



LOCAL PUBLIC THEOLOGY

The 2017 Workshop Programme will be guided by...

- * The discoveries we have made since the formation of the UCA 40 years ago when the UCA made a commitment to be a public church.
- * The inaugural Statement to the Nation on 22 June 1977 included the phrase... *“We acknowledge with gratitude that the churches from which we have come have contributed in various ways to the life and development of this nation. A Christian responsibility to society has always been regarded as fundamental to the mission of the Church. In the Uniting Church our response to the Christian gospel will continue to involve us in social and national affairs”.*
- * The practice of being hospitable churches on main street - communities of practice that learn from their commitment to serve and minister beyond the congregation.
- * Encouraging each other in ministry and mission, sharing resources and providing mutual support. *(Urban Mission Network Charter)*
- * Sharing our understanding of being called to give witness to the love of God in Christ as word and deed in environments which are primarily urban, secular and culturally diverse.
- * Having a sense of mission in the wider community
- * A shared conviction that we must engage with that wider community in order that the Gospel may bring about both personal and social transformation.



SIGN UP FOR THIS SERIES AND KEEP IN TOUCH

To keep in touch and indicate your interest and participation you are asked to sign up for the series and make suggestions about topics and key areas of interest.

Cost will be \$10 for each congregation per session, regardless of the numbers from each congregation, and includes lunch and other hospitality.

For further information and to register your interest, contact:

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For information about the UCA National Historical Society Conference, check out www.historicalsociety.unitingchurch.org.au

Check out the following websites for regular updates and resources
www.urbannetwork.org.au
www.pilgrim.org.au



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WORKSHOP PROGRAMME 2017

*Your opportunity to share insights.....
to become part of a learning community.....
to join a support network.....*



2017 PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Mission Resourcing SA, the Urban Mission Network and Pilgrim Church are working together to develop a workshop programme for leaders of congregations to share discoveries from their commitment to be public, hospitable churches on 'main street'.

Topics and dates

Saturday 18 March 10.00am to 2.30pm
Orientation, sharing and planning ahead with guest Prof. Clive Pearson from Sydney.

9-12 June (long weekend)

Presentations and papers at the National UCA History Conference including: a Q & A Forum on the topic, "The Church in the Public Square" at 7.45pm on Saturday 10th June and a 40th Anniversary celebration on Sunday 11th June at 7.00pm with guest Stuart McMillan, President of the UCA.

Saturday 16 September 9.00am-12.30pm
with guest Prof. Linda Woodhead (UK)

Monday 18th September 7.30pm

Pilgrim Symposium with Linda Woodhead and a panel of speakers (hosted by Pilgrim Church)

Saturday 18 November 10.00am-2.30pm
a final session for 2017 and evaluation.

Sessions will be held at Pilgrim Centre, 14 Flinders St Adelaide.



WHY LOCAL PUBLIC THEOLOGY?

Sometimes described as "service" or "outreach" or "meeting a need" many UCA congregations engage and connect with their local community by hosting events and programs. These ministry and mission commitments take many forms and often hard working members feel they should be doing more!

Congregations learn by reflecting on these experiences and are inspired by hearing about other forms of community ministry. Missional congregations express their faith, hope and love by their commitment and action taken in local settings and have much to learn from each other.

Local commitments are sustained and informed by collaboration and insights gained from the wider global public theology conversation.

RESOURCES FOR THIS PROGRAMME INCLUDE...

- * a reading list for local book groups
- * continuing informal conversations
- * site visits
- * a blog to foster comments and discussion
- * notes from guests
- * recommended web sites for information



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