



**Parramatta
Mission**



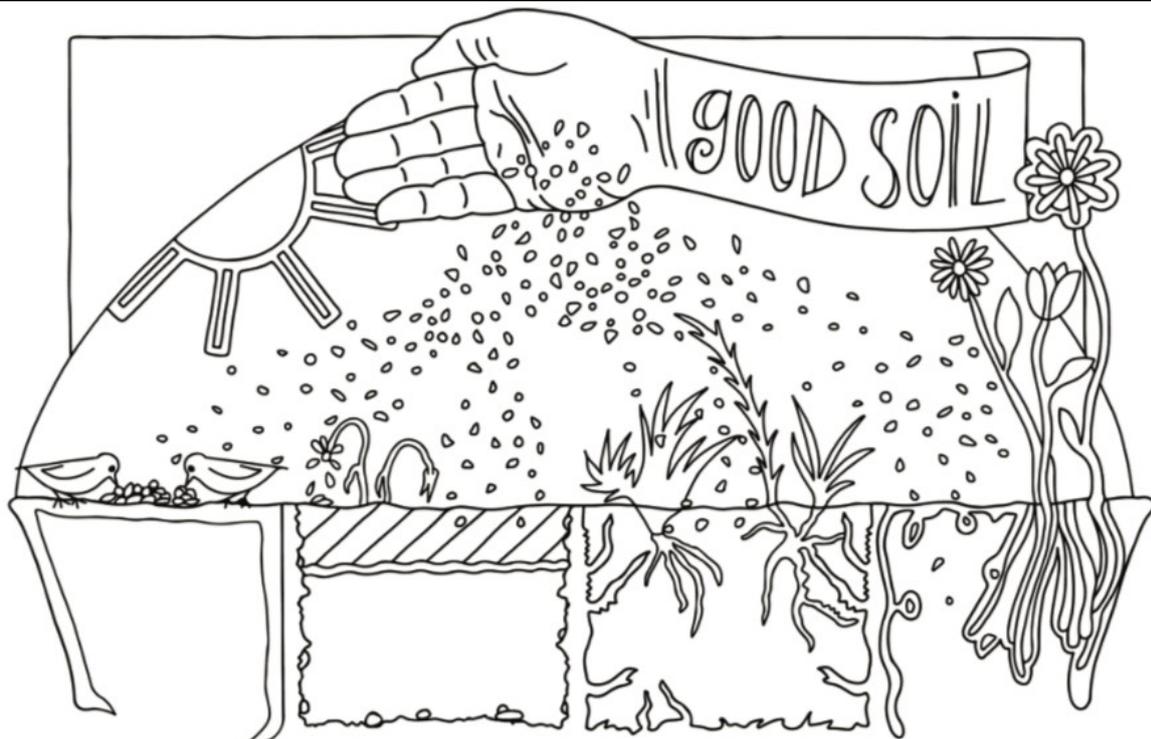
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in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS
18th October
2020

A Church-Based Community Transforming Lives

Our Values

Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope.



**Congregational life @ Westmead & Parramatta, Hospitality,
Community and Mental Health Services across Greater Sydney,
Central Coast, Hunter and Mid-North Coast**

**Parramatta Mission acknowledges that all of our work and our
36 sites are on the land of traditional owners.
We pay respect to the traditional custodians of the land on which
we gather, and acknowledge Elders past and present,
and emerging leaders.**

An introduction to Vladimir

Journeying with you in the transition-change

Hello everyone! I am grateful to be amongst you all as we journey through this transition period and together shape and form the new Parramatta Mission.

All transitions and changes are both unsettling and generative, for individuals, families, congregations, services, our structures and the organizational cultures we inhabit and which inhabit us.

Cultural changes and shifts are deeply unsettling; we carry our culture within our inner being, which at an unconscious level shapes and directs us. When others around us change the cultural externals, our inner being needs time to become aware, to feel, process, reflect and adapt.

That is why grief and loss accompany travelers into the unknown, as some things are let go, others are kept and refined, the new is added. All this involves changes in our individual and common identity, which unsettles our inner being which seeks to cling to what it knows. The transition-change pathway equally presents discoveries, new personal and group identities.

Many things are needed to travel well, and we already have plans, documents, committees, processes being played out, qualified people and leadership, and our faith that our Covenant-Creator God accompanies, sustains and works together with us; we are on the move.

