#### LECTIONARY READINGS for Pentecost and Trinity Sunday

| First Reading      | Psalm          | Second Reading            | Gospel        |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Acts 2:1-21        | 104:24-34, 35b | 1 Corinthians<br>12:3b-13 | John 20:19-23 |
| Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a | 8              | 2 Corinthians<br>13:11-13 | Mt 28:16-20   |



### PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE 2020 ADELAIDE, 2-5 OCTOBER

Dr Deidre Palmer has announced that her 2020 President's Conference will go ahead in Adelaide from October 2-5, as originally scheduled.

"We are looking at online options, and a variety of ways of connecting with live-streaming, pre-recorded interviews, and Adelaide based panels, that people can connect to around the country," said Dr Palmer.

"I am optimistic that by then that there will be options for us to gather in smaller groups face to face. We will work according to any of the safety measures that the Government and health professionals have put in place."

The theme of the Conference is "Called by God". It will focus on living our Christian vocation in our daily life and one of the Uniting Church's key foundations "every member ministry".

"We will explore expressions of this vocation through ministry in local congregations, faith communities, agencies, schools, chaplaincy and people's faithful discipleship and service in their workplaces, communities and relationships," added Dr Palmer.

"The Conference will encourage participants in their Christian discipleship, and invite them to reflect on their current journey of faith, discerning the call of God and where God might be leading them."

The Conference is open to all members of the Uniting Church.

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## NEWSLETTER

31 MAY 2020



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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, 9 June at 5 pm ELDERS will meet on-line on Tuesday 30 June.

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 or assembly.uca.org.au/resources/ministry-during-covid-19



### **REMINDER—OFFERING IN DIFFICULT TIMES**

If you would like to move your giving to being electronic via the Uniting Church – either temporarily or permanently— or commence regular electronic giving, as treasurer, I would be delighted to talk to you (in complete confidence) about how to set that up. You can contact me by email lang1@iimetro.com.au or phone 0410 432 013.

If you would prefer to contribute direct to the Trinity bank account (BSB 105-150; Account Number 007359140), please include your name or the word "offering" in the notation so I know how to allocate your gift.

Many thanks. Brett

Any items for inclusion in the Newsletter can be sent to Val—no later than Thursday, if possible. val.canty@gmail.com



29 May 2020

President Dr Deidre Palmer has warmly thanked Uniting Church members for their creative responses to being the Church during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a special message for Pentecost, Dr Palmer said it had been "a joy to see the ways you have adjusted to these dramatically changed circumstances. I give thanks for all of you – members of the Uniting Church, sisters and brothers in Christ, who are faithfully expressing the ministry of Christ through this time of pandemic."

Dr Palmer particularly thanked those who have continued to lead worship, those who are ensuring that people are pastorally supported and nurtured in their faith, and advocates for justice across the life of the Uniting Church.

"This Pentecost, as we listen prayerfully for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, God will bless us and guide us with visions and dreams. What are the visions for our Church that you are seeing? What are you dreaming for our present and into the future?"

Dr Palmer focused her reflection on the words in the Uniting Church prayer for Holy Communion, "Pour out your Holy Spirit".

"We are requesting a generous pouring - that we may be drawn into communion with Christ and filled with Christ's reconciling love. It comes with anticipation that God is at work among us in the creative, transformative action of the Holy Spirit.

"We have been inspired by the narrative in the Book of Acts that speaks of the Holy Spirit being present at the birthing of the Church, empowering the first followers of Jesus, to embody Christ's grace and hope in the world.

Here in Australia we see that the Spirit was active in this ancient land, walking with the First Peoples, and in our journey as the Uniting Church we experience the Holy Spirit active with us today, as we face the call to be the Church in these turbulent times."

Watch the whole message on the Uniting Church in Australia Vimeo channel: https://vimeo.com/unitingchurch