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OUR NEWS for 14th May 2017



*Congregational life @
Westmead & Parramatta,
Hospitality, Community and
Mental Health Services across
Greater Sydney and beyond*

Our Vision

*A Community Transforming Lives
Our Values, Grace, Inclusion, Dignity,
Faith and Hope*

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

Wishing all of our Mums, grandmothers, aunts, wonderful friends, teachers, carers and mentors, and everyone who has had a special 'motherly' influence in our lives a very happy and blessed day today. Special prayers also for families grieving the absence or loss of their mothers and grandmothers. After our 'family service' and the distribution of chrysanthemums today, the children and teachers of the Sunday School will be providing a 'Mothers' Day' morning tea in the Coffee Shop - all welcome. NB: All women of the PM congregations, please note your invitation to the *Women's Inspire Afternoon* on Saturday 24 June. Guest Presenter will be Carolyn Craig-Emilsen (Leura Uniting Church/ Australian Spiritual Network). Leigh Memorial rsvps: Samantha.

NEXT SUNDAY - BOOKLET 'JOTTINGS'

To enable everyone an opportunity to "jot down" something for our UCA 40th Anniversary booklet, there will be time allocated in both the morning and evening services at Leigh on 21 May. Paper and pens will be provided and even a couple of lines from everyone will make for a great record of our memories, thoughts and hopes in this, the UCA's 40th anniversary year. Longer contributions may be emailed via emccder4@gmail.com by 4 June. Thank you for supporting this key part of Parramatta Mission's anniversary acknowledgements.

FOR YOUR DIARY: SOME OF OUR MAY & JUNE DATES

- Hospitality Month events (throughout May) - Leaders
- Sunday School Progressive Dinner (6.00pm, 20 May) - Anne & Samantha
- Studies: 'Believing' in the UCA (1 & 2) (9.30am, 27 May and 3 June) - Clive
- Couples & Friends Service + Congregation Photos (9.30am, 28 May)
- SPOW Lunch (4 June) - Beverly
- Leaders' Commissioning & Leaders' meeting (4 June)
- Couples & Friends (5 June) - Marcel & Brian
- LEAP (7 June) - Manas
- *Iftar* Dinner (Inter-faith event) - Manas/ Leaders
- UCA Anniversary service + Luncheon @ CFM (from 10.00am, 18 June)
- Women's Inspire Afternoon (2.00-5.00pm, 24 June)

LEIGH

PLANNING PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

Thanks again for everyone's support. Please maintain prayerful action on all matters relating to our development application - and please pray for ongoing strength and wisdom for our advocates and supporters throughout the important negotiations. Enquiries: Keith & Ian.

HOSPITALITY MONTH @ LEIGH IS UNDERWAY!

Our 'hospitality' events have now commenced and are presenting great opportunities for quality interaction in small groups. Thanks to all of our wonderful hosts. If you're still waiting to receive an invitation to an event, please let the Leaders' team know asap. Please note also that there is no pressure to attend an event and that each is purely 'social' in nature. Have a chat with your host if you have any further queries.

Booklet Project: UCA 40th Anniversary 2017

Hi all,

The PM Heritage Committee are putting together a booklet to mark the UCA 40th Anniversary this year. Its title is: **'Pilgrim People: 40 years of the Uniting Church, 1977- 2017 - a Parramatta Mission reflection.**

Will you help us by writing something for this publication?

What should I write? Some people may choose to write about their memories of being at Leigh or Westmead (or at another church) when the UCA came into being in 1977, some may recount a UCA event or program from recent times that has meant something to them - and some may want to suggest how the UCA needs to approach the future. Beyond these few suggestions however, the topic of each submission is entirely 'open' to choice.

How long does my contribution need to be? Submissions can be anywhere between a few lines and a couple of pages.

Who can participate? All members (of all ages) within the PM congregations are invited to express their memories, views or ideas for the future. Slips of paper and pens will be available soon - or people can simply submit their responses to LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com at any time that they wish.

When is it needed? All submissions will need to be **emailed or given in hard copy** to Liz by **Sunday 4 June** at the latest.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the committee (Keith, Liz, Neil, Samantha, Lorna & Inise) and thank you in anticipation of your contribution to this special, collective project.

