



Bulletin – March 2017

**Encouraging each other in ministry and mission,
sharing resources, providing mutual support.**

UMN Diary Dates

Urban Mission Network Gatherings

Thursday 25 May,
6.00 pm for 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Thursday 24 August,
6.00 pm for 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Thursday 23 November,
6.00 pm for 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Morning Tea with Ministers

(for Ministers in placement, Ministers in association, retired Ministers, pastors and students in placement connected in some way with UMN)

Thursday 20 April, 10.00 am at **Hope's Café,** cnr The Parade and Portrush Road, Beulah Park.

Tuesday 19 September, 10.00 am

Workshop for Church Councils

Saturday 22 July, 9.00 am for 9.30 am – 12.30 pm at **Pilgrim Centre,** 14 Flinders Street, Adelaide.

Local Public Theology

A workshop program for leaders of congregations to share discoveries from a commitment to be public, hospitable churches on "main street"

Saturday 18 March, 10.00 am – 2.30 pm
Sharing and planning ahead with Professor Clive Pearson from Sydney

Saturday 10 June, 7.45 pm
Q and A forum: The Church in the Public Square

Sunday 11 June, 7.00 pm
40th celebration with Stuart McMillan, President of UCA

Saturday 16 September, 9.00 am – 12.30 pm
With Prof. Linda Woodhead (UK)

Monday 18 September, 7.30 pm
Pilgrim Symposium with Linda Woodhead and a panel of speakers

Saturday 18 November, 10.00 am – 2.30 pm
Final session for 2017 and evaluation

All sessions held at **Pilgrim Centre,** 14 Flinders St. Adelaide

Register your interest at office@pilgrim.org.au, phone 82123295

May Gathering

Thursday 25 May, 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Venue TBA

Continuing the theme for 2017: Listening and responding

Donation to cover the cost of the meal.

RSVP on, or preferably before, Thursday 18 May to susan@urbannetwork.org.au.

Please advise of any dietary needs.

Organisation for Wellness

At the UMN Gathering on 16 February, **Geoff Boyce** introduced the work of Frederic Laloux, author of *Reinventing Organisations*. We engaged some of the research about the way we humans have organised ourselves to meet collective needs throughout history, and we reflected on an emerging "Next-Stage" organisational paradigm for our time. Laloux calls it *soulful organisation*. Geoff believes an understanding of Laloux's work is critical to effective functioning of human institutions today.

The organisation-for-wellness handout, which summarises the content of the workshop Geoff presented on 16 February and points to some further resources for consideration and discussion, can be downloaded at <https://geoffboyceblog.files.wordpress.com/2017/02/organisation-for-wellness-bookletdoc.pdf>.

Might you be interested in continuing discussions in a café conversation with Geoff?
Please e-mail
susan@urbannetwork.org.au.

News from UMN Churches and Centres

International Women's Day

at



Cnr Norwood Pde and Portrush Road

**Friday, 10 March,
1.30 pm – 4.00 pm**

Be Bold for Change

An informative, fun afternoon of making friends, talking and enjoying being together with like-minded people

Speakers, Devonshire tea, raffle

\$10 or pay what you can

(Come at 12.30 for lunch at the café)

All proceeds go to Hope's Café projects

Chaharshanbe Suri: Persian Fire Jumping Festival

Tuesday 14 March, 6.00 pm – 9.30 pm

Clayton Wesley Uniting Church

Cnr The Parade and Portrush Road, Beulah Park

Chaharshanbe Suri also called the Festival of Fire, is an Iranian festival celebrated on the eve of the last Wednesday before Nowruz. Circle of Hope 114 and [The Spire Community](#) are excited to be yet again hosting this fantastic event.

Entry \$5 per person, children under 10 are free
Family tickets will be available
Low-income earners – gold coin donation.

Please bring a plate of food to share or purchase some Iranian treats. Coffee and tea also available for purchase.

All are most welcome! **All funds raised will be used to assist asylum seekers and refugees with legal and educational costs.**

Please note: This is a family friendly event, and therefore no alcohol is permitted.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/393044847741452/>



Mitcham Village Uniting Church

Gallery One Mitcham and Mitcham Village Uniting Church

present the 5th annual Easter Exhibition

“Life@death: The Sleep of Reason”

1 Torrens St, Mitcham

Opening 6.00 pm on Friday 17 March with a special event night, including a performance by Actor in Residence Marco Siklich and interviews with artists.

Drinks and nibbles

Admission Free. Thanks to the City of Mitcham for supporting this exhibition through a community development grant.

For more information contact Gallery One 82724504 or Dieter Engler 0426813538. Exhibition opening times are Tues – Fri 10.00 am - 4.30 pm, 17 March – 13 April.



International Organist Series 2017

Pilgrim Uniting Church
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide
Sunday 19 March, 2.30 pm

Pavel Kohout



Works by Buxtehude, Bach, Dubois,
and Smetana

Admission \$25. Tickets at the door

www.facebook.com/pilgrimorganandchoir

Morialta Uniting Church 26 Chapel Street, Magill

Lunch on Chapel

Lunch on Chapel is a weekly highlight in Morialta UC's Community Centre. Be assured of a warm welcome when you join us on any Wednesday (except mid-December to end of January) for a tasty home-style menu served from 12 noon. A sample menu may be viewed here <http://www.morialtauca.org.au/community-centre/>

Morialta's library is open over lunchtime for browsing and borrowing, and you can enjoy a whole day's outing by staying on for games such as Rummiking, Mahjong or Scrabble®, or perhaps settle down with a jigsaw or even a book you've selected from the Library.

