

# NORTHERN SYNOD E-NEWS

## Verse of the Week

**Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.**

Proverbs 1:8-9

## Dates & Events

- Mother's Day 9 May
- Godly Play 24 - 26 June
- Assembly 17 - 18 July
- Synod 4 - 9 October

**Happy Mothers Day!**



As this will be released on the Friday before Mother's ay, I wanted to wish all the mothers an early Happy Mother's Day.

I thought it would appropriate to have picture of Jesus' mother, Mary. I am often reminded that no matter how old you get, a mother's hug or cooking will immediately bring you comfort.

So, when the day comes don't forget to treat your mother whether that's brekkie in bed or just a day of pampering.

## 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>

### Karama Uniting Church Fundraising



On 17th April, Karama Uniting Church with Warung Missy held a fundraiser at CDU for the NTT Disaster in Indonesia.

We raised \$658.80 for the people who suffered severe loss and damage to their property in the Eastern parts of Indonesia.

We will send the money directly to Osmo church - GMIT in Kupang.

## Testify 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* @ Nungalingya 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!

## Synod Prayer Meetings

The Synod Prayer Network meets weekly each Wednesday at 10am at the Northern Synod office and via zoom. Our group in the office is not large, but earnest prayers are offered by those present (and via zoom), including regulars like our Moderator Rev Thresi Mauboy, NRCC Presbytery Minister Rev Jo Mar, Rev Maratja Dhamarrandji, Mel Quilliam, Jemma Whittaker and Stuart McMillan. Our prayers are sometimes in language – what a joy!

We have planned a prayer calendar to focus on different aspects of UCA life in the Northern Synod, to fulfill the vision of building connections between individuals, congregations and agencies across our vast Synod. So far this year we have had prayers via zoom from Broome, Mowanjum and Alice Springs, and on different weeks we've had prayer points offered for Darwin, West Kimberley, UAICC and chaplaincy. Our focus next week is Darwin.

We are endeavouring to have a wider reach and participation by inviting different leaders for each week, and each week having a different focus. That is our goal. The zoom meeting link will remain the same, regardless of where the leader is.

The link is:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83256549908?pwd=TzhQTmp1UkZMbUNTeHh3SEk3Vk1Ldz09>

Meeting ID: 832 5654 9908

Passcode: 346227

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The four main areas that will focus our prayers are:

- Northern Synod (usually the first Wednesday of each month)
- Congregations and Faith Communities by Region (East Arnhem, West Arnhem, Darwin, Kimberley and Centre/APY). In the spirit of covenanting, we have not divided into PPNA and NRCC, but rather, regions that incorporate both. "Congregations and Faith Communities" will be our focus on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month.
- Life Stages i.e. children, youth, young adults, parents, grandparents, singles (usually the 3rd Wednesday each month).
- UCA Assembly (when there's a 5th Wednesday in the month; there are 3 in 2021).

The 2021 prayer calendar is on a separate page. We are really keen for people throughout our Synod to participate directly in the prayer meetings (in person or via zoom), or to suggest prayer points for their region/ agency. Please phone or email to let me know if you'd like to be involved.

Also, if you or someone in your congregation is unsure how to participate in a prayer group, I can forward you some "Prayer Bites" on video that explain what prayer is and how to pray.

Yours in Christ,

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## 2021 Synod Prayer Calendar

	Synod & Agencies	Congregations & Faith Communities	Life Stages	Congregations & Faith Communities
February 13-14 SSC	3 Synod	10 Darwin	17	24 West Arnhem
March	3 NRCC	10 Kimberley	17	24 Centre 31 UAICC National
April [2-5 Easter]	7 Chaplaincy	14 East Arnhem	21	28
May	5 PPNA	12 Darwin	19	26 West Arnhem
June	2 Nungalinya	9 Kimberley	16	23 Centre 30 National Assembly
July 15-19 Assembly	7 Coordinate	14 East Arnhem	21	28 Darwin
August	4 Post-Assembly	11 West Arnhem	18	25 Kimberley
September	1 ARDS	8 Centre	15	22 East Arnhem 29 Northern Synod
October NS dates tbc	6 Somerville	13 Darwin	20	27 West Arnhem
November	3 Social Justice	10 Kimberley	17	24 Centre
December	1	8 East Arnhem	15	22 29

#Shaded area is school holidays.

## Ministry Opportunities

### Wider Church

#### **- *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."

#### **- *General Secretary, Synod of WA***

The Synod now wishes to appoint a new General Secretary who will be accountable to the Church in Western Australia through its Synod Standing Committee.

