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## BULLETIN – FEBRUARY 2012

### NETWORK NEWS

While January is traditionally a 'down-time' for many congregations, the Network has taken advantage of the quieter pace to welcome Rev Coral (Cogs) Smith of Blackwood congregation to the Reference Group, to set the 2012 calendar in place and to plan the events that will open our year together.

We've taken time, too, to select and purchase several books that are intended as a resource to ministers and leaders of congregations. Details are available at <http://www.urbannetwork.org.au/reports/index.php>  
Contact the Coordinator to borrow any of the titles.

#### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February Meeting of Paid Administrators**

The Paid Administrators who staff our Church Offices will meet at Morialta UC, 26 Chapel St, Magill from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Debbie Brown of *MediaCom* will be present to work through and clarify issues around copyright and music in churches. The session is open to anyone who has responsibility for this important task in their congregation.

Please contact Helena on 8331 9344 for further information and/or to let her know you're coming.

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February Induction of Rev Nicholas Rundle at Christchurch Wayville**

The Urban Mission Network is delighted to extend Christ Church Wayville congregation's invitation to join them at 7.30 pm to celebrate the induction of Rev Nicholas Rundle to their congregation.

RSVP: Marian Smith, ph 8338 1376 or email [mk\\_smith@aapt.net.au](mailto:mk_smith@aapt.net.au)

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February Workshop for Chairs and Secretaries**

A half-day Workshop for Chairs and Secretaries of Church Councils and Congregations will be held at Scots Church Adelaide.

The Workshop is in two parts. Firstly, Linda Vinall, the Presbytery's Training and Development Office will resource leaders to provide safe physical, emotional and spiritual environments for our regular members and others who may visit from time to time, and the second part explores alternative models for the format of Church Council meetings. These are as many as there are Church Councils and leaders from Para Hills, Broadview and Morialta will share the model they have adopted.

Please support the Chairs and Secretaries of your Church Council and Congregation to mix and mingle with other leaders, continue conversations, network with the other congregations and build relationships across the Network.

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February Ministers' Bar-B-Que**

Please encourage all the Ministers associated with your congregation to take up the invitation sent out in December to join us at an informal bar-b-que where there will be a relaxed space to meet with colleagues old and new, share stories and have a pleasant time together.



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### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Urban Mission Network Gathering at Modbury UC**

Our first Gathering for 2012 is at Modbury UC, 576 Montague Rd, Modbury North, hosted by Modbury and Para Vista congregations.

There is a change to the theme and our focus is *Sharing Resources: Church and Community*.

Modbury and Para Vista congregations will prompt our thinking and our conversation by highlighting their emphases over recent years and sharing what they've learnt as they've worked through their challenges, celebrated their successes and developed their local ministries.

Please aim to arrive at Modbury between 6.00 pm and 6.25 pm ready for the opening liturgy to centre our thoughts at 6.30 pm. After the meal and the program, we will be invited to participate in *Candlelight Reflections* – “a place where community and church share an open space”.

RSVP Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February: Coordinator UMN ph 8332 8339 email [connect2me@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:connect2me@urbannetwork.org.au)

### **Looking ahead - dates for your diary**

**Grant Writing Workshop** – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at The Vines, Woodcroft.

**Ministers' Retreat** – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Marion.

**Network Gathering** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at Morialta.

**Network Gathering** – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Church of the Trinity.

**Windows into the Text: Gospel According to John** – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**Church on Mainstreet Workshop** – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

**Ministers' informal bar-b-que** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**Network Gathering** – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Bridgewater.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

#### **60 Years and counting!**



**Rev Gowan Armstrong**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Rev Gowan Armstrong and Rev Gordon Moyle will  
celebrate 60 years since their Ordination.

Gordon lives at Hahndorf and Gowan is still involved  
at Modbury and Para Vista.



**Rev Gordon Moyle**



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## AROUND OUR CENTRES

### **Centre for Music, Liturgy & the Arts**

Rev Sean Gilbert has been appointed Interim Coordinator, backfilling while Rev Jenni Hughes is on maternity leave.

Sean says he is looking forward to finding his feet in this new role and to getting to know the extended CMLA community. His contact details are ph 8267 2657 / 0419 271 137 email [sean@cmla.org.au](mailto:sean@cmla.org.au)

### **Progressive Christianity Network SA**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm Effective Living Centre  
Return visit of Rev Margaret Mayman. The topic is *Gay Marriage*

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Symposium with Dr Eric Elnes of Countryside Community Church (UCC) Omaha, Nebraska and Darkwood Brew, an interactive internet television program - refer <http://ericelnes.com/>  
Sponsored by PCNet SA/ELC, Pilgrim Uniting Church and Urban Mission Network.

