

Fact Sheet for 2019 UCA Deacon's Gathering

The Pastoral Strengths Conference - Spirituality in Untrusting Waters

- Monday 4th February 2019 - 8:30am to 6pm
- Tuesday 5th February 2019 - 8:30am to 5pm. Conference dinner from 7pm to 10pm.
- Wednesday 6th February 2019 - 8:30am to 12pm

The Pastoral Strength Conference is a collaborative initiative of Uniting, Wesley Mission, United Theological College and The Uniting Church in Australia Synod of NSW and ACT. It is designed to nurture, connect, strengthen and provide professional development for pastoral practitioners working within multi-faith organisations. We invite you to join with us for this special event.

The Conference will be anchored by Padraig O' Tuama, Irish author, poet - peace builder. Padraig is the director of the Corrameela Peace Community that brings communities in conflict together to build understanding, peace and relationships.

Our keynote speaker is Rev Dr Storm Swain, Associate Professor, Pastoral Care and Theology. Storm is New Zealand born and now lives in New York. Her PhD and her CPE supervisory practice expand on her experiences of working with the chaplains at the 9/11 ground zero mortuary. As we are living in a world surrounded by acts of violence and trauma, her wisdom will help us develop our capabilities.

The Pastoral Strength conference is an interfaith event; so pastoral practitioners working within multi-faith organisations are very welcome to attend.

Cost \$850 - \$950 (Deacon Candidates are eligible for a 50% discount but must register by Monday 21 January)

DUCA Business Meeting - Saturday February 9

- The Centre for Ministry, 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta 2151

9.30am Opening worship (Rev Deac Judy Knowling)

9.45am Reports

DIAKONIA World Assembly 2017, Chicago (Meg, Alison, Christa, Judy)

Introduction of Christa Megaw and Judy Knowling (elected to DAP Executive, Diakonia Asia Pacific)

DAP Regional Assembly, Fiji July 8-12th, 2019 (Christa, Judy)

UCA President's Conference, Fiji 13-17th, 2019

DRAE Regional Assembly, Edinburgh June 2019

DOTAC Regional Assembly, Vancouver, August 2019

DIAKONIA World Assembly 2021, Darwin (Judy, Christa, Sandy)

10.30am Morning tea

11am Assembly Resourcing Unit team: Rob Floyd + Lindsay Cullen

Seven Circles of Interest, <http://uniting.church/circles>, each representing a broad area of the Assembly's mission and ministry. Together, the seven circles encompass some of the core values of the Uniting Church and how we contribute to God's mission in the world. Each circle is a platform for learning and sharing among its members and provides a mechanism to offer input into the Assembly's work. Through this interaction, it is hoped the circles will be a sharing and learning space where we are stretched, faith is deepened and together we listen to where God is leading the Church. This session will be an opportunity to listen, to learn and also contribute a diaconal focus to the development of the Circles of Interest.

- Walking together as First and Second Peoples (Rev Michelle Cook is a panel member) • Being a Multicultural Church (Rev Angie Griffin is a panel member)
- Seeking Common Ground
- Working for Justice (Rev Bea Skippen is a panel member)
- Discipling the Next Generations • Growing in Faith
- Transforming Worship

12 noon Short break

12.10pm Report - Education for Ministry (EFM) Working Group
<https://assembly.uca.org.au/education-for-ministry>

Standards for Ministries Committee (Denise Savage)

The EFM Working Group was set up to advise the Assembly on the standards of formation, education and training for the ministry of the Word, ministry of Deacon, ministry of Pastor and ministry of Lay Preacher. Bev Fabb has been on EFM, and Denise Savage is on the Standards for Ministries Committee. Bev has also been Chair of the Commission on Education for Discipleship and Leadership which serves as the Ministerial Education Board in WA.

(Any other reporting relevant to the Deacons network?)

12.45pm Lunch

Please let us know if you have particular dietary needs but will be doing DIY rolls, wraps etc with meat, salads etc, and fruit and cake. Will work with locals to do the shopping and preparation.

2pm Networking - hearing from each Synod: Presentation plus Q&A as needed.

(Synod reports received have been uploaded to the DUCA website so people can peruse them ahead of time)

Update on social media (Website/Facebook) and MailChimp e-news.

