



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”

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ASSEMBLY

As you probably know, the UCA National Assembly happened in mid-July. Below is a brief summary of some of the key events.

Rev Charissa Suli was installed as our new President: our youngest president, and the first person of colour in the role. I'm delighted about this - Charissa is a passionate young woman, with a great personal story, and I think her insights and wisdom will be a great gift to the Church.

This year marked the 30th Anniversary of the Covenant between the UCA and the UAICC; a landmark in the journey of reconciliation between first and second peoples within our Church. Two proposals brought by the UAICC to keep us moving forwards were passed by Assembly: one to endorse and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the other to establish a working group to bring proposals to the next Assembly on how the covenant might be revived.

Rev Dr Paul Dongwon Goh was elected to be the next President, to serve after Charissa, from 2027-2030. Following Colleen Geyer's retirement, Andrew Johnson was appointed as the new Assembly General Secretary. Andrew has been leading the Act2 project, and is the ideal person to be in this role for the next stage.

Act2 was the main business of the Assembly, and this process moved forward in three strands – local governance, national structure, and theological education. More on that in my next piece – it needs a column all to itself (and I need more time to process what's actually happening!).

The work of the Assembly's Net Zero Emissions Steering Group, and the considerable progress made with the UCA on reducing our greenhouse gas footprint was recognised, and the group extended for (at least) the next three years, with a 2040 target for the UCA to have net zero emissions.

Our good friend Rev Radhika Sukumar-White (minister at our Lent Event rivals Leichardt) brought a [proposal](#) on the Church's inclusion of transgender, intersex, and gender diverse people; that the Church "recognise that transgender, gender diverse and intersex people are beloved by God and full members of the Body of Christ in baptism" and to "invite congregations ... to welcome and honour transgender, gender diverse, and intersex people, and the gifts and skills they bring to all aspects of the Church's life...". Given the theological tension around LGBTIQ+ issues within the Uniting Church, I expected this to be strongly contested, but I understand that (with some minor tweaks) it was passed almost unanimously.

There was, of course, lots more: read about it all at the [assembly website](#).

Sunday August 4th

<https://roseville.unitingchurch.org.au/livestream>

9.30am **Worship Service with Holy Communion with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Robert Bevan
In person and online...

5.30pm **Worship service with Stuart Powell**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

2 Samuel 11: 26—21:13a
Psalm 51: 1-12
Ephesians 4: 1-16
John 6: 24-35

What's on this week...

- Tue: Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am
- Wed: Social Games 1.00-3.00pm
- Fri: Christian Meditation 2.30pm
Spark 7.00-9.30pm

Sunday August 11th

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9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
In person and online...

5.30pm **Oodles'n oodles with Sureka Goringe**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4: 25– 5: 2
John 6: 35, 41-51

Links

[Service live \(or replay\) streaming](#)

[Zoom \(for meetings\)](#)

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

Lindara Market

Thank you to all who supported the market last Saturday. We raised \$7,356 to continue our support for a dedicated Family Support Worker to help families at risk of homelessness.

Concert at Pymble Uniting Church on Saturday 17th August.

The group will be donating all proceeds to the Australian Children's Music Foundation.

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Saturday 17 August 2024 @ 7pm

Pymble Uniting Church, 1 Livingstone Ave, Pymble NSW 2073

Sunday 18 August 2024 @ 4.30pm

Point Church Anglican, 58 Brays Rd, Concord NSW 2137

Adult \$68 • Youth/Concession \$55

Booking fees may apply

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Join us in prayer....

Dear Lord

Sadly, the daily news and social media does not bring us much comfort these days. The daily news routinely seeks out the gossip, the political turmoil, tragedies, violence and harm that is on display, if not here then somewhere else in the world.

Whilst there is much turmoil in the world and often in our personal lives, help us Lord to remember to always hold a space for you in our hearts.

Help us Lord to always see what is good in our lives, in our families, our friendships and our communities.

Help us Lord to always feel grateful for the wonder of this world you have created for us, and the many blessings we enjoy.

Help us Lord to know that each of us in our own way can be a light in this world where our thoughts and actions can contribute in a positive way to the wellbeing of all we meet, despite whatever else is happening in the world.

Thanks be to God

Amen

Michael

Upcoming events:

eSoc Progressive Dinner : Saturday 17th August

Daffodil Day: Thursday 29th August

Circle of Friends: Thursday 26th September

Inter Church Picnic: Sunday 13th October

All Saints Service: Sunday 3rd November

Reflective Christmas: Thursday 12th December



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