



# NORTHERN SYNOD E-NEWS

## Quote of the inspiration

**Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime**

- Martin Luther King Jr

## Dates & Events

- Lent 17 March - 3 April 2021
- Good Friday 2 April
- Easter Sunday 4 April
- PPNA Meeting 15 - 16 April
- Assembly 17 - 18 July
- Synod 4 - 9 October

## You were created to serve God

Jesus spoke of His death as a glorification and not as a tragedy. He taught His disciples that the way to success is through suffering and death. The Lord Jesus called Himself a grain of wheat that fell to the ground and died so that it could bear bountiful fruit. As the Son of God, He learned to be obedient in suffering and to be the subject of eternal salvation for all who obey Him. He is the enforcer of God's new covenant in which God forgives the wickedness and sins of His people.

Having faith in Jesus means a personal commitment to follow Him and to obey all His teachings. Following Jesus includes denying oneself and taking up the cross. Even in His humanity, Jesus did not want to suffer. He said in His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before He was arrested, "O God, let this cup pass from me, but do not my will, but Your will be done".

The condition that Jesus gave was "deny yourself, take up your cross every day. Why? because we must learn to have the character of a servant like Jesus. Amen.

## Prayer

Thank you, Jesus our Lord and King, you have chosen us to be Your servants. Teach us to imitate You to be Your servant with a servant's heart. Anoint us to continue to work faithfully for the glory of Your name. Amen.

Rev Thresi Mauboy  
Moderator

## FACT SQUARE

**Do you know Cadbury Creme Eggs?**

**More than 1.5 million Cadbury Creme Eggs are produced every day**

<https://www.sykescottages.co.uk/blog/10-fun-facts-about-easter-you-probably-didnt-know/>

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## Assembly News

### Uniting Church National History Society Conference - "Growing Up Uniting"

You are welcome to attend the 3rd Biennial History Conference with guest speakers, Dr Deidre Palmer, "Roundtable Conversations with Uniting Church Young People", Associate Professor Ruth Powell, "Growing up Uniting: an inside out perspective and Rev. Dr William Emilsen and Dr Elizabeth Watson, "Growing up Uniting: Insights to ponder; lessons to heed" along with other speakers and events organised over the three day conference.

More information can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/growing-up-uniting-tickets-138188825497>

### Presidents Conference 2021

Called by God 2 - I am pleased to offer all members of the Uniting Church in Australia the chance to participate in my rescheduled President's Conference. - President of UCA, Dr Deidre Palmer

More information including registration can be found here: <https://uniting.church/presidents-conference-2021/>



### Semester 1 2021 dates

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
Feb 21	Nightcliff Uniting Church
March 21	Casuarina Uniting Church
April 18	Karama Uniting Church
May 16	Darwin Congress Ministry* @ Nungalinga College
June 20	Darwin Memorial Uniting Church
July 18	Trip to Kakadu and joining with Jabiru Uniting Church*

*\* To be confirmed*

If you are looking to join in with other UCA youth, then remember to save the date for Testify!



Lent Event: together on the journey

Thank you for the enthusiastic support of UnitingWorld's new Global Neighbours Bible Study series!

Did you know, every dollar we raise from the printed Studies is invested back into the community projects you're supporting through Lent Event this year? Support at [lentevent.com.au](http://lentevent.com.au).

## What's been happening?

### UAICC Visit

UAICC President, Mark Kickett, UAICC Secretary Alison May Overeem and Resource Worker Ian Dempster visited the Northern Synod on the 16th March. Mark lead morning devotion as the conference room was filled with song and spirit.



### Commencement Service at Nungalinga College

On the 11th March, Nungalinga held its commencement service for the studying year as both students and staff gathered together in the chapel. The General Secretary, Rev Haloti Kailahi offered a sermon to the commencing students and staff. Bishop Charles Gauci also blessed the new accomidation units at Nungalinga.

### Ordination of Richard Telfer



After a period of discernment, Richard Telfer will be ordained as a Minister of the Word on 15th April. The event will be at the Darwin Memorial Uniting Church at 7PM.

Richard Telfer completed his placement with Palmerston Uniting Church after being there as a supply pastor prior. He has been with Palmerston Uniting Church since 2017, and we will continue to support Richard in his future ministry.





# Notice of changes to BLM Webinars in March & April:

In respect of Palm/Passion Sunday  
& Holy Week in lead up to Easter  
there will be **no BLM Webinar on Sun 28 March.**

Instead we urge churches, groups, and individuals to mark  
**International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**  
on Sun 21 March.

