



# Bulletin – July 2018

*Practice • Presence • Place*

## Workshop for Church Councils

**Equipping Church Councils as we discern and determine strategic actions to connect and engage with the social fabric of our local communities**

**Saturday 11 August  
9.30 – 12.30 pm**

**Christ Church, Wayville,  
26 King William Road, Wayville**

*“The most effective mission strategy for any church is to intentionally create space for meaningful dialogue.”*

*EDGE, United Church of Canada*

The workshop will create an opportunity to share and gain insights, hear from practitioners, and receive tools to apply in local situations

### ***Plenary with Rev Dr Ian Price and Sharonne Price***

Sharonne and Ian bring significant experience in observing and participating in local church settings and the wider church.

### **PechaKucha presentations and elective workshops**

RSVP to [susan@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:susan@urbannetwork.org.au) before August 3

## August Gathering

**Thursday 30 August**

**6.00 – 9.00 pm**

**Venue to be advised**

### ***Community connections***

Connecting, collaborating, and celebrating presence in our multi-cultural neighbourhoods

**Donation** to cover the cost of the meal

**RSVP** on, or preferably before,

Thursday 24 May to [susan@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:susan@urbannetwork.org.au)

Please advise of any dietary needs

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# News from Urban Mission Network congregations

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## Alan Biglow reflects on 10 years with Enfield Uniting Church

On Sunday 17 of June, Enfield Uniting Church farewelled Rev Alan Biglow and Lee after 10 years of faithful service with the congregation. Alan recalled how some had described the last ten years as being a time of “quiet revolution,” with far-reaching transformation “brought about by people getting together and talking (usually over many coffees) about what they envisioned the future to be.”

Worship, the congregation, their values and understanding of their relationship with the community are very different from what they once were.

Alan spoke of the seeds of outreach that were “initially shown by Rev. Peter Whittington when he announced that ‘Enfield is open for business,’ and he, and others began working on how the congregation could connect with the community.”

Alan’s full sermon and his recount of the ministry of Enfield Uniting Church can be accessed in the resources page at [www.urbannetwork.org.au](http://www.urbannetwork.org.au)

Alan concluded his message with an encouragement to the congregation that has been so important to him and Lee over the past 10 years.

“The church belongs to the Seed-sowing, Gathering Christ who beckons us to new horizons and gives us strength and hope for the journey. So don’t be afraid of dreaming big or leaving the security of the shore to sail the stars.”

The Urban Mission Network Reference Group extends its thanks and gratefulness to Rev Alan Biglow for his service to the Reference Group.



Centre for  
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### WARMTH, WISDOM, WORDS

A CREATIVE WRITING  
WORKSHOP  
5 AUGUST 2.30-8PM

*With locally acclaimed author  
Rebekah Clarkson*

In the afternoon, Rebekah will guide us through a range of creative writing exercises to inspire lateral thinking and build knowledge and techniques. Gently delving into our own experiences and sensibilities, we will search together for language and syntax to express what might initially feel inexpressible. There will also be time and space for participants to develop a piece of writing, start something new, or merely ponder ideas.

After a delicious supper of homemade soup and fresh bread, participants will have the opportunity to share their writing or simply sit back and listen to others.



**All are welcome** – beginners, curious and/or confident and experienced!

**Numbers are strictly limited** so make sure you get in quickly.

Tickets \$65 which includes afternoon tea and supper.

Please visit the CMLA  
(<http://cmla.org.au>) website  
for more details  
and to register online.

For questions please  
email [admin@cmla.org.au](mailto:admin@cmla.org.au)  
or  
call Jenni 0422 539 028.

## Integrity, Passion, Call: Preaching to the Scared, Scarred and Skeptical:

A conversation series presented by the Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts and UCLT

If you are a preacher in your community, join in this series of conversations on developing and strengthening preaching skills. Each session includes reflection on our own preaching practice, conversation on a thought-provoking topic and preparation for a sermon two weeks ahead.

**13 and 27 August, 10 and  
24 September @ 10.00 am**

### La Scala Café

169 Unley Road

\$10 per session or \$20 for four sessions

Go to <http://cmla.org.au/> website for more details and to register.

## Payneham Road Uniting Church *International Night*

**We are a multicultural church.  
Join us celebrating our  
diversity!**

Food from all around the world,  
entertainment, and more.

**14 July 5.30 pm**

341 – 343 Payneham Road, Marden

**Ticket price** Adult \$20, Children \$10,  
family (2 adults 2 children) \$50.00

**Contact** Sue Yoo (0421 749 484  
Do Young Kim (0430 458 456)

## Pray for peace on the Peninsula

The PROK (Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea) **Partnership Committee** writes:

“We are so excited by recent developments between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un as they met together for a historic meeting in Singapore. It is a positive step toward peace, but we may see more unexpected challenges in the near future.

Nuclear weapons have caused such a serious threat to peace, not only on the Korean Peninsula but worldwide. Negotiations have only just begun; seeds are just beginning to be sown. We believe that God wants peace for the world.”

