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Associate General Secretary MAY 2013 COMMENCEMENT

The UCA Synod of Victoria and Tasmania (the Synod) is seeking to fill the position of Associate General Secretary that will become available in June 2013.

The person appointed will be a lay or ordained person who is an active member of the Uniting Church. Should the position be filled by an ordained person, the position will be recognised as a ministerial placement.

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Enquiries should be made to the General Secretary of the Queensland Synod, GPO Box 674, Brisbane Qld 4001, or by email to gensec@ucaqld.com.au and applications should be lodged by 4pm on Friday 22 March 2013.



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Continuing the journey

Welcome to a new-look *Journey*!

The Uniting Communications team is excited to bring you this refreshed publication.

Thank you to those who participated in our 2012 readership survey. Your feedback is invaluable and will assist us to deliver even better content in the coming year.

Regular readers will notice a few changes (other than our new design by Uniting Communications graphic designer Holly Jewell). Acting editor Dianne Jensen will ensure that each edition features an in-depth story about a person and an issue facing the church and the world. Each month you will get to know a Uniting Church congregation in Queensland; what inspires them and how they are enriching their communities.

This year is The Year of Discipleship (have you got your Synod calendar?). We will feature an ongoing series about what discipleship means to different people.

For event listings or to continue the discussion, we encourage you to take the conversation online. Connect with us via Facebook and Twitter and via the new letters section on Journeyonline.com.au. Send your letters to journey@ucaqlld.com.au.

Journey is a place to engage with issues and perspectives you won't see in other magazines. In the coming months you will find more multimedia resources available on our website to provide even more options for connecting with us and with the Uniting Church community.

Thanks for helping us continue our journey.

Mardi Lumsden
Editor-in-chief



Called to be disciples of Christ

I once signed up for an elective called “Radical Discipleship” at a youth camp.

It wasn't quite what I expected. I had been a committed Christian for about five years and I was ready to stretch into following Jesus in a more radical way.

I thought that radicals were the ones who would turn up at street marches, call the rest of the community to account, and change the world for the better. I hoped that this elective would help me to direct my youthful idealism and desire to live an authentic Christian life.

The presenter began by reminding us that the word “discipleship” means “learner” — nothing too radical so far.

Radical means “roots”, so the elective on radical discipleship turned out to be a reminder of what was basic to Christianity and those practices that send a taproot deep into a life of faith. Over the years that has changed my world, especially when it has seemed rather counter-cultural.

I grew up singing songs about choosing to follow Jesus. “Follow me” was the invitation that Jesus offered the people who became his disciples. Discipleship is about following ... but it is more than blind devotion.

A disciple is a learner — one who listens, studies, thinks, questions and takes on the philosophy and lifestyle for themselves.

John Mallison, in his book, *Mentoring to Develop Disciples and Leaders*, explains the formation of disciples as a mentoring process: “the support of followers of Christ in their personal and spiritual growth and equipping for ministry”.

A mentor will establish a grace relationship in which questions are welcomed, fostering understanding and seeking wisdom to recognise the breadth of Christian traditions and to wrestle with what faith looks like in the current era. What is sacred, and what is a part of the cultural basket that we have inherited?

John Mallison also informs us that in the gospel of Matthew the word “disciple” appears 73 times, and refers to people who follow Christ and are committed to him and his teaching.

To be committed to the teaching of someone, you must know what that teaching is. That is why it is important to read the scriptures and to learn from scholars and commentaries.

Luke reminds us to be witnesses, and that the Holy Spirit will help us to do that in both words and in actions.

For some people, Christian discipleship means withdrawing from society to pray and work for God, whereas for others the call is about daily engagement with humanity and the rhythms of the world.

In May of this year we will gather for our Synod meeting, exploring the theme *Disciples on the way*. UnitingCare Queensland sponsors the Moderator's Community Service medals, so please look around your community and identify people who have offered outstanding community service as an expression of their discipleship.

