

**LECTIONARY READINGS for
Pentecost 2 and 3**

First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Genesis 18:1-15	116:1-2, 12-19	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8
Genesis 21:8-21	86: 1-10,16-17	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39

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picture that says what your Church has to say on these issues. We've designed two for you. *Uniting Church against racism. Uniting Church against black deaths in custody.* You'll find them among Facebook's frame options. (Just search for Uniting)

3. Change the record. The "Change the Record" campaign is a national campaign for social policy measures that will reduce incarceration rates and deaths in custody. They are collecting petition signatures to send to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition. Please sign the Change the Record petition on their website and support their initiatives.

PRAYER FOR JUSTICE, SOLIDARITY AND WALKING TOGETHER AS FIRST AND SECOND PEOPLES

Creator God, our hearts are heavy for all the events that have impacted the world in the past few weeks that have caused us to ask the question, "Where is the God of Justice, Mercy, Peace and Love?" We know deep in our heart that you are still all of those things (and more), and that scripture reminds us that you journey with us wherever we go and no matter what condition, or state of mind, or circumstances that we may find ourselves in, your presence is there walking alongside us and often times holding us up. (Ps 139:7f)

Creator God, we reach out in prayer for the lives of all people, in particular for the lives affected by injustice and the ugliness of racism, for we know and believe that you are the God who transforms lives and circumstances, and that through all of this the world may know and feel your healing and loving touch.

We give you thanks for the ministry of the UAICC. We pray for UAICC leaders, that you will continue to sustain them with hope, give them strength and wisdom, as they minister to their communities and especially as they mentor younger leaders, and raise up the sacred stories of First People in this land.

We pray for all members of the Uniting Church, our congregations, councils, agencies and schools, that we may embody the Gospel of Christ in ways of compassion, justice, love and hope.

May your Holy Spirit be a loving presence throughout our world, bringing comfort to all those who grieve, and breathe new life and hope into situations of uncertainty and despair.

May your Holy Spirit renew us in heart and vision, that we might walk together as First and Second Peoples in mutuality, respect and delight in our shared life and destiny together.

Through Christ, our liberator we pray. Amen

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**STOP BY
RE-OPENS
17 JUNE
(SEE NOTE INSIDE)**

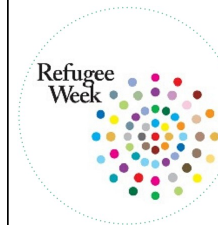
**STAYING
IN TOUCH IN
STRANGE TIMES**



**Today is
PENTECOST 2**

NEWSLETTER

14 JUNE 2020



UCA SA Synod Refugee Week online event
Monday, 15 June 2020 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Zoom meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85956283246?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85956283246?pwd=NzhTNkM2dTVKNHpaQUJteWRsajhdz09)
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A special online event will be held in Refugee Week, with an opportunity to hear about the experiences of refugees and those seeking asylum living in South Australia, and how they are faring in this time of COVID-19. What is God saying to us through their experience? How do we embody God's love to them, with grace and compassion, and advocate for their welfare?

There will also be an opportunity to network with others engaged in the sector, and to learn about opportunities to engage in practical support, as well as avenues for advocacy.

This event is hosted by the Synod Refugee Advocacy Group of the Uniting Church in South Australia.

Contact: Rev Dr Paul Goh, Justice Officer, Mission Resourcing, SA Synod, pgoh@sa.uca.org.au

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A WARM WELCOME to all who are worshipping with us on-line!
CHURCH COUNCIL will meet at the church on Tuesday, 14 July at 7 pm
ELDERS will meet at Trinity on Tuesday 30 June at 7.30 pm.

MORE NEWS can be read on the Synod E-News page at ucenews@sa.uca.org.au ; and also news from the Assembly at <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item>

NEXT SUNDAY, 21 JUNE
we will be
celebrating Holy Communion
(more information in next newsletter)

Resumption of Regular Church Services

At its last meeting on 9 June, the Church Council discussed at length the resumption of church services on site with the current restrictions of only 20 people allowed in the worship space.

The decision of the Church Council was not to resume worship on site until the numbers allowed in the worship space are sufficient for us to conduct a regular service so that all who wish could attend. Should the restrictions be eased to allow up to 50 persons then that would be the trigger to allow this to occur. Opportunities to meet on site in groups of up to 20 would be explored including social and other gatherings.

We will continue to have the on-line church services with our regular ones to resume on 21 June. We will be showing the online service at the church for those people who wish to come to church to watch the service. We have prepared a COVID Safe plan as required by the Government and this includes a Sign-in sheet to record who has attended the church.

Should people have any views or suggestions in response to this please let us know.

Stop By Op Shop

Stop By will be re-opening on Wednesday 17 June and will be open from **Wednesday to Friday 9.30 to 3.30**. Tuesdays will be sorting days for the time being as we continue to deal with the corona virus. If anybody wishes to volunteer at Stop By please contact Yvonne Freeman.

Working Bee

Property Committee will be having a working bee at the church on Sunday 21 June at 11am. Please come along to help do some cleaning and gardening as we move toward meeting on site again. The working bee will conclude by 1pm and we will make sure that there is some food available (in line with the restrictions suggested by the Uniting Church Synod that exist for preparation of food).

Any items for inclusion in the Newsletter can be sent to: val.canty@gmail.com



The national leaders of the UCA and UAICC are encouraging members to stay active in support of racial justice, as the movement against racism continues around the world.



**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, CHANGE YOUR FRAME
CHANGE THE RECORD**

This week UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer and the Interim Chairperson of the National UAICC Pastor Mark Kickett, met to reflect on recent events, the issues in Australia and the ways church members can address these in the short and longer term. “Together we grieved Aboriginal deaths in custody that continue, despite the Royal Commission that happened 30 years ago,” said Dr Palmer. “We spoke about pastoral support for people in prison, and their families and friends. We spoke about ongoing effects of the trauma of colonisation.”

“We spoke about the hope we see in emerging new Aboriginal leaders, and the new stories that are rising up, alongside the old stories, and older generations mentoring younger generations,” said Dr Palmer.

Over the past few weeks, Uniting Church members have been responding and reacting as part of global responses to the murder of African American man George Floyd in the US city of Minneapolis on 25 May. Mr Floyd’s murder has sparked a wave of outrage and expressions of solidarity to address racism, discrimination, including black deaths in custody here in Australia.

Dr Palmer and Pastor Kickett issued Pastoral Letters to the Church last week, condemning the evil of racism and encouraging members to focus their attention on racism in Australia.

“This week we also spoke about Aboriginal spirituality, the connection to the land, language and culture and the importance it holds for Aboriginal people today and to all people living in this land,” said Dr Palmer. “We spoke about the UCA’s commitment to walk together as First and Second peoples, and what that looks like on the ground in congregations, in urban, rural and heartland communities, for different generations, for our culturally diverse Church. We spoke about the ways we are walking together as First and Second Peoples in and through the Uniting Church.

“At the end of our conversation we suggested three actions for Uniting Church members and a prayer for the coming week and beyond, as we acknowledged that we have longer term commitments and strategies that are part of the Uniting Church’s ongoing mission and ministry,” said Dr Palmer.

Uniting Church members are encouraged to take these three actions:

1. Show support. Send your message of solidarity to the national UAICC. uaicc@nat.uca.org.au
2. Change your frame. Update your Facebook profile

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