

NORTHERN SYNOD E-NEWS

Verse of the Week

**I am able to do all things through
Him who strengthens me.**

Philippians 4:13

Dates & Events

- NAIDOC Week 4 - 11 July
- Assembly 17 - 18 July
- Synod 4 - 9 October

Moderator Reflection

For the first time, the Northern Territory had to go into lockdown because of the Coronavirus. We may have panicked, gotten angry and frustrated because all the activities must be carried out from home including prayer meetings, bible studies and pastoral visits. And the supermarkets get raided of all the essentials and we ask, "when will this uncertainty be over?"

This panic was also experienced by the disciples of the Lord Jesus (Mark 4:35-41). "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" This is the Sea of Galilee, a body of water 680 feet deep and surrounded by hills. Winds blowing across the land intensify close to the sea, often causing violent and unexpected storms. The disciples were seasoned fishermen, who had spent their lives fishing on this huge lake, but during this squall they panicked.

This uncertainty occurs in every area of life. The disciples needed rest, but they encountered a terrible storm. In panic the disciples came to Jesus saying they will drown. Jesus stood up, told the wind and the sea, "Silence! Be still." The wind and the sea obeyed under Jesus' command and power. The disciples lived with Jesus, but they underestimated him. They did not see that his power applied to their very own situation and crises.

The Christian life may have more stormy weather than calm seas. As Christ's followers, be prepared for the storms that will surely come. Do not surrender to the stress but remain resilient to recover from setbacks with faith in Christ. Hold one and another in prayer and trust and move ahead. Rest assured that, "When things go wrong, He will make them right. The God of the good times is still God in the bad times. The God of the day is still God in the night." (*God of The Mountain* by Lynda Randle)

Rev Thresi Mauboy Wohangara

Moderator



NRCC Meeting

The NRCC executive meeting was held on 16th June in Riyala.

The members of the meeting enjoyed each other's company as they had kangaroo tail on the fire and a singalong with chairperson Mickey Wunurjmurra and Ben Suherman playing the guitar.



**HEAL
COUNTRY!**
4-11 JULY 2021

Jim Downing Book

<https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/237934>

A study of the 'Outstation' or Homelands movement - a movement of Aboriginal people away from larger settlements into small communities in remote areas, generally in their own tribal 'homelands', where there are many areas of sacred importance to the ancestor/creation stories of their clans. They desired to 'look after' those places by tending the sacred areas.

ABC Special: God is a Wandjina

<https://www.abc.net.au/religion/watch/compass/wandjina-is-god/13403554>

Janet Oobagooma, and her old friend Gudu travel from their remote Aboriginal community home in Mowanjum in the West Kimberley to visit the place they grew up - the abandoned Presbyterian mission of Kunmunya. Through these 'Children of the Wandjina' the story emerges of the blending and balancing of their Aboriginal spirituality and connection to land with their contemporary Christian faith.

Sunday 4 July at 8pm on ABC Plus (channel 22) then anytime on iview. Or catch the encore on Sunday 11 July at 6:30pm and 11am 18 July on ABC TV.



Commissioning of Frits Mamuat

On 20th June, Karama Uniting Church held the commissioning of Frits Mamuat.

Frits Mamuat has been part of the Indonesian community in Darwin for more than 20 years watching the Indonesian congregation grow.

We pray that God watches over him as he continues his ministry at Karama Uniting Church.



Synod Prayer Network – Updated Zoom details.

All UCA members around the Synod are invited to participate in the Synod prayer network which meets in person and by Zoom each Wednesday morning at 10-11am. If you're in Darwin, you are welcome to come to the synod downstairs meeting room to meet with others there. If you're out of Darwin, this is the link to zoom in:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87585104002?pwd=Uy9jNlhRc05vOWVBB2krb3ZYUERoQT09>

Meeting ID 875 85104002
Passcode 218614

The Synod prayer calendar can be found below. Next week's focus (07 July) is Co-ordinate so if you have a heart to pray for the people and the ministries of Co-ordinate you can join the meeting or email me some prayer points.

Ros McMillan
M: 0438 831 016

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 17-18 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 <i>Northern Synod 4-9</i>	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.



Nungalinya
Art & Faith Exhibition

Friday 13th August
Graduation 4:30pm
Pop-up Gallery Opening 5-7pm
Interact with Indigenous Artists

Saturday 14th August
Walk Through 11-2pm

Artworks available for purchase

Nungalinya Art & Language Centre
72 Dripstone Road, Nakara



 Children & Young People

A safe church for all people

The Uniting Church in Australia believes a safe church is who we are called to be. It is the way we physically, emotionally and spiritually care for each other.



A safe church is who we are called to be – and our National Safe Church Unit has a new website to make it easy to find resources and information. In the handy section for Congregations & Presbyteries, you'll find UCA Child Safe Principles posters in multiple languages, Tools for Listening, the new "Safe Church" poster and more. Visit the website and let us know how we can make it even more useful.

<https://safechurch.uca.org.au>

Ministry Opportunities

Wider Church

-Palmerston Unting Church - Full Time Placement

Palmerston Uniting Church is seeking a full-time placement. This is a joint placement of 0.5 PUC congregation and 0.5 Somerville funded.

For further information, please contact Rev Tony Goodluck mobile: 0439 854 147 email: tgoodluck@nungalinya.edu.au or tonygoodluck58@gmail.com'

- 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/>

- Nungalinya College, Dean of UCA/NRCC Students

Position description and applications can be found here:

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

- Principal Uniting College for Leadership & Theology

Position description can be found here:

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

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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,
Loui

Liusem Mauboy
Media & Communications

Darwin Community Legal Service



Free Legal Advice Service

Do you require help with:

- Tenancy Rentals
- Bond Returns
- Centrelink
- NDIS
- Discrimination
- Human Rights
- Employment Rights
- Unfair Dismissal
- Contracts
- Credit & Debts
- Consumer Rights
- Adult guardianship

Free Legal Advice Session

Every Tuesday

Darwin -75 Wood St

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Booking required

Every Thursday

Darwin - 75 Wood St

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Walk ins welcome

4th Monday of Every Month

Palmerston Library

6.00pm – 7.00pm

Walk ins welcome

2nd Saturday of each month

Casuarina Library

10.00am – 11.45am

Walk ins welcome

www.dcls.org.au
1800 812 953