Rev Kaye Ronalds
Queensland Synod Moderator

Moderator's diary

6 February

Opening and dedication of the Blue Care Mareeba Garden Settlement Aged Care Facility

10 February

Opening service of the newly renovated Kairos Uniting Church, Earnshaw Rd congregation, Banyo

11 February

Bible Society Inaugural Road to 200 Dinner, Brisbane

24 February

The Downs Presbytery Retreat

27 February

Opening of the Mental Health Unit, Sunshine Coast Private Hospital

Monday Middy Prayer

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in our learning, following
and loving so that others
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disciples too.

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Tasmanian bushfires, January 2013.
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Firestorm engulfs Tasmanian village

As the nation reels from one of the worst fire seasons in years, **Nigel Tapp** reports on the aftermath of the bushfire which almost annihilated a Tasmanian community.

Before January, not many Queenslanders would have heard of the tiny southern Tasmanian town of Dunalley.

But over 24 hours on 4 January Australians witnessed horrifying images of a ferocious firestorm which ripped through the sleepy fishing village, which acts as the gateway to the Tasman Peninsula.

More than 100 homes, the local school, a large family-owned sawmill and a bakery were destroyed in the blaze. Only 45 homes in the town survived the inferno, which did not claim any lives.

Many families had to wait a week before it was safe to return and see for themselves the extent of the damage.

Retired Uniting Church minister Rev David Parker joined the first convoy, only 72 hours after the fire. He described the damage to the town as "incredible".

Bushfires are not uncommon in Tasmania but what set the Dunalley blaze apart was the speed with which it engulfed the town.

The only thing that moved faster than the fire was the response by Tasmanians, and Australians.

Within hours evacuation centres — including one which housed more than 2000 people and another with in excess of 600 people at the height of the fire storm — were established, and food appeals had been initiated. Boat owners took to the water to ferry supplies into the area.

UnitingCare Tasmania and the Presbytery of Tasmania immediately began planning how to support those affected, particularly in the long-term, while still responding to initial needs.

Frontier Services has indicated the possibility of providing a Remote Area Family Services (RAFS) team in the Tasman Peninsula area, and arrangements have been made to provide ministry support at Sorell.

More than 111 000 ha of bush and farmland were destroyed in six days by fires, from as far south as the Tasman Peninsula and the Derwent Valley, to Bicheno on the east coast, George Town east of Launceston and Montumana, in the far north-west.

Nigel Tapp
Senior Communications Officer for the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

‘Bushfires are not uncommon in Tasmania but what set the Dunalley blaze apart was the speed with which it engulfed the town’



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Gumboot religion

Putting our best foot forward when disaster strikes

Two years ago, as the flood waters receded, Brisbanites from a broad array of faiths pulled on gumboots and waded into the mud to help. Brisbane academics **Dr Aaron Ghiloni** and **Dr Sylvie Shaw** share new research into the aptly named 'Gumboot religion' which emerged during those turbulent days.

Queenslanders know all too well that they are never far from ecological crises. Only weeks after the inundations of late 2010 and early 2011, Queensland experienced cyclone Yasi, which was soon followed in neighbouring regions by cyclone Carlos and then the Christchurch earthquakes.

With these events occurring in rapid fashion, we used a component of an Australian Research Council grant to investigate how people of various faith traditions responded to the Brisbane floods.

We conducted in-depth interviews with leaders from a wide range of religious traditions, and the research has been detailed at several academic conferences and industry seminars, and is forthcoming in the *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*.

This article reflects on one theme of the research – the link between “being religious” and being engaged with the local community.

Rain and hope

*If it keep on rainin' the levee gonna break
Everybody saying this is a day only the Lord
could make.*

Bob Dylan's lyrics hint that floods may not be times of senseless destruction (so-called “natural disasters”) as much as moments of divine creation.

This was certainly the way Brisbane's religious leaders were reading their sacred texts when the Brisbane floods struck.

As one rabbi noted, the Torah portion for the Sabbath immediately following the flood was on the Splitting of the Sea, a story about the revealing of divine consciousness amidst watery chaos.

Similarly, an Anglican rector found that the appointed Psalm for the week spoke of God at work through a deluge: “He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters, out of the mire and clay, and set my feet upon a rock and made firm my foothold” (Psalm 40:1-7).

A Catholic priest took inspiration from Matthew 14 — the story of Jesus walking on water — interpreting the lesson as “a theology of hope”.