This position is the Secretary of the Synod and the Chief Executive Officer of the Uniting Church Centre.

More information can be found on their website:  
<https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/jobs/gensec2021/>

#### **- *Nungalinga College, Dean of UCA/NRCC Students***

Position description and applications can be found here:

<https://www.ns.uca.org.au/vacancies/>

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### From the Media team

Greetings everyone in the name of Christ!

Hope you are doing well!

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!

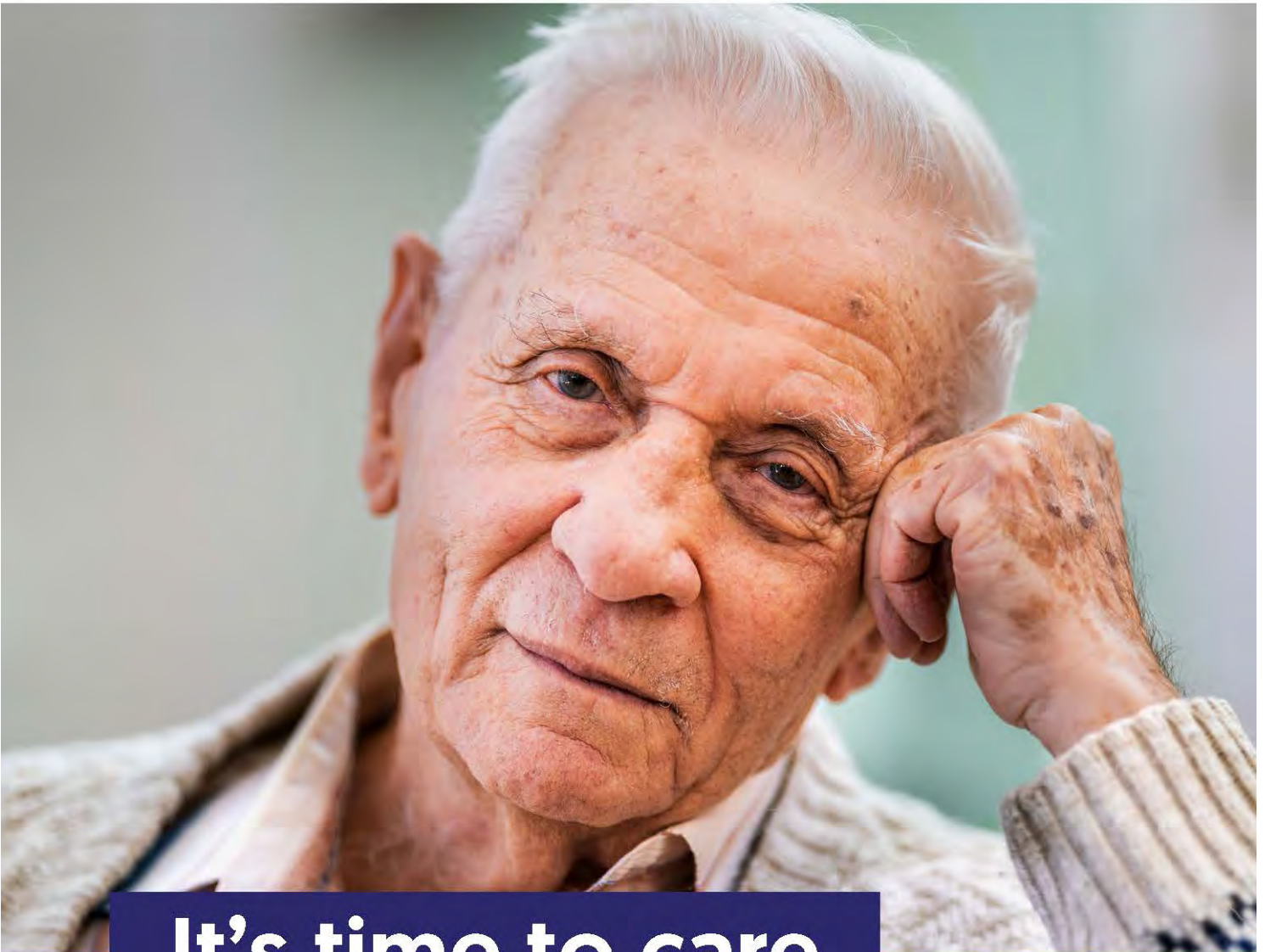
Cheers,  
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about aged care.**

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