Further information from Morialta's office
ph 8331 9344 office@morialtauca.org.au



Changes at Stillpoint



An Interview with Rev Phil Hoffmann, Stillpoint Board

2017 has heralded some changes to Stillpoint. Can you tell us about them?

For a long while now, people have been talking about different things when they refer to *Stillpoint* – the Uniting Church’s provision of contemplative spirituality and meditation, a place (house) in the peaceful surrounds at Nunyara, a worshipping community.

After 30 years of ministry and activity, the five-year funding cycle of Rev Gary Stuckey’s position as Minister in placement and Director of Stillpoint ceased at the end of 2016. However, what remains is the ministry in Christian Spirituality in the Uniting Church. And it will necessarily take a different shape.

Can you tell us what that shape might be?

We’re finding that out; it’s a work in progress. We’ve talked about a *Stillpoint in diaspora* model, meaning a spread of events and resources related to contemplative spirituality. So the hope is that more of the Stillpoint ministry will be shared and located in various places around Adelaide and, if possible, various country centres. There is a contemplative gathering at Strathalbyn.

Stillpoint administration has recently moved to Christ Church at Wayville. The Stillpoint Faith Community will continue its worship life there. The Thursday prayer and meditation service will take place there. But from that base, we’re hoping to network and support retreats, worship, events that foster a deeper ministry in spiritual practices.

So can we ask, how is it all going?

The community of Stillpoint, including its governing ‘Board’ and volunteer ministry team have embraced these changes with what Amelia Koh-Butler of Mission Resourcing has described as “great generosity of spirit.” While change brings some feelings of loss of what has been, there is a realisation amongst us, led by the thoughts of Gary Stuckey that “*To make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from*” (quoting T.S Eliot.)

A program of activities is taking shape for the coming year, including coming opportunities for reflection in Lent, and the residential retreat to be held at Nunyara in July. Information about these programs can be found at <http://stillpointsa.org.au>. This website will be an excellent place to keep up to date with the changes at Stillpoint as they take place and to keep in touch with what is happening in the Stillpoint program

What are the needs?

At present we need to gather more people in the wider Uniting Church who have a heart for meditation and contemplation to share in this continuing ministry – even where you are and as you are. Spirituality is a clear and obvious need of people in the wider Australian community. We need people seeking to serve in ways to meet that desire.

Effective Living Centre

Positive Parenting is commencing this term with a fresh new look.

8 March

Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk

Wed 7:30 pm: Positive Parenting,
Wayville, Adelaide

[https://www.trybooking.com/book/
event?eid=256012](https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256012)

22 March

Understanding Your Sensitive Child

Wed 7:30 pm: Positive Parenting,
Wayville, Adelaide

[https://www.trybooking.com/book/
event?eid=256101](https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256101)

5 April

Understanding Your Spirited Child

Wed 7:30 pm: Positive Parenting,
Wayville, Adelaide

[https://www.trybooking.com/book/
event?eid=256102](https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256102)

News from the wider church

A poster for the Transforming Worship Conference. The background is a warm, bokeh-style image of lit candles in glass holders. The text is overlaid on this background. At the top left, the title 'TRANSFORMING WORSHIP' is in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the subtitle 'imagining crafting leading' is in a white, cursive script. On the right side, there is a circular logo with a white cross and a red flame. Below the title, the names of the speakers are listed in white, sans-serif font: 'with Ruth Duck, Stephen Burns, Mark Pierson, Deidre Palmer, Stu Cameron, Myung Hwa Park and others'. To the right of the names, the conference details are listed: 'National Worship Conference', '27-30 JULY 2017 ADELAIDE', and 'UCA Assembly & Centre for Music, Liturgy & the Arts, SA'. At the bottom right, the website 'transformingworship.com.au' is provided.

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National Worship Conference
27-30 JULY 2017 ADELAIDE
UCA Assembly & Centre for Music, Liturgy & the Arts, SA
transformingworship.com.au

A gathering of preachers, worship leaders, musicians, artists, poets and anyone interested in exploring the formative and transformative nature of Christian worship

Themes: Making lifelong disciples across generations; worshipping community and contextualisation; Crafting and leading worship; Love and care in the making of worship

Venue: Burnside City Uniting Church

Registration: \$220 (early bird registration by 14 April)
\$245 after 14 April
Day rates also available



For more information go to <http://transformingworship.com.au>

Uniting Church SA Historical Society

Unley Walk and Talk

March 19, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Unley Uniting Church

187 Unley Road, Unley

This walking tour event will begin at 2:30 pm meeting at Unley Uniting Church. Car parking is available at the Unley Shopping Centre or in Edmund Street. This historic walk will include visits to several sites including the first Methodist church (1851) in Arthur Street and then north along King William Road to the former Wesley College, now The Lodge Eldercare. The walk will conclude by meeting at Gillingham Hall, the former site of MLC/Annesley and Way College.

Those wishing to travel by car may meet up with the walkers at Christ Church Uniting, 26 King William Road, Wayville, for afternoon tea.