Blessings,

The Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee, 2017



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PROGRAM
UNITING CHURCH 40th ANNIVERSARY
@ PARRAMATTA MISSION
18 - 25 June, 2017



UCA 40th ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICES + LUNCHEON @ THE CENTRE FOR MINISTRY: On Sunday 18 June, Anniversary services will be held at both Leigh Memorial and Westmead, followed by a combined, fully catered Luncheon at the Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta. Entry by donation. Places are limited, so don't delay! RSVPs by Monday 5 June to Donna Kelly, 9891-2277/ donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au

ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET PROJECT - PILGRIM PEOPLE: All PM congregations are invited to participate in the Heritage Committee's booklet project to commemorate the Anniversary: **'Pilgrim People: 40 years of the Uniting Church - a Parramatta Mission reflection'**. Everyone is invited to submit a written contribution. Length can be anywhere from a few lines up to a couple of pages. Content is optional, but may include a recollection regarding the start of the UCA in 1977, a favourite UCA involvement, event, theme or program over the years - or - a suggestion for the future of the church. **Submissions are due by Sunday 4 June** - or earlier if possible - and can either be emailed to emccder4@gmail.com or given to Liz in hard copy.

'WOMEN'S 'INSPIRE' AFTERNOON @ LEIGH: On **Saturday 24 June**, there will be an afternoon of inspiration for women at the Leigh Memorial Coffee Shop. All women of **Parramatta Mission are invited** in celebration of this year's UCA 40th Anniversary. **In addition to some spiritual inspiration, we'll be sharing a relaxing afternoon tea together.** Please bring a plate of food to share. **RSVPs by 18 June to Samantha** (Leigh Memorial), **Ini** (Leigh Fijian) & **Lorna** (Westmead). Staff rsvps to **Coral**, 9891-2277



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Women's 'Inspire' Afternoon

@ the Coffee Shop, Leigh Memorial Church

Saturday, 24 June 2017

2.00 - 5.00pm



A UCA 40th Anniversary event
for the women of Parramatta Mission

Guest Presenter: Carolyn Craig Emilsen,

Australian Network for Spiritual Direction/ Leura Uniting Church

Theme: 'Caring for our spiritual self'

Please RSVP to the following people by 18 June:

Leigh Memorial - Samantha/ Leigh Fijian - Inise/ Westmead - Lorna

Staff rsvps: Coral, 9891-2277

**** Please bring a plate of afternoon tea food to share on the day ****



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We wish all mothers and grandmothers and all who have acted in a mothering way to others a very Happy Mother's Day. We rejoice in those who are with us and pray with loving remembrance of those who have left us. May this be a special day for all.

SUNDAY RETIRING OFFERING

As we have a good balance with the retiring offering for the Wesley Apartments for this Sunday we are collecting money for the Thelma Brown Cottage. TBC is a refuge for women and children escaping family violence. With the money we receive today we will purchase some toiletry products for the women and children. If you would like to contribute then please donate some money and place it in the bowl near the door of the church.

HAPPY 16th BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO OPEN DOOR

We will have a 16th birthday and anniversary party for Open Door on Wednesday 17th May. This is open to all who would like to attend. You are most welcome to come from 1.00-3.30 pm.

NO TAI CHI

Please note- there will be no Tai Chi Friday 19th May.

WESTMEAD

CONGRATULATIONS

Special Congratulations to Edward from 175 who does a lot of work in assisting the congregation and the motel in conferencing etc. Edward and his fiancée Bonnie have a new daughter, Zarah, who we are delighted to know has finally arrived. Please pray for them as they embrace their new baby.

PRAYER

Westmead has a Prayer Chain with people who have a commitment to pray. If you would like a prayer request then please fill the slip in and place it in the box on the foyer table or hand it to one of the elders.

UPDATE RE BUILDING AND ROADWORKS

Work continues with the 175 painting and site works. The painting is nearly finished and the blues certainly make the site stand out. The lift building is happening and the garden has been removed in preparation for the new play ground. Thank you for your patience as different sections are blocked off for painting and other changes.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

These are daily reflections on the scriptures and are available for congregational members. If you would like to use the WLTW then please place \$5 in the offering plate.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship- Sundays

9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 6th June- Natalie from Thelma Brown Cottage- all welcome

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Time Out Café (TOC)- Tues/Thurs 11.00-1.30pm

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm - 16th anniversary 17th May

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am NB No Tai Chiu Friday 19th May



wake up
with friends 
weekdays 6-9am

Fellowship Hall

with **Sam Mac**

Monday 15th May

5.30am – 9.00am



Everyone is welcome!!



John 14:1-14

1 Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you know him and have seen him. 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied". 9 Jesus said to him, "I am with you so long a time and yet you do not know me Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father?' 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words which I say to you, I do not say from myself; but the Father who remains in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. 12 Truly, truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will do the works which I do, and greater things than these will they do because I am going to the Father. 13 And whatever you ask in my name, this will I do, in order that the Father will be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in my name, I will do it." (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflection

The above is part of the farewell speech of Jesus in John's gospel. Jesus offers comfort. The statement that Jesus will do whatever we ask, is not magical thinking, nor to be taken as God as some kind of father Christmas, but for those who are doing the works of Jesus, he will assist in those actual works.