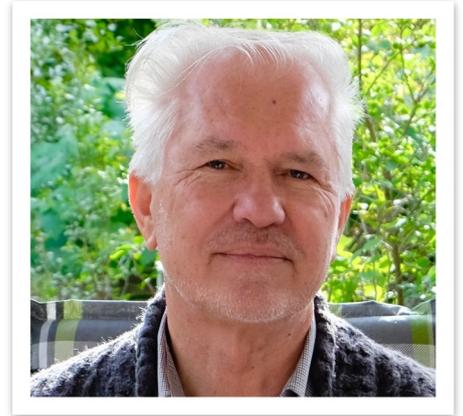
What is vital (life-giving, healing, as the word implies) is that we keep being aware of how we are going in the holistic sense and share this with others: for example, becoming aware and processing the stage of grief we or others are in – anger, despair, anxiety, hopelessness, depression; if we feel isolated, unacknowledged; if we feel annoyed with others; frustrated, and so on. Awareness requires listening, observing, assessing our shalom: our total well-being. Equally, to share the new learnings, the joys of the journey, new relationships, new identities and cultural formations.

Some background about me

My Ukrainian-Russian parents arrived in Australia as displaced persons after the Second World War. They had to wait for a few years in Austria, Salzburg for a host country, living in garden-type boxes as shelters. They rose out of the rubble and dust of four years of war, my mother being taken to work in Germany by Nazi soldiers as a 15-year-old girl, with many others – she very rarely shared her experiences.

The war damaged both my parents, and life was not easy for us – and you don't know how tough it was until you get older and look back. We lived in a poor, market gardening community. Yet, we celebrated our lives; I loved my AFL football and cricket, did well at school and sport, as we ethnics do, and had many rough ethnic friends; I was too ashamed of our poverty to ever invite an Anglo into my home – the things we do with shame.

Until I was 19 I grew up in Russian communities in Adelaide, I guess I was bi-cultural - we spoke language at home, met with Russian families each weekend to celebrate our lives together. When I was accepted for the ministry at 19 – yes, too young! – in an Anglo theological college in Sydney, it was culture shock – and I didn't know that I was experiencing it till later years; I learnt from my lower cultural place.



We all just learn and process as we go. I learnt a lot. I learnt to speak like an Anglo! When people first see my name on paper, say when I apply for a job, they ask, can he speak English! 😊

My faith journey began as a child, being Russian Orthodox. My mother was deeply God-aware-loving, and influenced my deep sense of spirituality – God was both distant and present for us, always there knowing our struggle and pain through his child Jesus; my mother wept a great deal in her prayers; she taught me to weep.

We were introduced to Evangelicals through the Slavic Russian Evangelical church when I was about 15; I came to understand who Jesus was in a deeper, biblical way, but it built on my earlier spiritual journey; of course, the Evangelicals did not see it that way. I soon became the youth leader.

There was a progression, as you can see, into my passion to share the presence of the caring God and the story of Jesus, who desires and inspires to make human life more human, which has always kept bubbling away at the core of my being – difficult to language this adequately. This deep spirituality has always driven me to seek ways to “work together with God” and others in making human life more human.

So, in the many contexts I have worked, this was my vision and mission – youth work, urban ministry, managing a home for homeless people, minister of the word in many congregations, working cross culturally, 20 years of working with our Indigenous people, spiritual direction, supply ministry, working as an organizational change consultant, living overseas in India and Switzerland. And, to better equip myself to live out this vision, I have studied theology, psychology, critical cultural anthropology, cross-cultural studies, Lacanian psychoanalysis, feminism, Aboriginal culture, postcolonial studies, organizational change and politics. All, not for the sake of knowledge, but to gain greater capacity and wisdom to work with others to make human life more human, to learn how we can live and work collaboratively, and to learn how to manage myself, others and communities when we contradict our values and vision. And to work at all levels, especially emotional, cultural intelligence, and listening and processing the individual, organizational and cultural unconscious, where power and insecurity can unknowingly disturb.

My role as Interim Lead Minister

My mandate can be described as:

To listen (observe-interpret), equip and mobilise the whole of PM – people, congregations, services – toward collaboratively identified collective purpose.

That means to work together with others through this transition and change period, until June 30, 2021. My role is to oversight this transition/transformation process from a cultural, systemic, whole of organisation perspective.

Most importantly the first phase of listening; listening to the shape of the existing cultures in each place and of the whole PM, interpreting contingencies and causes: then to listen to the heart, concerns, passions and possibilities of congregations through the hearts, minds, grief and passions of the CCLM members, which I have begun to do.