In 1966 the UN established this international day in recognition  
of the fact that racism is a global reality. Racism exists in both church  
and society and many churches have declared racism  
to be a sin. This is an opportune moment therefore for churches  
and peoples of faith to remember the importance of racial justice,  
reflect on God's gift of human diversity, and consider actions  
to challenge and end racism and discrimination.

For racial justice resources and programs please contact:  
***katalinatw@gmail.com***



## Next BLM Webinar

### Panellists:

Brooke Prentis  
Emma Jackson

Rev Tau'alofa Anga'aelangi  
Rev Dr Katalina Tahaafe-Williams

**Sunday 18 April, 2021**

**1500-1615h AEDT**

*Sunday April 25th is ANZAC Day  
hence our webinar change*

**Online**

**Facebook Live, Ucchaplaincy Csu  
& Zoom**

### Register

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87136521538?pwd=T1BQUzgva2dXUFZ5alpRczJOTUpsQT09>

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### Revival! Galiwin'ku

On 14th March, Galiwin'ku celebrated it's revival. It has been 46 years since Galiwin'ku first experienced revival, and has grown to include many Yolgnu from different communities.

Sebasti Ward, NRCC admin, got to talk with Djawut and Yurranydjil in Galiwin'ku through the phone and asked them what Revival means to them.

*What does Revival mean to you?*



When the first Revival, God's power came that used people who are truly faithful and was touched by God so that it could be spread across all over the community (Galiwin'ku) then across Arnhem Land.

That is the first time I received God. I was sitting and listening to them preach and I was touched by God, I was standing at the beach and the Lord was calling me saying, "Djawut, come to me" so I tried to swim to him but the tide pulled me back, that was the first time I experienced his power that is why I believe that when we have the Revival, he brings his power.

**- Djawut**

Having the knowledge of God, the thing that touches me the most is that the Yolngu people did not know about the Lord they knew his name but did not know much about him. And when we have the Revival the knowledge spreads through the community, and we can give thanks back to the Lord for having faith in the Yolngu people.

**- Yurranydjil**



## COVID Vaccine Roll - Out

From Monday 22 February 2021, COVID-19 vaccinations will begin in Australia.

Beginning in February, the vaccine will be given to those who need it the most first. The phases will be:

### **Phase 1a**

- Quarantine and border workers
- Frontline at-risk health care workers, including staff in GP respiratory clinics and COVID-19 testing facilities, ambulance staff, paramedics, ICU and emergency department staff, and clinical and ancillary support staff
- Residential aged care and disability care staff
- Residential aged care and disability care residents and their carers.

### **Phase 2b**

- Adults over 70 years
- All other health care workers
- Begin vaccinating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults
- People with an underlying medical condition, including those with a disability
- Critical and high-risk workers including defence, police, fire, emergency services and meat processing workers.

### **Phase 2a**

- Adults over 50 years
- Continue vaccinating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults
- Other critical and high risk workers.

### **Phase 2b**

Remaining people over 16 years

Catch up any unvaccinated Australians from previous phases.

### **Phase 3**

People under 16 years if recommended



## Ministry Opportunities

### Northern Synod

#### ***- Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia - Presbytery Minister***

(More information may be found on the Northern Synod website in Vacancies.)

You may also contact **[helen.paine@ns.uca.org.au](mailto:helen.paine@ns.uca.org.au)**

### Wider Church

#### ***- Expressions of Interest: Bush Chaplain – Bushfire Recovery, Presbytery of Gippsland.***

In response to the bushfires of 2019-20, the Presbytery of Gippsland, in association with Frontier Services, is seeking a bush chaplain to work with fire-affected communities for a period of 3 years full-time.

We are looking for someone with a love for the bush and rural communities who can work in isolated areas as part of a Uniting Church ministry team, with training and skills in spiritual and pastoral care and the capacity to develop networks for referral.

For more information, contact Deb Bye at [sec.ucagipps@gmail.com](mailto:sec.ucagipps@gmail.com) by Friday 19th March 2021.

#### ***- Uniting Care Campaign Engagement Officer***

(More information may be found on the Northern Synod website in Vacancies.)

“We are seeking a highly motivated individual with appropriate skills to take the campaign to the Uniting Church community and ensure this campaign is successful.”

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## From the Media team

Greetings everyone in the name of Christ!

Hope you are doing well!

March is nearly ending, and the year is going into full swing. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter, and not get too sick on chocolate and hot cross buns.

As a reminder, this e-news is all shaped by you! If there is anything you want to see or read, please email me. This can be anything from pictures, stories or advertisements.

I wish you all the best for the year, and may God be with you in all that you do!

Cheers,  
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