## WIDER CHURCH

### **SA Council of Churches**

#### **Domestic Violence Handbook for Clergy and Pastoral Workers - Conversation Workshop**

Tuesday 28 February 2012, 9.15am - 12.15pm at (Registration from 9.00am)  
Venue: Christ Church Effective Living Centre, 26 King William Rd, Wayville  
Contribution of \$10 invited. Morning tea provided. RSVP [sacc@picknowl.com.au](mailto:sacc@picknowl.com.au) ph 8215 0300

### **Heaven and Earth**

During the 2012 Adelaide Fringe, the Adelaide Theological Centre (ATC) and Flinders University Department of Theology will host an art exhibition, "Heaven and Earth".  
Open two weekends, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm, in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

### **Trinity Sistas and Straight Alliance Fundraiser**

"The Lorax" on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2.00 pm at Wallis Piccadilly, North Adelaide.

### **THE MONTHLY BULLETIN**

#### **A publication of the Urban Mission Network**

The Urban Mission Network comprises congregations, faith communities and agencies located mainly in civic and regional centres and on main thoroughfares.

Members of the Network share a clear understanding of being called to give witness to the love of God in Christ as word and deed in environments which are primarily urban, secular and culturally diverse.

Network members have a sense of mission in the wider community and share a conviction that we must engage with that wider community in order that the Gospel may bring about both personal and social transformation.

For information about the Urban Mission Network or to publicise an event, contact the Coordinator: ph 8332 8339 / 0419 761 382 email [connect2me@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:connect2me@urbannetwork.org.au)



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Continuing to introduce the Ministers in our congregations.



Diane Bury was born in Wales, grew up in Port Augusta and studied science and mathematics at Adelaide Uni in her younger days. Time was spent raising four children, now all adults, with husband Kim, before re-entering the work force, mainly in administrative roles. A call to ordained ministry meant a return to study, this time in theology. Diane is currently Minister at Morialta.

Diane writes:

I was very happy to receive a Kindle e-book reader for Christmas. Reading is one of the things I best love to do, for entertainment, for information and for inspiration. Like many ministers I have a great number of books in my study, and I am adding to them all the time. I also have many books, biographies and novels (crime fiction a favourite here), and books on maths and science, and even a few old favourite text and reference books. Many of them I re-read. While I do get rid of some, bookshelf space is always at a premium, and so to be able to have hundreds of book, electronically, in less space than one paperback seems a great idea.

Last time we moved I did cull some of the books, sending them off to find new homes. But even though it had only been a couple of weeks since I had packed the books myself, I was surprised to find one thin, dog-eared paperback book, and questioned why I still had it. *Four Figure Mathematical Tables*. It was years, decades, since I had last used it, the long procedures for calculations long since replaced by a couple of button pushes on a calculator or computer. I don't use it. It certainly isn't an attractive object. So, why had I not only kept it but packed and moved it ... again? Did I really still want it?

As I thought about it, I realised it was a reminder of the way things used to be, the hard won understandings and meticulously worked values that were such important aids to doing maths in a time now past. It keeps me mindful of the contribution of people who had been part of gathering the vast array of knowledge that I enjoyed studying at school and university, people who had laid the foundation for developing the technology we now enjoy and use.

I had kept the book to honour their contribution to where I am now. I don't use it because actually using it would not be to honour them. Building on what they have done, continuing to enlarge and develop our understanding and find new ways of doing things does honour them.

I think it is the same with our understanding of God. It is good, essential, to remember and seek to understand the struggles and journeys that people in the past have had, as they have sought to shape understandings of God that made sense of the world around them. And we honour their hard fought understandings, not by adopting them "as is", but by continuing our own struggle, our own journey to understand God in a way that helps us make sense of the world as we now know it, and by finding relevant ways of imagining and naming and following God's call in that world in the light of our knowledge. That is one of the reasons I enjoy reading science alongside my reading of theology; they are both so important in helping me make sense of the world, and of my place in it. And perhaps that's why I enjoy a well written biography, and good novels as well.

I am enjoying reading all of these on my Kindle. But then the week after Christmas, I found myself in a real bookshop again and came away with a beautiful book "The Elements: A Visual Exploration of Every Known Atom in the Universe".