Listening involves discerning the stages of grief that may have arisen with loss of identity, loss of designated ministers, with the uncertainty of new leadership, loss of services; and listening for a new vision, what needs to happen to create a new identity, new dreams. The model is: “relational, collaborative, ‘shared-equal-power-with’ ministry across PM”. And to see where we are contradicting this model and how we can work together to keep working together.

PASTORAL CARE



We continue to hold all who serve us on the Pastoral team, Mission Council, CCLM and Leaders' team in our prayers, along with PM staff and members who are unwell, in aged care or otherwise in need of additional support and care at this challenging time. Special thoughts and prayers also for Tom and his family, and other HSC students and their families as the HSC exam period continues – plus the principals, teachers, support staff, exam supervisors, markers and all those associated with our stretched but resilient and dedicated education system in 2020. Blessings for our hard-working uni students and graduates this year too, inc. those close

by at WSU. "Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still." (Proverbs 9:9).

WORSHIP

Due to ongoing COVID-19 gathering restrictions, our worship time continues to be conducted via Zoom with Revs. Amelia and Clive each Sunday morning. Please consult the newsletters for how to join and many thanks again to everyone who facilitates the program each week, inc. via tech help, music, reflections and prayers.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

October is 'Mental Health Month' in NSW, with World Mental Health Day, Odd Socks Day, National Hat Day, Headspace Day and many more initiatives taking place, as permitted. It's a good prompt to consider our own mental health, plus the well-being of others close to us and in the wider community, such as our neighbours and those coordinating and accessing Parramatta Mission's various services.

MEALS PLUS

Donations to support the work of Meals Plus are as crucial as ever. Please consider regular giving. For assistance, please call 9891-2277.

DIRECT GIVING

Offerings to the life, witness & work of our Church & Mission can be made by direct electronic transfer. Bank acct. name: *Parramatta Mission Giving Direct*. Acct. number: 100025901. BSB: 634 634. Thank you.



WESTMEAD Congregation

ZOOM:<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/3958336709>

Today we welcome Rev. Vladimir Korotkov to Westmead congregation, as he leads worship today. Rev. Vladimir is the new Senior Minister in the Pastoral team. Over the last couple of weeks we have had the opportunity to have Rev. Amelia, and Rev. Clyde lead worship, and it is good to meet with the team, and have different experiences in worship time.

Elders of Westmead Congregation are:

KAREN BANFIELD (CHAIRPERSON), LORNA PORTER,
BIJU CHAKO, MERE VALAONO (NO. 28), AND JAN ROBSON.

Please contact any of the elders if you have questions or enquiries, as we go forward. If you do not have a number or email address, please call Parramatta Mission office, and your message will be forwarded to Westmead leaders. PARRAMATTA MISSION OFFICE number is **98912277**

We are continuing to support families at Wesley Apartments, supplying a voucher for their use and also welcome packs to new families on arrival.. Thank you for your continued support.

Offerings may be dropped off at reception at the 175 Motel between 9am and 3p.m. each week day, and they will be collected by Lorna for processing. **OR** offerings may be made electronically, details as follows:

Account name: PM Direct Westmead
BSB634634
Account number: 100046885

Congratulations to Mayflower Nursing Home residents, who have now moved into the new Uniting Aged Care facility, now to be entered through Caroline Street..We especially think of Henry, Lorraine, Vita and Jean. Visiting is only by appointment at this stage.

BIBLE STUDY AT 2P.M. MONDAY, as usual. Link to be sent.
Hope you can join.

It was very nice to have Rev. Amelia with the group last Monday.

ANGEL TREE.

Time is fast approaching when we will be thinking of Angel Tree, gifts for Christmas for children who have a parent in prison. More details will be provided next week.



Australian Church Women, **World Community Day 2020.**

Theme: Moving Forward in Faith - Daring to Risk

This will be a virtual service this year on Friday 30th October, 2020 from 10.00am On line at www.acw.org.au

Westmead's donations to Fellowship of the Least Coin have been made, and a receipt for \$100 has been received. Thank you all for your support. Please continue to save your Least Coins for next year.

DEEPENING FAITH AND RELATIONSHIPS with others.

Worship: Sundays via zoom at 9.45am (link on top of Westmead page)

Bible Study: Mondays via zoom at 2.00pm (link will be sent)

Fellowship: will occur occasionally.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

Time Out Cafe (TOC), Open Door, Play Group, Tai Chi, ALL ON HOLD AT PRESENT.

SUSPENSION OF WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC (as per last week)

DEEPENING FAITH AND RELATIONSHIPS ETC. (as per last week.)



LEFT:

Faith and Lorna, keeping up responsibilities at Westmead.