Out of this position of strength and hope, religious groups did not express the sort of shock that key government officials conveyed.

Many religious leaders reported that the floods affirmed their prior beliefs. For example, a Buddhist educator said the flood “brought [her beliefs] really into focus and made them much stronger and clearer”.

Gumboots and shovels

Although theological texts tend to deal with ecological crises in terms of theodicy, Brisbane's religious leaders were much more pragmatically-oriented. The flood itself was not understood in terms of either the doctrinal teachings of a religion or the ongoing climate change debates in Australia.

Rather than fearfully huddling in their mosques and *gurdwaras* asking why God had allowed this to happen, religious communities transformed their sacred spaces into recovery centres, asking practical questions like, “Do you need to charge your mobile phone?”

What's more, they left their religious sites, moving into more communal spaces.

This departure (or perhaps it was an arrival) is illustrated by the comment of a Baptist pastor in Rosalie, one of Brisbane's affected suburbs: “Sunday

‘An outpouring of goodness and kindness and selflessness that seemed to fulfil prophecies of the redemption’



Lloyd Carter, from the western suburbs of Brisbane, helps with the flood cleanup in Rosalie, Brisbane 2011.
Photo: *The qb* (the voice of Queensland Baptists) February 2011

is a so-called sacrosanct day for Christian worship. We said, no. We shut our service down and said, come on, get your gumboots and pick up a shovel and away you go."

The choice of gumboots over Sunday Best reveals that the response to the flood was primarily practical. The clarity on what to do indicates a hard-nosed realism instead of shocked despair. The direction "away you go" conveys the community focus of the response. The wit about things that are "so-called sacrosanct" depicts a faith that approaches religious tradition ironically. Grabbing their shovels, not to mention firing up several barbeques, these Christians found unanimity between their work as a congregation and the work of the "mud army".

Mates and prophecies

In John Updike's novel *Roger's Version*, the protagonist, a Barthian theologian, observes of his young theology students: "This generation, which by and large has lost all inculturated instinct from the Judaeo-Christian sacral, has displaced much of its religiosity onto anti-pollution ..."

Our research confirmed that the Brisbane floods did give rise to a religiosity more focused on municipal issues than sacramental gestures.

Among Christians, this was illustrated at the large ecumenical memorial service held at St Stephen's Cathedral where the homilist interpreted Matthew 25 (a classic text about social welfare) through the lens of mateship.

We did not find, however, that a civil religiosity is a displaced religiosity. Instead, we noted that the recovering human community was a site of significant religious experience.

A rabbi whose synagogue sits at the heart of the river city explained that the response of strangers and volunteers was an "outpouring of goodness and kindness and selflessness" that seemed to fulfil "prophecies of the redemption".

Many said that they responded first of all as Queenslanders, and only secondly as members of religious units.

Civil religiosity is democratic; it understands that the wellbeing of particular interest groups is tied to the wellbeing of the larger community.

This common destiny was expressed by a Greek Orthodox priest whose church overlooks Musgrave Park, which served as a makeshift dump for flood rubbish.

"The outpouring of civic consciousness in response to this crisis has shown us that there is a great deal of civility in us as a society and once that is exposed, that there is something for governments, churches, groups, academics — everyone — to be involved in. There's a hope that comes out of it."

Dr Aaron J. Ghiloni
 Director of Studies – Mission, Ministry and Leadership,
 at Trinity Theological College.

Dr Sylvie Shaw
 Lecturer in Religion and Spirituality Studies
 at the University of Queensland.

‘Religious communities transformed their sacred spaces into recovery centres, asking practical questions like, “Do you need to charge your mobile phone?”’

Armstrong's fall from grace

Lance Armstrong is being harshly judged in the court of public opinion, the same court in which he willingly sought acclaim. He has chosen not to play the game by the rules of the sport that brought him so much fame and financial reward, says ethicist **Trevor Jordan**.

As much as we would love sport to be a venue for escaping the moral ambiguities and failings of the day-to-day political and social world, it shares in our human condition.

