

"I know He is able to do all things and no plans of His fails". It does feel as though this has been my second year as the Northern Synod moderator; however, this title has become a force in all my duties and services. It is also an honour to represent the church and participate in activities and events. As well develop relationships with our brothers and sisters at ecumenical functions in collaboration with the Northern Territory Council Churches (NTCC).

I started this second year of service by attending the National Young Adult Leadership Conference held in the Gold Coast. It was a privilege to be present among UCA youths who come from diverse backgrounds in Australia. Although it was challenging being a mentor, it was an excellent way to motivate the young people to be faithful to God, and to exemplify to them how their gifts can be used to serve Him.

We shared wonderful times listening and learning with like-minded youths of the Uniting Church who had the same passion toward Christ and serving God. We experienced the giftedness of Young Adults in the UCA who offer their passion and insight to shaping our participation in God's mission of reconciliation and hope in our world. During our time, we also had the pleasure of experiencing the culture through worship, story sharing, and exploring of what it means to be Second Generation or Next Generation in our church.

At the beginning of the year also YURORA was held in Wollongong, and again the youths came from all over Australia as well as internationally. Youths in our church serve as pillars in our celebration of friendship we call a Multi-Cultural church.

We sang, danced, feasted together, prayed, Bible study and learnt to respond to the call of Jesus in our lives. There are many languages and cultures, but we belong to one and another. I was proud of the talent and gifts from God.

There is the continuation of my relationship with the PPNA :

- Participation in "Spiritual Journey" in the Central Australia desert, hosted by the Alice Spring congregation and led by Dr Steve Bevis and Emily Hayes working together with John Cavanagh an Eastern Arrernte elder and traditional healer.
- Visiting the congregations around Darwin, Western Australia as well as Indonesia. (Casuarina, Palmerston, Nightcliff, Darwin Memorial, Living Water, Philadelphia, Indonesia Missionary, Broome, Kununurra, Nhulunbuy)
- Preaching and leading Holy Communion and pastoral conversations

- Being together with Church Councils to help and guide them in making decisions to call their ministers
- Continuing working with colleague ministers in combined services during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- Together with members from the Philadelphia and Indonesia Missionary congregations visited a nursing home for some singing and prayer to celebrate the New Year with the residents.
- Took part in the induction of Rev Felicity Amery as chair of PPNA
- Attended the commissioning of Yane Damanik as a pastor of Living Water
- Member of Pastoral Relations & Placements Committee

Continuing my relationship with NRCC :

- Attended the NRCC Executive meeting
- Attended the commissioning of Sailosi Sekitoga for Darwin Ministry
- Attended Dr Gumana's memorial service at Gangan
- The most memorable, however was working with Co-Ordinator of the Women's Ministry, Mrs Elizabeth Gurimangu to lead the NRCC Northern Synod UnitingWoman under theme: "Seeking Deeper Story" during Easter.
- The event started with dinner and was officially opened by Rev Steve Orme, Resource Worker of NRCC. Then continued with Maundy Thursday night contemplation. The time was spent on reflection, sharing stories, listening to one and another with respect, building the relationship to give space for God's grace. There were many positive things! There is surrender, confession to God who is able to free us from all problems. Many tears were spilled and all felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. According to the word of the Lord, if one or two people come together, the Lord will be in the midst of them. Thank you Lord Jesus for this very special gathering and experience.

An important part of the moderator's work, in addition to pastoral leadership, to creating relationship with Agencies and schools.

- With ARRCs- attended and blessing the " Sod Turning" ceremony at the Terrace Garden Aged Care facility to celebrate the commencement of re-development of the site
- Attended graduation at NUNGALINYA College for students who finished the Theological and Ministry course
- Supporting and engaging with students in Bible study for Annual Synod meeting
- Working and supporting SOMERVILLE – helping back to the community by wrapping presents during Christmas

- Part of Indonesian Community association in various activities
- Attended Eucharistic and breakfast at KORMILDA college
- Keeping CSIS in prayers so that they may always have good spirit in this noble work. Hopefully I will be able to attend and see first-hand their translating work
- Similarly, ARDS and St Philips College are a priority for the next visit

As the leader of the church, representing the church in government and attending the invitation in various occasion

- The blessing of the first sitting of the parliament. Also first session of parliament
- Attended Christmas Celebration with Chief Minister
- Attended Australian Day ceremony
- Darwin WW II Bombing ceremony
- ANZAC Day – Commemorated the WW II Bombing of the Royal Vessel Australia, HMAS PATRICIA CAM Yirrkala

Being an active member of NTCC, I was supportive of any ecumenical event. In particular, the establishment of co-operative relationships with other churches, especially during Don Dale Detention Centre Royal Commission, Palm Sunday March “bring them here” No Fracking, “ peace for refugee”.

There are regular meetings with church leaders who were invited to share their various struggles and issues that arise in the life of the church and in society. Through these conversations some questions arise; what attitude do we adopt as leaders? And how do we build the right strategy in fostering members of the congregation who are also part of the community, so we are not divided by trivial things? Importantly we ended each meeting with prayers bringing our troubles and thoughts to the Lord.

There are also program exchanges in co-operation with the Northern Territory government in chaplaincy training for pastor and minister in the face of natural disasters.

In addition to local tasks, there are also other tasks related to assembly.

- As a member of the Multicultural-Cross Cultural National Reference, it was meaningful that we continue to celebrate diversity in our communities
- Attended the National Incorporation Conversation
- Collaborative meeting of Moderators with General Secretaries hosted by the President and Assembly General Secretary

- Collaborative meeting of moderators and MultiCultural-Cross Cultural National Reference Committee, hosted by the President
- National Consultation meeting regarding “Human Rights”
- Travelled in solidarity with UnitingWorld to visit our partner churches in Papua and West Timor
- Leading the Team from Northern Synod, attended the launch of the Bible in Rote TI’I languages. Northern Synod has a strong relationship with partner churches GMIT (Evangelical Protestant Church in Timor), especially with the Bible Translation (UBB).
- Together with the representatives from the Philadelphia and Indonesia Missionary attended the UCA Indonesia National Conference in Perth WA
- First group from our Synod to attend the National “ Space for Grace Marriage Conversation” in Brisbane
- The President, Assembly General Secretary, Moderators from SA, WA, NT, NSW/ACT, VIC/TAS and Queensland came together with their General Secretaries to start the 40 hours of prayer. This marked the beginning of the 40 days of prayer for our 40th anniversary.
- The most valuable opportunity I had was again meeting with all the Moderators from Aotearoa Presbyterian Church in NZ and the President of the Methodist Church in NZ, which was hosted by the President. I consider this professional development a valuable learning period to hear everyone’s experiences.

Finally, there are many things that cannot be contained in this report, but what is reported is what has been done for a year for the honour and glory of God’s name. His word reminds me **“Whatever you do, work at it with all you heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people”**.

I wish to express incredible thanks to Mr PJ, our General Secretary who faithfully guides me through hardship, and is always there at the right time. I would also like to thank Rev Steve Orme and Rev Bruce Slater for their co-operation during the pastoral visits. Rev Felicity, chair for PPNA, with her new beginning. Thank you NRCC Coordinator of the Women’s Ministry, Mrs Elizabeth Gurimangu I look forward to working with you in the future. Special thanks to Lucy and Roslyn who always manage all the travel and accommodation arrangements.

Thank you to Pak Dale Chesson who goes out of his way to pick me up every morning. To all the staff in their respective capacities.

And finally, to Ben and my son Liusem who faithfully pray for and encourage me through all. I thank them especially for understanding my role and the sacrifices for this noble task.

“For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!” Amen

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