With colleagues Rev Dr Manas Ghosh and former Prime Minister of Fiji, Major General (retired) Sitiveni Rabuka, at a lunch in his honour following our Leigh Fijian service today. The welcome included a carva ceremony. An impromptu q&a was held with many asking the former Prime Minister about the situation in Fiji. As usual, a great lunch. I was delighted to be part of this day.



Above: With colleagues Revs Christine Bayliss Kelly, Danielle Hemsworth Smith, Manas Ghosh, John Dacey, and Coral Harris, and also my niece Bethany Porter. We were speaking to several hundred school students about PM. They asked thoughtful questions.



On the wall at Likemind, Seven Hills. The words under each sketch are: 'Through times of many vivid dreams, Through times of jagged cliffs and rough waters, You offered me a window of light and a ray of hope.'

A thank you to all who put in a submission to Council regarding the Civic Link proposal. Keep praying and talking about our vision inSpire the Common Good.

Another federal budget. I was personally pleased that the Medicare levy is increased to cover NDIS, that the banks are being asked to make a bigger contribution, but disappointed that overseas aid was not increased and neither was Newstart.

Happy Mothers Day to all mums, especially new mums.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Through the life and witness of its congregations, through its delivery of social services, Parramatta Mission is seeking to redevelop its site and be a source of inspiration in the life of Sydney's 'central city'. It is seeking to align its life with 5 theological principles.

Leigh Memorial Church seeks to be:

2). A public place:

- which acknowledges, engages and respects the indigenous heritage of this land and area – and thus inspires acts
- which make for reconciliation;
which recognizes and celebrates the cultural and religious diversity of the city;
- which celebrates the history of Parramatta and an encourages visions for the future;
- which is a place of welcome and hospitality to the wider community – a city-space;
- which is a centre of Arts and Theatre inspiring diverse and rich expressions of creativity;

Prayer: Creator God, in you we all move and have our being: you have been with us in the past and your promise is to be with us in Christ Jesus, Emmanuel, to the end of the age. Open our eyes and ears, our hearts and minds, to see how this place may be a place of reconciliation here in the heart of our city. Through your Spirit, we pray for a vision of what might be and how that build upon what has been, Amen.

The *Basis of Union* of the Uniting Church calls its members to be a “fellowship of reconciliation” which is a “foretaste of that coming reconciliation and renewal which is the end in view for the whole creation” Paragraph 3); *The Revised Preamble to the Constitution of the Uniting Church* acknowledges that the Aboriginal and Islander peoples are the First Peoples of these lands and waters, Paragraph 2); and ‘celebrates this Covenantal relationship (between First and Second Peoples) as a “foretaste of that coming reconciliation and renewal”.

The language of reconciliation was used by the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2. This is a passage that is frequently drawn upon following the prayer of confession: “17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, [c] not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.” It is through this call to recommendation that the saints at Corinth are called to be “ambassadors: for Christ.

This language of reconciliation is also used at Ephesians 2:11-22. It is used to overcome hostility and remind those who were once strangers and aliens to each other that now they are “members of the household of God”.

Gary Bouma had identified how living faithfully in diversity is the ‘new normal’ for the Christian faith in his country. (*Being Faithful in Diversity*, Adelaide: ATF Press, 2011).

Isaiah 51:1: “You that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and the quarry from which you were dug”; Acts 2:17: “I will pour out my Spirit .. and your young men shall see visions”.

The gospel was first proclaimed in Athens, the home of democracy, in the forum – a marketplace of ideas, Acts 17:16-34.

The Christian faith has inspired great art, music and literature throughout the centuries. The King James’ Version of the Bible (1611) informed the English language for nearly three centuries.

Fijian Congregation



Vinaka vakalevu na veitokani kei na veiqaravi ena nona a mai So-Kalou kei keda ena Siga Tabu sa oti na Paraiminisita Vakacegu, o *Major General (ret) Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka*.



Marautaki ni 40 ni yabaki ni Lotu Cokovatatiko e Ositerelia

18 ni Jiune—Eda na Lotu Cokovata kei na vavakoso ni Leigh, me da marautaka vata kina na yabaki 40 ni Lotu Cokovata tiko e Ositerelia. Ni suka na Lotu eda na vakasigalevu vata ena Centre for Ministry North Parramatta. Kerea mo solia rawa na yacamu vei Inise. Entry by donation. RSVP 5/6.