‘It is important to run the great race and finish the course, but it is just as important to keep the faith (2 Tim 4:7)’

The failings in the Lance Armstrong case are both personal and institutional, and international cycling risks becoming like pro-wrestling, a form of sports entertainment rather than an arena of genuine and exemplary achievement. Prudence dictates that we adjust our expectations when it comes to sport and our sporting heroes.

Once upon a time, simply playing by the rules was sufficient. Then along came the so-called “professional foul”, where players take advantage of the rules by breaking them at strategic points in the game. We are only bad if we get caught being bad.

As Christians, our response to wrongdoing ought to be different from that of the world around us. Discipleship sets demanding standards. Yet, we know that we are not perfect, and we are advised not to cast the first stone.

In the Bible, the kind of striving, discipline and single-minded purpose embodied by athletes is used as a metaphor for living the life of faith.

If sportspeople do all this for prizes that fade, how much more, wrote Paul, should we strive for rewards that do not fade? (1 Cor 9:24-27). It is important to run the great race and finish the course, but it is just as important to keep the faith (2 Tim 4:7).

A culture of success, competition and winning is so ingrained across the various areas of our social life that as Christians we are in danger of being caught up in it. Having good role models is important for learning how to be ethical. Our sporting “heroes” seem to embody virtues of discipline, hard work, determination, courage, and so on.

As Christians we sometimes fall into this temptation as well, looking for high profile sportsmen and sportswomen to be our celebrity exemplars of faith. It is an incredible burden for frail human beings to bear.

Dr Trevor Jordan
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encouragingethics.tumblr.com.

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Lance Armstrong during the Tour Down Under Stage 6 Adelaide 2009.
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Discipleship



Not by our words, but by the way we live

The Year of Discipleship is part of the Uniting Church in Queensland's Vision 2020, focusing on the call to form active and accountable disciples of all ages. This month, **Geoff Thompson** explores how the church is re-claiming this concept.

Jesus once asked his disciples who the people said he was. Apparently some thought he was John the Baptist, some Elijah, some Jeremiah. No doubt there were reasons the people put Jesus into these categories drawn from Israel's history. Yet, the category which most fully defined Jesus eluded them: messiah.

Imagine if someone were to ask our contemporaries who we, today's Christians, were. What categories might be turned up in the answers? Some might say we're "religious"; some "spiritual". Others might describe us as "church-goers". Still others might resort to terms like "God-botherers" or even "deluded".

Yet the category that might elude our contemporaries would be the one which arguably most fully defines us: disciples of Jesus.

There is much evidence, however, that in recent decades the church has itself been re-claiming this language into its self-understanding. We are, I think, tired of being "religious", being "spiritual" is a bit nebulous, and we don't believe we're "deluded".

To understand ourselves as disciples of Jesus, and to understand our churches as communities of disciples of Jesus, is to be very specific about our identity. It reminds us of who it is we follow and the kind of life to which we are called: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34).

The teaching and example of Jesus tell us what that means: loving and praying for our enemies, being merciful and forgiving, honouring the poor and homeless, treating all as neighbours, being generous with our possessions, and living for God and God's reign.

According to one of the great modern writers on discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, by living such lives "Christians should give more offence, shock the world far more, than they are doing now".

Perhaps this year of discipleship might be measured by how much we offend and shock our contemporaries by the lives we live, and the quality of Christian communities we form.

Rev Dr Geoff Thompson
Principal and Director of Studies – Systematic Theology,
Trinity Theological College, Brisbane.

