Brisbane: 3-4 September 2018** (click to register)

Time: 9am-5pm both days

Venue: [UnitingCare Office, L5/192 Ann Street](#)

Cost: \$399pp (\$349pp UnitingCare/NGO/Concession)

## Accidental Counsellor Foundations (ACF)

The Accidental Counsellor Foundations Workshop offers a great set of toolbox skills for those moments when you might least expect to be called upon in a supporting capacity.

**Brisbane: 20 September 2018** (click to register)

Time: 9am-5pm

Venue: UnitingCare Office, L5/192 Ann Street

Cost: \$249pp (\$229pp UnitingCare/NGO/Concession)



Are you interested in taking part in our children's ministry?

Are interested in outreach to children?

Safe Ministry with Children training is required if you want to take part in these ministries.

The next training sessions are:

Bulimba Uniting Church, 216 Oxford St, Bulimba Sunday 9th September (4.00 pm – 7.00 pm)

Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield Sunday 16th September (10.00 am – 1.00 pm)

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** - contact **Lynn Cameron 0414295002** - Monday - 7p.m.

September 3 - Lesson 5 - The Glorious Ordinary

September 10 - Christmas Craft - Leanne's House

September 17 - Lesson 6 - The Satisfied Thirst

September 24 - Free Night

October 1 - Study 7 - The Power of Mercy



2018 Uniting Women Conference – Still open!  
27-30 September 2018, Brisbane “Weaving Wisdom and Wonder”

For more information and to register click [here](#)

## Spiritual Direction – Pastor Jeff Lawrence

Spiritual Direction:- all of us need someone to companion us as a guide and mentor on the spiritual journey, especially those of us in ministry.

Pastor Jeff Lawrence is a trained and accredited spiritual director, with experience as a mentor for pastors.

Jeff is available and can be contacted on 0421 337 431 or at

[jeffrlawrence@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jeffrlawrence@optusnet.com.au)

Want to know more click [here](#).

### JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR:

- Drought-affected communities across Australia.
- The people of Kerala and the Church of South India after devastating floods.
- New members of the Assembly Standing Committee, and other Assembly Boards, Committees and Circles carrying forward the work of the Fifteenth Assembly.

### ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2,9 & 16.

	SEPTEMBER 2	SEPTEMBER 9	SEPTEMBER 16
Worship leaders	Jodie	Rebecca	Graham
Singers	Rachel	Elizabeth & Naomi	Barbara
Keys	Leanne	Matthew	Coralie
Bible Reader	Jill	Chad	Barbara
Sound	Nathan	Natalie	Callum
PowerPoint	Ros	Chad	Melinda
Offering	Chris & John	Elizabeth & Natalie	Tristan, Michelle & Steve
Communion	Paul & Jill	Chad & Natalie	Steve & Michelle
Kids Program	Jill & Chris	Leanne, Rachel & Barb	Tracey & Nikita
Meals	Chad, Natalie, Matthew, Naomi, Jodie & Rebecca	Barbara, Melinda, Chris, John & Elizabeth	Jill, Paul, Julie, Jenny, Nathan & Ros