FIJIAN Congregation

1. Vakavinavinaka ena kena mai qaravi rawa na lotu ni kena vakananumi na yabaki 50 ni kena tu vakataki koya o Viti. Vaka kina na nona mai soli vunau tiko nai talatala Wilfred Regu.
2. Vakavinavinaka ena kena sa mai qaravi rawa na sota kei na i talatala Vladimir Korotkov (Interim Lead Minister) ena yakavi ni sigatabu sa oti (11/10) ena tikotiko nei chairman. Mai qaravi ga vua e dua nai sevusevu ka ratou tevuka talega na marama e dua nona dabedabe. Ka taleitaka sara o talatala na veitalanoa ka sa nuitaka tiko ni da na veitauriliga taka vata na kena qaravi na cakacaka ni Kalou ena nodatou vavakoso lotu.
3. 25/10 – Sigatabu mai oqo eratou na veiliutaki ena sokalou na mata siga No1.
4. Kerei meda veinanumi tiko ga ena veimasulaki vei ira na nodatou qase Aqriu Rogoimuri, Vilikesa kei Mereoni Kamotu, S Qata, ratou na veiliutaki tiko ena nodatou vavakoso vaka viti kei na veivuvale kece sara ena loma ni nodatou vavakoso. Me nanumi tale tiko ena noda masu na veiqaravi ni Bula Feed.

Veikidavaki vei talatala Vladimir Kototkov



Lets Get Heat-Wise

As the weather is warming up, it is timely to remind everyone about the dangers that working in the heat and how heat related illness can affect us. You do not need to be working outside to be affected by heat illness.

Heat illness occurs when the body cannot sufficiently cool itself. Factors that contribute to this include

- ⇒ temperature
- ⇒ Humidity
- ⇒ Amount of air movement
- ⇒ Radiant temperature of surroundings

Summer Safety Tips



Stay Hydrated

Drink 8 or more glasses of water per day to stay healthy & hydrated



Know the Side Effects of Medications

Some medications have side effects such as drowsiness or sun sensitivity



Stay Cool

Stay in the A/C, indoors, go swimming, etc.



Wear Light, Loose Fitting Clothing

Wear breathable clothing and light colors that reflect the sun



Have Emergency Contacts

Have a list of people to call in case of emergency



Know the Weather Forecast

Plan your days accordingly depending on the weather

Rotary 
Club of Carlingford

CARLINGFORD COMMUNITY
(ONLINE)

ART SHOW

FEATURING CELEBRITY
JUDGE KEN DONE

\$5000 IN PRIZES TO BE WON

PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOMICIDE

ENTRIES CLOSE 6TH NOVEMBER

carlingfordcommunityartshow.com.au



Rotary Club of Carlingford Inc.
ABN 53 603 038 874



Hi,

I would like to invite you to join in a fantastic two-day learning opportunity to invest in your capacity to lead worship this Advent and Christmas, as well as to gain insights into Mark's Gospel for the whole coming lectionary year.

Registrations now open for this year's VicTas Lectionary Conference: **Encountering the Human and the Divine: Mark's Gospel for 2021, Advent & Christmas.**

Join Rev Dr Robyn Whitaker & Rev Emeritus Professor Bill Loader in delving into Mark's Good News, as well as exploring ways of engaging the Advent and Christmas readings with your community.

Content is a mixture of pre-recorded material (received when you register) and some is live, including ample opportunity for Q and A with Robyn and Bill, as well as dialogue and small group work (in local clusters if you wish).

Dates: November 13 and 14 ALL ON ZOOM. Registrations close 6 November.

More details through the link:

<https://victas.uca.org.au/event/encountering-the-human-and-divine/>

Please feel free to pass this on to lay preachers, worship leaders, Bible study leaders and any others in your congregation who would like to grow in their understanding.

Blessings,

Rob

Rev Dr Rob McFarlane

Presbytery Ministry Leader

Parramatta Nepean Presbytery

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

You shall love your city as you love yourself



Foster your faith this week

Dt 34:1-12

Ps 1-6, 13-17

1 Thes 2:1-8

Mt 22:34-46

성령강림후20주일(20th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년10월18일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) **새 1 장** **통 1 장** 만복의 근원 하나님 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 14 장 **통 30 장** 주 우리 하나님
새 270 장 **통 214 장** 변참는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **시편32:1-11; 마태복음11:29-30**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 어떤 사람이 행복한가?