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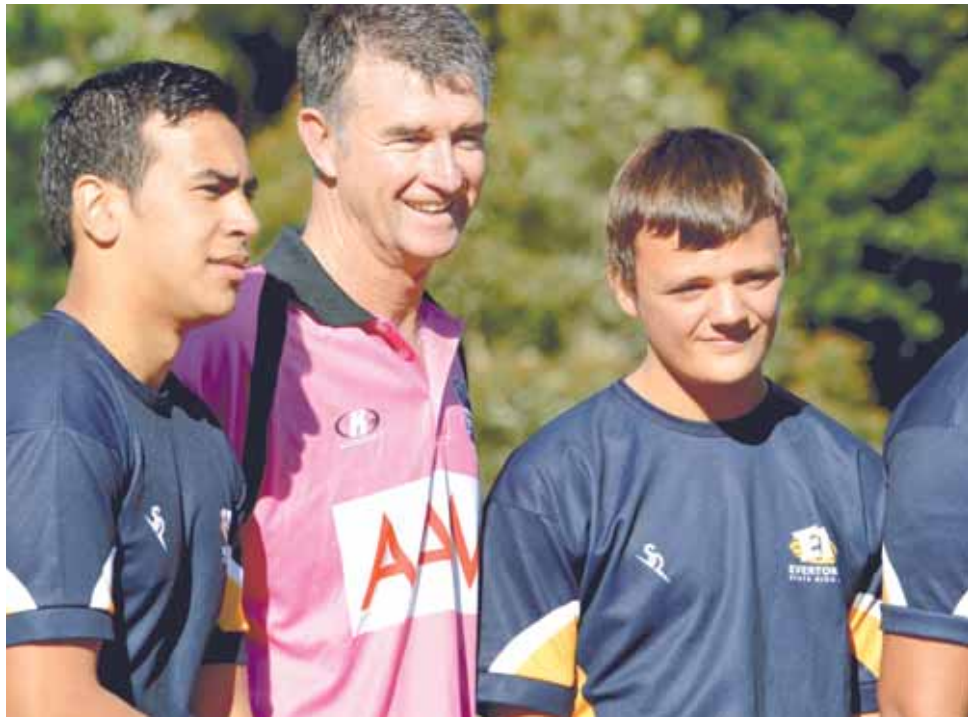
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Out of the lions' den and into the fire

Tim Mander, Minister for Housing and Public Works and member for Everton (Brisbane) in the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, could be forgiven for having the occasional flashback to his former role as a National Rugby League (NRL) referee, writes **Dianne Jensen**.

"It was fantastic preparation for politics because you've always got 50 per cent of people against you," says Mander. "I do understand what it felt like in the Colosseum with all those people baying for your blood!"

"I do understand what it felt like in the Colosseum with all those people baying for your blood!"

Tim Mander is a Christian with a high public profile who has always been upfront about his faith.

He became a Christian as a young adult, has a degree in Christian Ministry from the Bible College of Queensland, and is a member of the Arana Hills Church of Christ.

His face is a familiar one for many Queenslanders.

Mander spent 14 years as a professional referee, achieving a national profile that saw him control the NRL grand final in 2004 and 2005, and be named as 2005 International Referee of the Year.

In 2005 he was named as Queensland Father of the Year.

As CEO of Scripture Union (SU) Queensland he oversaw an organisation which "went through the roof" once chaplaincy funding from the federal

government became available in 2006 at a level which took many by surprise.

"Queensland was best set up to take advantage of the funding," he recalls. "We had a well-planned program and had the infrastructure in place. Queensland ended up with 30 per cent of national funding, so our chaplains went from 200 to 500 in an 18-month period."

Mander remains passionate about the role of school chaplains.

"One of the great things about the High Court challenge was that it gave an opportunity to educate people about school chaplains, what they are and what they are not.

"Of course you need counsellors and psychiatrists and psychologists, but they really are at one end of the spectrum that few kids get access to, or need access to. Chaplaincy, to some extent, is a triage service – it identifies kids at an early stage that may not normally be identified as needing referral to professional people."

After joining the Liberal National Party (LNP), Mander was elected as member for Everton at



Queensland parliamentarian
Tim Mander refereeing
a school-based football
competition in 2012.
Photo: Office of the
Hon Tim Mander MP

the 2012 elections. He is a life-long resident of Brisbane's north-west suburbs.

The common threads in this diverse career are passion and faith.

"I am a passionate person," says Mander. "I don't do anything that I don't believe in or that I'm not passionate about."

Whether separating hyped-up sporting giants, steering a non-profit organisation amid intense public scrutiny, or standing on the floor of parliament, Mander remains firmly grounded in his Christian faith.

"The series of passages that first challenged me are still the passages I go back to repeatedly to remind me of what I stand for and what I want to achieve – and that's the Sermon on the Mount.

"I challenge anyone to read the Sermon on the Mount and not be personally challenged."