3.30pm Afternoon tea

4.00pm Financial report (Sue Langhans has provided documentation)

update on 2017 donation to Methodist Deaconesses in Fiji

DUCA organisation - opportunities and practical ways forward

Planning ahead for 2021 Deacons Conference/Deacons Intensive

4.30pm Diaconal ministry in the UCA - general discussion + issues arising in reports

5.45pm Concluding worship and blessing (Rev Judy Knowling)

6.30pm Dinner in Parramatta (participants to pay for own meal)

Diaconate Professional Development Days - February 11-12

(in association with the Deacon Intensive)

- Monday 9am - 4.30pm
 - Community Engagement, Contemporary issues for the Diaconate, Advocacy Training
- Tuesday 9am
 - Exposure event: Bondi UCA, Wayside Chapel, Safe Injecting Room Kings Cross
 - 7pm Deacon Gathering Dinner - Italian Rest. In the Rocks - to be confirmed (cost at own expense)

Cost for the two days \$25 (includes Lunch and tea breaks on Monday). In addition you will need to pay for public transport fares and meals on Tuesday.

Please advise student admin of any dietary requirements.

Please register your attendance with Jenny or Renee at UTC Student Admin studenta@nswact.uca.org.au by Friday Feb 8

Payment can be made on Monday at CFM Reception

Deacon Intensive - February 11- 15

Compulsory for Deacon Candidates - registration is essential

- Available for academic credit - students must enrol in THL220 through CSU
- Audit - \$150 - For Candidates who do not require academic credit. Candidates auditing this subject are still required to complete all assessments and achieve an overall pass grade.

For assistance with enrolment or registration to audit and payments please contact Jenny or Renee at UTC Student Admin.

Lunch, Morning Tea and afternoon tea will be provided during the extensive (except for Tuesday where costs will be at your own expense)

Costs:

Subject cost \$XX plus \$80 catering costs. In addition you will need to pay for public transport fares and meals on Tuesday.

Please advise Student Admin of any dietary requirements when you register.

Accommodation

There is limited accommodation available on site at the Centre for Ministry. Accommodation must be booked through Uniting Venues - CFM Reception northparramatta@unitingvenues.org or telephone 883 - 88908

The course costs do not include accommodation.

Professional Development Days and Deacon Intensive - draft program

Day	Time	Plan	Who
Monday 11 th	9.00 - 9.30 9.30 - 10.00 10.00 - 11.15 11.15 - 11.30 11.30 - 12.30 12.30 - 1.30 1.30 - 2.30 2.30 - 4.30	Welcome and Introduction Bible Study Luke 10:1-12 Diaconate as Community Engagement Morning Tea Current issues in the Diaconate Lunch Contemporary Challenges for the Diaconate Advocacy Training	Karen Mitchell Lambert Karen Paul Sandy Boyce Jon O'brien
Tuesday 12 th	9am depart 7pm	Field Excursion to Bondi, Wayside and Safe Injecting Room Kings Cross Deacon as Servant of the poor Diaconate and Mission Conference Dinner (registration required)	Graham Anson Vanessa Henke-Williams
Wednesday 13 th	9.30 - 10.00 10.00 - 11.15 11.15 - 11.30 11.30 - 12.30 12.30 - 2.00 2.00 - 4.00	Bible Study Deacon as Church Planter Morning Tea The liturgical Role of the Deacon Lunch Interdenominational Deacon Forum	Simon Lee Karen Mitchell Lambert Mel Graham

Thursday 14 th	9.30 - 10.00 10.00 - 11.15 11.15-11.30 11.30 1.30 - 4.30 4.30 5.00	Bible Study - Deacon as Social Change History of the Diaconate Morning Tea Depart for Bidwill and Lalor Park (lunch) Deacon and mission Return from excursion	Jason John (via SKYPE) William Emilsen John Dacey
Friday 15 th	9 .30 -10.00 10.00 - 11.15 11.15 - 11.30 11.30 - 12.30 12.30 - 1.30 1.30 1.30 - 4.15 4.15 - 4.30	Bible Study Matthew 25 Deacon as Chaplain Morning Tea A contemporary Diaconal Spirituality Lunch Formation as a Deacon Closing Liturgy	Nigel Hawken Jean Shannon Vanessa Henke Karen Mitchell Lambert



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