Anniversary Booklet Project. E na tabaki tiko e dua nai vola ni vakananumi. Ke dua na nomu cau, ke o via wasea na nomu I talanoa ni Lotu e Parramatta se ena Uniting Church, se e tiko na tatadra ni veisiga ni mataka, se serekali, drau veitalanoa kei Inise me rawa ni tabaki enai vola oqo.

Women's Inspire Afternoon Tea Vakarauwai 24 ni Jiune. Kerei na marama me da tiko vakalewelevu, ka dua toka mai na veleti coi ni ti. RSVP vei Inise

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU VEILI-	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION STEWARDS
21 Me	Rooty Hill	S.Qata	A.Voceca	M 1	M 1	
28 Me	Fiji Parish	S.Toa	J.Foiakau	M 2	M 2	

2017년05월14일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 2장 동 6장 찬양 성부 성자 성령 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 170장 동 16장 내 주님은 살아계시고

새 380 장 동 424 장 나의 생명 되신 주

기도 (Prayer) 주기도문송 새 635장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지 다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 삼상(8:19-20)

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 이것이 인간인가?

봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn) 다함께

새 370장 동 455장 내주 되신 주를 참사랑하고

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 대한민국에 새 정부, 새 대통령을 세워주신 하나님께 감사와 찬양을 올려드립니다.
2. '매일 성경' 말씀 묵상으로 주님과 친밀한 교제의 시간을 누리며 승리하시기 바랍니다
3. 기도제목: 문재인 대통령과 조국의 안보, 지체들의 주일성수를 위해 기도하기 바랍니다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn) 새502장 동 259장 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

축도 전현구 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
왕상7:13-26

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
왕상 6:14~8:11



Gospel Yarning

Cross Cultural Evangelism Conference

15 - 19 May 2017
Sydney, Australia



To register and for more information please visit :

ume.nswact.uca.org.au &
facebook.com/gospelyarning

Parramatta Mission projects supported in the Uniting Church

Please pray for:

Hospital chaplaincy with patients, staff & families.

Living as a multicultural church.

Ministry with people in prison.

Ministry with hospital patients living with a mental illness.

Foster your faith this week

Acts 17:22-31 Ps 66:8-20

1 Pt 3:13-22 Jn 14:15-21

PARRAMATTA MISSION CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council has determined that the minutes of its meeting should be made available to any interested congregation members. The only exception would be matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.

A small number of copies of the last Church Council minutes are available from the Stewards. A copy of the minutes can also be obtained by contacting Robert key on 9624 1797 or robert.key@parramattamission.org.au

Prayer Points

Our People are committed to praying for our Congregations, Staff and the People we walk with in their journey of recovery:

We pray for:

- ♥ *For the Inspiring the Common Good redevelopment on Macquarie St Parramatta.*
- ♥ *UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary – calling a new minister, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of Katoomba Faith Community. Continue to pray that this faith community will discern God's will its life, mission and ministry.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Fil Kamotu, Ofa Foiakau, Samu Sadrata, Qata Family; Congregation seeking ministerial placement.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: Col, Betty, Willamena, Nell.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Rob, Jodie and Family, Rev Veitinia and family, Flora, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy, Caroline and David A, Mr and Mrs B and family, Col, Al, Jan and her family, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Lee and her family, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Mr and Mrs T, Edward, Bonnie and Zarah, Lyn and Beth.*
- ♥ *PM Uniting Hospitality; Uniting Hope; Uniting Recovery; Uniting Housing; support services of Finance – IT and Payroll, People and Culture, Property, Housing and Maintenance, Fundraising and Marketing, Reception; For all who walk with people on difficult journeys of life. For new members of our congregations, staff, volunteers, new clients and consumers, residents and guests. For staff with family members in hospital.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Kenya, Tanzania*
- ♥ *We remember in prayer families torn apart by war, for programs and people working to alleviate the affects of post trauma stress and also pray for courage to work for peace.*

Pastoral message for this week....

Is your faith on a budget?

**Open your heart to others
& inSpire the Common Good**

Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

Mon to Fri 9.00am - 2.00pm

Tuesday 1.10pm

Sunday 9.30am

9.45am

11.15am

1.30pm

7.00pm



Open Church @ Leigh Memorial

Holy Communion @ Leigh

Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh

Westmead Congregation @ Westmead

Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh

Korean Faith Community @ Leigh

Praise, Prayer, Cake & Coffee @ Leigh

Contacts

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Leigh Fijian Congregation: 9891 2277

Leigh Korean Faith Community Minister: Rev Hyun Goo Jun 0433 320 588

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