Mander's move into politics grew out of a lifetime interest, and a growing desire to have a voice.

"I'm one of those people who believe that you can either carp and criticise from the sidelines, or you can get in and make a difference," says Mander, who has little time for the view that politics is only about power.

"If good people don't put their names up to be involved, who is going to run the country, who is going to run the state? We should be doing everything in our power to encourage people to put themselves up for election."

He is adamant that while it may be fashionable to disparage politicians, the majority of members are motivated by the desire to serve the public good.

"The nature of our country in a lot of ways is that we are very cynical about authority and therefore you are not given the benefit of the doubt."

As a Christian, Tim Mander is aware that he carries an extra burden of expectations, and that his faith makes him a target for some.

"I often get asked, what's it mean, or how are you different as a Christian in this environment, or how will Christianity be shown? If I am open, transparent, honest and have integrity in the way I go about my business and how I deal with people, I think that will be the way that my faith is shown in my public life.

"What people don't like, whether it's about Christians or not, is when you don't practise what you preach. This is where politics comes under fire – saying one thing and doing another. The same applies to Christians."

Tim Mander is open about his values, describing himself as a social conservative and making frequent reference in his parliamentary speeches to the importance of family and community.

"Through my work in school chaplaincy, I've seen the results of the breakdown of the family," he says.

"I am not unrealistic, and I don't think the world is going to be a perfect place ... but I do think that we should be promoting policies that promote the ideal for families and make it easier for families to flourish, both economically and socially."

He won't be drawn into the agendas of interest groups, Christian or not.

"We live in a secular environment and I can't come in and impose my expectations or my values on others. Of course they inform my decision-making and the personal views I have – if there are things or policies that strongly contravene my personal values I will speak about them very strongly.

"My aim is to not necessarily be popular but to make decisions that gain respect. That's what I wanted on the football field and that's what I would love to have in my political life as well."

‘The series of passages that first challenged me are still the passages I go back to repeatedly to remind me of what I stand for and what I want to achieve – and that’s the Sermon on the Mount’



What happens when young people are unleashed?

Over the weekend of 18-21 January, 160 teenagers and youth leaders hit the streets of the Sunshine Coast, performing *Timely Acts of Generosity (TAG)* – and they are not finished yet, reports **Jane Moad**.

Attendees at the Queensland Uniting Church youth event, Summer Madness, spent an afternoon bringing a smile to people's faces, only asking for one thing in return: that the recipient responded with a good deed for someone else.

Trolleys were unpacked, flowers given, iceblocks shared and words of encouragement spoken with shoppers, employees, parents, skateboarders, passers by and picnickers, all in the name of "being love" and transforming communities.

The campaign, *TAG You're It* is an initiative of Summer Madness guest speaker Az Hamilton, who took attendees on a journey over the four days to understand that Jesus loves them, that they can be changed, and that they can then "be love" to others.

"This weekend has been an answer to prayer," said Hamilton.

"Talking to so many young people over the weekend, they've said 'I know that Jesus loves me', and that's awesome.

"But it's important we remember that in our everyday lives. We can have these amazing highs

at camp and then go back to school and forget the experience."

Bible study leader Rev Harlee Cooper agreed, telling his group of Year 12 and older, "It's not easy to be changed. It's a daily decision that can cost us a lot."

Throughout the weekend, young people from Cape York, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Robina, Beenleigh, Logan and congregations across Brisbane had plenty of memorable experiences. From spiritual electives through to Saturday's wild and messy "Unreality challenge", they were challenged about what it means to be unleashed.

"Being unleashed is about letting go of the things that hold you back — when you understand what it means to be loved, and how to find and show love, you can spread love so much more," said Peter from Karana Downs.

"Sometimes people can underestimate the spiritual knowledge of the younger generation."

Harry, also from Karana Downs, agreed.

"Young people come up with amazing concepts and ways of explaining things.

‘It’s not easy to be changed. It’s a daily decision that can cost us a lot,’
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One of the workshops at Summer Madness.
Photo: Jane Moad

"Older generations can continually learn from younger ones with old ideas being recycled in amazing new ways."

