



## Bulletin – July 2016

### A Balanced Life

#### Reflection on the Urban Mission Network Retreat Day 2016

Rev. Christine Gilbert

On a brisk morning at the end of June, I and others from the Urban Mission Network pulled away from our usual Tuesday activities for a retreat at Stillpoint to consider the “work/life balance.” In keeping with the Benedictine tradition whose wisdom we would explore during our retreat, Gary Stuckey gently questioned this dichotomy by suggesting that work is part of life. Instead, the Rule of Benedict provides for a balance between work and prayer.

We were given free time to reflect on this balance and duly fortified with quotes and questions for consideration. I chose to begin my reflection with a meander around the grounds of Nunyara, searching for images of things at work and things at rest. I was drawn to various plants, birds, and trees, as well as evidence of human life and industry.

As I grew light-headed breathing the morning air, the words, “Life is so daily,” entered my mind and I scribbled these lines of prayer:

*Pale yellow bells of petals too cold to open  
 camera shy magpies saunter out of reach  
 pine cones melt hopeful seeds into the ground  
 moss on empty branches testifies to winter rain.*

*Pink seeds unfold into white blossoms  
 companions to waxy leaves and purple berries  
 energetic youth converse around tables  
 above a clump of mushrooms in decay.*

*Life is so daily  
 and you invite me in  
 to play my part, to be  
 your snapshot of beauty.*



Later, flicking through the images collected on my iPhone and recalling my experience, it occurred to me that most of nature does not seem to distinguish between “work” and “rest.” In fact, it was hard for me to find things doing entirely one thing or another. Was the pinecone composting in the soil working or resting? As far as I could see, it appeared to be yielding to its God-given instinct. And if by doing so, a new sprout appeared, it would be thanks to the Holy Seed of Life at work within it.

This observation brought to mind the experience of Michael Casey, Benedictine priest at Tarrawarra Abbey in Victoria, who speaks of the call to prayer as a holy interruption. Always the bell seems to ring when one is in the midst of an important chapter, or just putting the finishing touches on a paper, or in the middle of making lunch. This is the way of it, for prayer reminds us of the Source of all good work. Prayer calls us back to the heart of our faith and life, which as most of us know all too well, is too easily forgotten by we human types.

*Christine is a minister in placement at  
 St. Andrews by the Sea Uniting Church in Glenelg.*

## **Network News**

### ***The practice of volunteering***

An interactive workshop for Church Councils & **all** who freely give time and talents for wellbeing, purpose, and meaning through the ministries and activities of the church

**Saturday 23 July 2016**

**Pilgrim Centre  
14 Flinders Street, Adelaide  
10.00 am – 12.30 pm**

**Value, Envision, Engage, Innovate** – facilitated by **Robin Mellors**, and others operating innovative volunteer projects



Robin has worked in the Education sector for most of her working life, firstly as a teacher, school principal, and School Review Manager, and later at the School of Education at UniSA. She has worked as a training consultant in both the Education and Community sectors, which involved working with volunteer organisations and assisting in developing and sustaining volunteer programs. She also taught the Diploma of Volunteer at the School of Volunteer Management. Robin now devotes time to volunteer work for The Effective Living Centre at Christ Church, Wayville and as a Biographer for The Biography Program at Calvary Hospital.

Limited parking is available at Pilgrim Uniting Church. Should you require parking, please contact [susan@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:susan@urbannetwork.org.au) to secure a place. Subsidised parking is available at recommended stations. We also encourage you to explore public transport options.

Please indicate your intention to attend by July 18 to [susan@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:susan@urbannetwork.org.au)  
phone: 0412 552 703

#### ***Morning Tea for Ministers***

**Tuesday, 20  
September,  
10.30 am**

***Venue to be  
confirmed***



#### ***Urban Mission Network November Gathering***

**Thursday, 24 November**

**Morialta Uniting Church  
26 Chapel Street, Magill**

**6.00 pm for 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm**

***Guest speakers:***

***Rev Wendy Prior  
and Rev Mark Boyce***

# Urban Mission Network August Gathering

**Thursday 18 August**

*(Please note the changed date)*

**6.00 pm – 9. 00 pm**

**Mitcham Village Uniting Church  
103A Princes Rd, Mitcham, SA 5062**

**A fantastic opportunity to hear the story  
and vision of being church in a cultural village.**

**At 6.00 pm we will gather at Gallery One**, a dynamic and colourful arts facility adjacent to the church and one of the properties within this unique cultural village, for drinks and nibbles. This will be an opportunity to view some artwork and hear more about the interaction with the Mitcham Village church.

Described as the “face” of the church, the Mitcham Village Uniting *Ye Olde Village Shoppe and Meeting Place* will be open from 5.30 for browsing and shopping.