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)
새 361 장 **통 480 장** 기도하는 이 시간

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)
 1. 전 세계가 전염병으로 힘들 때 주님과 동행하시는 성도가 됩시다.
 2. '매일 성경' 말씀으로 주님과 교제의 시간(QT)을 갖고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
 3. 말씀, 기도, 전도 생활로 하나님이 기뻐하시는 삶을 사는 성도님들이 되시기 바랍니다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn)
새502장 **통 259장** 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부 오후4:00	수요기도회 : 오후 7시 시편31:1-24	새벽기도회 : 오전 5시 시29:1-34:22
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A United Theological College/ Charles Sturt University subject taught as a week-long intensive in North Parramatta. Available for a degree or as a single subject, as well as to those wanting to audit the subject for interest.



THL211: CREATION AND ECOTHEOLOGY

RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Australia and the Pacific are at the forefront of climate change and its devastating effects.

How do we as Christians begin to grapple with make and sense of this new reality? What are our responsibilities to those who are most impacted (e.g. Pasifika peoples, many in rural areas, poorer communities, wildlife?) How do we begin to understand and unravel the patterns and logics that have led to this crisis (e.g. colonialism, whiteness, neoliberalism)? How can Scripture and Christian theology help to orientate and sustain us?

This subject will include readings and presentations on the climate emergency itself, as well as on theological figures and concepts that can assist with a response. Among other things, readings and presentations will focus on creation, the Anthropocene, ecotheology, Pasifika theologies, and Christian activism.

Class Times: Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm

Date: November 9th – November 13th 2020

Location: United Theological College,
16 Masons Dr, North Parramatta

Information and Enrollment: Please contact Joanne Stokes on joannes@nswact.uca.org.au or phone (02) 8838 8967.



Dr Dianne Rayson is a Bonhoeffer scholar and has held a number of lecturing posts in Australia in theology and humanities.

She is a public theologian with special interest in climate change, ecoethics, and ecofeminism.

Prayer Points

The people of Parramatta Mission invite you to pray for

♥ ***PM Leigh Memorial:***

comfort for those who have been bereaved, support for those who are living with illnesses and those who are having treatments and their carers, peace for those who are transitioning in home, work or life stage, positive connections for groups who have been unable to gather, community members who are unwell, unemployed or at the frontline of medical, mental health, pharmacy and scientific care.

♥ ***PM Fijian:***

for Fijian civic and community leaders, both in Fiji and across the world - especially as we remember Independence and the special relationship with Australia, for families in Fiji and scattered in many places, for those who are unwell or receiving treatments, for family members in care,

for Children and Youth as they return to school, for the Bula Feeding Ministry volunteers and guests, for Meals Plus and our other providers,

♥ ***PM Westmead:***

for the team at 175 and the guests there, for the team and families in Wesley Apartments, for our beloved Jean and wisdom about future options, for the recently bereaved, especially Karen and Kath, for families who are being supported at Westmead Children's hospital.

♥ ***PM Korean Faith Community:***

for opportunities for connections into the community of Korean-speakers

♥ ***UC congregations of the Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery that extends from Galston to Bargo, Lidcombe to Blackheath.***

♥ ***We pray for Penrith Uniting Church***

For Our Combined Parramatta Mission Team

May God guide us in connecting well with the people we contact every day that we might exhibit the values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope. and

For Our Combined Pastoral Team

Rev Vladimir, Rev Mary, Rev Clive, Chaplain Sarah, Sunil, Robert, Coral, Rev Amelia, Rev Hyung Goo - and their families, as they help us to serve our wider communities.

Lord, as we remember the many people and places, we know you are before, above, beneath and beyond it all. We ask for your mantle of love and compassion to move us and make us as your people responding to the real needs of the world. AMEN

Pastoral Contacts

Prayer Points may be sent to

wecare@parramattamission.org.au

For a conversation or to contact a Minister, please call

Parramatta Mission Reception (9am-3pm)

119 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2150

9891 2277

Leigh Memorial Church

119 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2150

9891 2277

Westmead Church

175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead NSW 2145

9891 9354

IN TIME OF PASTORAL NEED

Our three ministers, Amelia Koh-Butler, Clive Pearson and Vladimir Korotkov are available to each congregation and members and your friends; their contact details are listed below.

Rev Vladimir Korotkov (Interim Lead Minister) 0431 759 573

Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler 0427 955 157

Rev Dr Clive Pearson (Supply) 0409 523 024

YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THESE PEOPLE FOR PASTORAL ISSUES

Rev Hyun Goo Jun (Korean Faith Community) 0433 320 588

Pr Sarah Bishop (Children's Hospital) 0429 912 943



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