Spiritual electives explored these perspectives, asking questions such as "would you deny your faith if persecuted", "how do you view actions in war", "could you survive in the bush", "what's it like to be an asylum seeker", "how do television and faith connect" and "how can we connect to God through prayer".

Attendees were challenged to discover the truth about being an asylum seeker in Australia. Katie Lewis and

Sue Hutchinson Uniting Communications Research Officers introduced the topic and one man shared his story as an asylum seeker from Iran.

"He challenged us all to unleash the truth about asylum seekers in our daily lives," said one participant. "The story about his journey and the difficulties experienced in his life as an asylum seeker in Brisbane moved everybody."

The answers weren't always clear, but the message sent home was.

TAG – You're It. Will you pass it on?

‘Being unleashed is about letting go of the things that hold you back’

What would the church look like if you were in charge?



I would make the church big again. Spread the word of God. I'd go and pick them up myself. Put the word out and let them know what's happening.

Joya, Weipa



I would have bean bags instead of chairs.

Kirsty, Hervey Bay



I would have more community-based stuff, and go out into the community more.

Matt, Hervey Bay



I'd organise a barbecue to get people together for church.

Samantha, Cape York



Every Sunday, all different churches would come together.

Taniesha, Weipa

Photos: Jane Moad



Simple items like pens can help support overseas partners such as these students at the Tangitebu Theological College in Kiribati.
Photo: UnitingWorld

Making good choices at Lent

Margaret Adsett, from St Andrew's Uniting Church in Brisbane CBD, can tell you how many choices of biscuit there are in the average supermarket aisle.

"There are over 200 choices of biscuit alone, and they say there are 35 000 items in total in your average supermarket," says Adsett. "Imagine that! Compare that to places where people have no choice at all, about anything. They don't even have access to clean water."

"I stood up each week and told the personal stories of people who are living with the kind of challenges that are so foreign to us in our iPod, laptop, mobile-owning world"

Adsett is passionate about making a difference to people who live in poverty. She doesn't want to change the world; she just wants to make a difference where she can. It's what prompted her to challenge her church community to get involved in the UnitingWorld Lent Event program.

Lent Event changes lives both at home and abroad. It involves giving up an item from everyday life and donating the cost toward life-giving projects such as health clinics in Timor Leste, education in North India, water harvesting in Zimbabwe and peace building in Papua New Guinea.

Last year, St Andrew's donated \$7500 for a range of projects.

"Our congregation has so much to give," says Adsett. "I stood up each week and told the personal stories of people who are living with the kind of challenges that are so foreign to us in our iPod, laptop, mobile-owning world. And people were generous. People will give if their hearts are moved."

After participating in Lent Event, congregation member Ian Chaseling signed up for a volunteer experience placement in Kiribati with UnitingWorld.

As a teacher in a school on the tiny island, he was staggered to realise how many students didn't have access to something as simple as a pen. After sending his news home to St Andrew's in Brisbane, the congregation responded by sharing their resources with those in Kiribati.

Person by person, change takes place.

Cath Taylor

For more information about Lent Event, contact Fiona at UnitingWorld on (02) 8267 4449 or visit lentevent.com. To find out about volunteer experience placement contact Laura on (02) 8267 4411.



Call for nominations 2013 Moderator's Community Service Medal

Do you know a volunteer who has contributed in an outstanding way to the Church's mission in community service in Queensland? The Moderator's Medal is one way to honour them. This year we are looking for nominations that truly reflect the UnitingCare Queensland Mission statement:

'As part of The Uniting Church, the mission of UnitingCare Queensland is to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities as we: Reach out to people in need; Speak out for fairness and justice; Care with compassion, innovation and wisdom.'

Nominees must:

- > be a volunteer, past or present
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- > be involved in community service work other than congregational work (e.g. UnitingCare Community, Blue Care, UnitingCare Health hospitals, Wesley Mission Brisbane or community service agencies outside the Uniting Church)
- > not be or have been in paid employment connected to their volunteer work.