**Guest speaker:** Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler,  
Executive Officer, Mission Resourcing,  
Presbytery and Synod of South Australia

**Topic:** *Space for Grace – claiming the  
marginal territory as the place for active  
discernment and relationship*



During her term as National Multi and Cross-cultural Chairperson, Amelia worked with the National Director, Tony Floyd, and migrant-ethnic ministry leaders to introduce models of communicating and working together. She has led Bible study/workshops on “Space for Grace” with various migrant groups, the Assembly Standing Committee and, most recently, the National LGBTIQ Daring Gathering. By sharing stories and common work in the marginal and risky spaces, people are called to rely on God’s grace more than their personal confidence and capacity.

This is an opportunity to explore how “Space for Grace” can be used in a variety of settings. We will share ideas on how to include and value those who have been on the margins.

Donation to cover the cost of the meal.

RSVP on, or preferably before, Friday 12 August to [susan@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:susan@urbannetwork.org.au).

Please include any dietary requests.

# News from Congregations and Centres

## Musician in Residence

**Michael Hawn** is the **Centre for Music, Liturgy, and the Arts** Musician in Residence 2016.

Michael is an expert in worship and is well-known in the areas of children's choirs, congregational song, and worship.

He is an author and compiler of Christian music books and has led worship all around the world, including being the Music Director for the IX Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Porto Alegre, Brazil.



## July 14 – 17 Musician in Residence 2016 in Victor Harbor

A cooperative venture of the CMLA and Newland, Yilki, and Adare Uniting Churches

### *Workshop for worship leaders*

Thursday 14 July 2 – 5 pm

**Yilki Uniting Church**  
30 Gilles St, Encounter Bay

**Cost:** \$10, which includes afternoon tea  
To attend this workshop, contact: Dawn White  
on 0418 845 989

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### *Workshop for musicians*

Friday 15 July 2 – 5 pm

**Adare Uniting Church**  
6 The Drive, McCracken

**Cost:** \$10 which includes afternoon tea  
or  
\$15 Thursday and Friday workshops.  
To attend this workshop, contact: Helen  
Lindqvist on 8552 7982, 0407 978 613;  
[bhlindqvist@bigpond.com](mailto:bhlindqvist@bigpond.com)

### *Songfest*

Saturday 16 July 2 pm

**Newland Memorial Uniting Church**  
28 Victoria St, Victor Harbor

Michael will be joined by the **Angklung Orchestra**  
from Adelaide and we will all add to the singing.  
Entry by donation  
More information from Rev Alison Whish on 8552  
7306 or email [roy@uniting.com.au](mailto:roy@uniting.com.au)

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### *Morning worship*

Sunday 17 July 9.30 am

**Newland Memorial Uniting Church**  
28 Victoria St, Victor Harbor

Michael and the orchestra will also assist our  
worship. Morning tea after the service will give  
opportunity to meet Michael and the orchestra  
members.

## Music and Worship: Thought-filled Practice

Monday July 18 – Thursday July 21

Explore the theology of worship and song including:

- choosing music
- the evolving theology expressed through song
- the future of music in the church
- what songs are being sung in Asia, the Pacific, Africa and all around the world and what is the movement of the Spirit
- and encouraging congregations to sing.

**For credit** through Uniting College, contact  
Sean Gilbert: [sean.gilbert@flinders.edu.au](mailto:sean.gilbert@flinders.edu.au).  
Scholarship assistance may be available.

For more information go to  
<http://cmla.org.au/courses.html#songwrite>

**9:30am – 2:30pm**

**Burnside City Uniting Church**

\$150 for the whole program, or \$50 per day

## IMPACT: An Intensive in Congregational Worship

An opportunity for the whole community to learn from Michael, and consider and shape worship for your congregation

**Sunday 24 July – Wednesday 27 July  
7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Burnside City Uniting Church  
384 Portrush Rd, Tasmore**

\$10pp per night, \$30pp for all 4 nights

\$100 for a group of four for all 4 nights

\$200 unlimited participation for a congregation

**Sunday night** – for everyone: What is worship? What is the flow? How do we glorify God?

**Monday night** – for Ministers and leaders of worship: Creative ideas for using music in worship, making the most of space for music in worship.

**Tuesday night** – for musicians, singers, choirs, bands: Connecting with the congregation, tips for leading music, songs that enliven faith.

**Wednesday night** – for the whole team: Analyse where your church is at, what is the future for worship in your congregation, where are you going and what tools will help you strengthen ministry in your context.