*Let us pray together for peace on  
the Korean Peninsula and the world.*

The PROK Partnership Committee  
warmly invites you to

### *Prayer and Worship*

**12 August 2018, 4.00 pm  
Adelaide Korean Church**

40 Third Street St Morris

Refreshments available after the service.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Rev. Naomi Duke (8555 2589) or Rev. Do Young  
Kim (0430458456)

## STILLPOINT RESIDENTIAL RETREAT



### Finding Your Inner Monk

'Monastic Wisdom for Everyday Living'  
with Rev Gary Stuckey

Friday evening 20 July to Sunday 22 July 2018

More information visit [www.stillpointsa.org.au](http://www.stillpointsa.org.au)

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# Community Concerns

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## Making Peace with Fear, the Convincing and Beautiful Presence of Katheren Szabo

*In 2017 I had the pleasure of meeting Katheren Szabo, Al Etmanski captures her story beautifully. Take time to also discover more about Friends of the Grove and Cedar Bark Poets.*

Katheren Szabo knows how to make peace with her fears. Which is something most of us aspire to. Especially during these outrageous, topsy-turvy times when a low-level state of fear hovers like a dirty cloud.

For many good reasons that are too personal to be told by anyone but her, Katheren's fear kept her isolated in her housing complex in the Newton neighbourhood of Surrey, British Columbia for ten years.

Fear for her safety. Fear of strangers. Fear for her four children. Fear of the past. Fear of the unknown.

Fear that might have magnified after she heard the news that a local Mom had been robbed of \$40.00 and murdered in broad daylight beside a park called The Grove near Katheren's home.

Instead of retreating further Katheren did the thing she thought she could never do. She left her home, headed to The Grove and began a sixty-day vigil for peace and safety. The Grove – where drugs are dealt and consumed. Where men bluster and stagger. Where the suggestion of danger lurks and people hurry through on the way to somewhere else.

Why did she do it?

"Because Julie looked a lot like me," says Katheren. "I identified with her. She was the same size as me, a bit younger, dirty blonde hair. Besides, due to my own life experiences, I had been mute for 50 years. That's long enough."

In those days she didn't know a soul. Five years later she's known as the heart of Newton. People know her and because of her, they know each other.

She helped create [Friends of the Grove](#). They use music, art and playfulness to bring fun, peace and harmony to The Grove and Newton neighbourhood.

She started [Cedar Bark Poets](#) (there's a beautiful cluster of cedars in The Grove) to publish and distribute the work of local poets. She knows the

special talent that poets have to make desecrated places sacred again. Perhaps that is why the facilitator of Cedar Bark Poets for two years was the daughter of the mum who was killed. And who once swore she would never have anything to do with the scene of her mother's murder.

She discovered [Fambul Tok](#) (family talk) a community process of reconciliation that emerged to heal the wounds of Sierra Leone's brutal, "blood diamond" civil war. She thought it could help heal the lingering pain in her neighbourhood. So she organized Canada's first Fambul Tok, a multi-cultural celebration of peace, forgiveness, and community.

Along the way, she's picked up awards, acknowledgments and speaking gigs. Including keynote speaker at the Canada-Sierra Leona Cultural Heritage Day. And she is one of the headliners at [Surrey's Social Innovation Summit](#) this fall.

Clearly, Katheren's life is expanding in proportion to her peacemaking.

You can experience her convincing and beautiful presence for yourself by visiting with her any day from now until August 5th from 10:00 am to noon, weather permitting. Or follow her on twitter @Katherenfog.

We have so much to learn from her.

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Questions for reflection and consideration

- **What is keeping us silent and afraid to venture beyond the walls of the church and into the community?**
- **Where and in what ways might we, as individuals and as the church, bring peace and harmony to the neighbourhood?**

# SA Healthy Towns Challenge

## *Community grant*

Rural and regional communities across the state are being encouraged to apply for their share of the \$1 million to improve health and wellbeing of people living in regional areas.

Launching the SA Healthy Towns Challenge, Premier Steven Marshall said grants of up to \$50,000 each would be up for grabs for five country towns to implement preventative health projects.

“Local communities play an important role in helping residents to live well by being active, getting outside and eating well,” said Premier Steven Marshall.

“Through the SA Healthy Towns Challenge, we want to see rural and regional communities come up with creative and innovative ways to help improve the health of people in their area.

“Many risk factors for chronic disease are preventable, and by achieving things like increased levels of physical activity, decreased rates of smoking and alcohol consumption, South Australians can enjoy improved overall health and avoid preventable hospital admissions.

“We want to see applications for projects that focus on improving health and well-being for those living in the town by helping to prevent illness and injury.

“The focus of the grants will be on initiatives that have measurable results and will provide immediate benefits to the community.”

The Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Stephen Wade, said the grants are an opportunity for regional and remote communities to work together to improve overall health outcomes.

“Maintaining good health and wellbeing is a shared responsibility between individuals, government, and communities more broadly, and investing in prevention avoids future costs for individuals and government,” said Minister Wade.

Over the next four years, five towns each year will gain funding, totalling a \$1 million commitment.

Applications are now open and will close on 10 September, with the successful recipients awarded in October.

Projects must be in partnership with a non-government organisation or university.

For more information visit [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SAHealthyTowns](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SAHealthyTowns).