For more information and to book online go to: <http://cmla.org.au/courses.html#songwrite>



### **Residential Retreat – The Life of the Beloved**

Based on the writings of Henri Nouwen

### **Nunyarra Conference Centre and Stillpoint House**

5 Burnell Drive, Belair

**from Friday evening 22 July –  
Sunday lunchtime 24 July**

(optional extension to Monday lunchtime 25 July)

Fully catered. Live-in or live-out.

**Cost:** \$110—\$280

For more information contact 8178 0048 or [stillpoint@internode.on.net](mailto:stillpoint@internode.on.net) or access the brochure or 2016 Program at [www.stillpointsa.org.au](http://www.stillpointsa.org.au)

### **Reflect, Rest, Renew Quiet Days at Stillpoint**

Fourth Wednesday and second Saturday of each month, up to and including November

Wednesdays	Saturdays
22 June	11 June
27 July	9 July
24 August	13 August
28 September	10 September
26 October	8 October
23 November	12 November

There is **no charge** for these days but you are invited to make a donation according to your means to help the ministry of Stillpoint.

For more information phone: (08) 8178 0048 (Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am – 1:30 pm) or Gary Stuckey on 0488017187

## Concerts@Kent Town

### **Winter and Spring concert series**

#### **Wesley Church Kent Town**

Corner Fullarton Road and Grenfell Street, Kent Town

#### **Wednesday 20 July at 2 pm**

Charlie Keso – Mezzo Soprano  
Peter Kelsell – Organist

#### **Wednesday 17 August at 2 pm**

Hannah Lewis - Flautist  
Gregory Crawford – Organist

#### **Wednesday 21 September at 2 pm**

Tasso Bouyessi – Tenor  
Graham Bell – Organist

**Cost \$10** and includes afternoon tea

Tickets available at the door

Spring concerts will be advertised in future bulletins

**Bridgewater  
Uniting Church  
Bush Dance**

with Wild Matildas Bush Band  
**27 August 7.00 – 11.00 pm**

**Mylor Hall**

Tickets \$20 adult \$5 under 18 years  
BYO snacks/basket supper/wine/glasses  
Bookings [www.trybooking.com/LPMD](http://www.trybooking.com/LPMD)



**Positive Parenting**

The Effective Living Centre offers Positive Parenting Courses presented by eminent and leading professionals in various subject areas, with a high satisfaction response from attendees.

You are invited to consider promoting the upcoming series within your church and wider circles, as mission service and resources for individuals and the community.

***Talk so Teens Will Listen and Listen so Teens Will Talk***

Presenter Vina Hotich

**Wednesday 10 August 7.30 – 9.30pm**

Transitioning from childhood through teenage years to adulthood can be a tumultuous journey for all involve. This seminar enables parents to identify ways for teenagers to express themselves but maintain respect and positive connections.

***Talk so Kids Will Listen and Listen so Kids Will Talk***

Presenter Donna Broadhurst.

**Wednesday 24 August 7.30 – 9.30 pm**

This session aims to help parents discover new ways of effectively communicating with their children so that misunderstanding and conflict are dealt with constructively

Cost for sessions: \$15 adults \$10 concession \$20 couple

Bookings online: <http://www.effectiveliving.org/positive-parenting/>

Phone: 8271 0329

**Taking action to further  
the mission of God**

**Partnerships in  
Philippines  
(United Church of Christ  
Philippines – UCCP)**

Adrian Nippres,  
International Mission and  
Transforming Justice Co-ordinator,  
Mission Resourcing,  
Presbytery and Synod of South Australia



In 2015 UCCP requested we support the extension of this capacity building project by raising \$25,000 over 18 months. Your fundraising contributions have been significant (we have reached \$20,000 including assistance from other congregations/NWMS and International Op Shops).

These contributions are paying for the costs of running the seminars aimed at training key community people, increasing literacy, developing healthy nutritional habits, and are making a direct contribution to transforming the lives of hundreds of vulnerable people in the Philippines. We do however need to raise the remaining \$5,000. In thanking those groups who have fundraised towards this project, Mission Resourcing has written and outlined a detailed mid-project report – if you wish to receive any of these documents by email to promote the North Luzon Project, please contact me at [internationalmission@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:internationalmission@sa.uca.org.au) for distribution among your members.

During a recent visit to the Philippines, I was presented with a funding proposal for an Indigenous (AYTA) Community Development Project between the Middle Luzon Jurisdiction of the UCCP, the AYTA Community, and the South Australian Presbytery and Synod. The Project proposal seeks approximately \$10,000 AUD. There are expectations that the funding will be used appropriately, as there are formal integrity measures in place with the UCCP, and will give the continued use of land rights (via agricultural occupation) to some of the most marginalised people in the Philippines. The Project is endorsed by the UCSA Philippines Support Group and Interim Mission Council.