Nominations should be submitted electronically via the UnitingCare Queensland website ucareqld.com.au

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Thursday 28 March 2013**



Lelata village, Samoa, three weeks after cyclone Evan.
Photo: Paul Tomane

Neighbours rally to rebuild Samoa

Tropical cyclone Evan struck the Samoan island group on 13 December, bringing death and destruction. Indooroopilly Uniting Church member **Paul Tomane** returned to his village in Samoa in early January to help family and friends, and he describes the weeks that followed.

The island of Upolu, where the capital Apia is located, bore the brunt of the 150km/hour strong winds. Much of the damage was caused by the huge amount of rainfall that was dumped on the islands during the cyclone.

This caused many of the rivers to overflow and cause flooding, including the Vaisigano River, which runs into the sea near Apia wharf, which took as many as 200 houses and dwellings in its path.

There was still evidence of damage caused by the strong winds all the way from the airport into the capital, such as fallen-down houses, houses without roofs, fallen trees and such, but the recovery phase was well underway.

During that first weekend, it was confirmed that five people were dead and another 11 missing (nine lost at sea, two on land). Almost 4000 people were displaced and all essential services were severed; in other words, the country was in a total mess.

A number of evacuation centres, usually in high school and church buildings, were set up in Upolu to accommodate displaced people, and the emergency and relief work started.

The New Zealand and Australian governments responded quickly by sending in emergency teams

and supplies of food and shelter the following week. An ADF C-17 aircraft delivered emergency relief supplies, bringing hygiene kits comprised of soap, towels, torches, candles, batteries and other personal items; protective cleaning gear and generators; insecticide nets, tarpaulins and shelter kits: altogether more than 30 tons of cargo.

Other international relief organisations such as Red Cross and Oxfam and church agencies responded by sending supplies or funds to the Government of Samoa.

When I arrived, the clean-up efforts were well underway with the removal of mud, debris and fallen trees. Displaced people were slowly being resettled back to their places using temporary shelters, and the authorities were working their way to restoring water and electricity throughout the country. The damage bill was estimated to be a modest ST\$300 million (A\$120 million).

Our church family at Indooroopilly Uniting Church kindly donated some clothes, which were given to the extended family of Melelini Papalii in the village of Maagao, and ST\$2 000 (A\$800) which was used to help rebuild and re-roof the damaged classrooms of Vaivase Primary school in the village I grew up in.

Act for Peace in Fiji

With the help of funds raised by Uniting Church members through the Christmas Bowl, Act for Peace staff have been assisting the Fiji government to coordinate helicopter relief drops to isolated communities affected by cyclone Evan.

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Pi Patel (Suraj Sharma) and a Bengal tiger must rely on each other to survive an epic journey in *Life of Pi*.
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Keeping your eye on the tiger

Life of Pi
Director: Ang Lee
Stars: Suraj Sharma
Rated: PG

This is a story that will make you believe in God. At least, that is the hope of the film *Life of Pi*, based on the 2002 Man Booker Prize-winning novel of the same name by Canadian author Yann Martel.

The story is a feast of imagination that captures the wonders of creation and explores the nature of faith when fighting for survival.

Life of Pi follows the experience of Pi, a young spiritual seeker who experiences God through many different forms. When the Indian boy's family moves their zoo from Pondicherry to Canada the ship sinks, leaving a small group of survivors: the lost and grieving Pi, a zebra with a broken leg, a hyena, a sorrowful orangutan and Richard Parker, a 450lb Royal Bengal tiger.

The author has summarised the tale in three sentences: Life is a story. You can choose your story. A story with God is the better story.

The story shows the wonder and beauty of several religions, perhaps naively. Pi's father warns him to focus on one thing, lest he end up blindly following everything. He chooses survival.

Pi's spiritual cocktail is a metaphor for tolerance. This is also reflected in the difficult coexistence of a terrified boy and a hungry tiger. While this relationship is based on survival and dominance, Pi's respect for this stunning, deadly animal is clear. It is his fear of Richard Parker that ultimately saves Pi.

It took two-time Academy Award winning director Ang Lee (*Brokeback Mountain*, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*) four years to translate this literary masterpiece into a cinematic one. Remaining quite faithful to the book, Lee's audience becomes an omnipresent observer, unable to protect Pi from nature. With this film, Lee creates a new cinematic world. Watching it in 3D is like seeing *The Wizard of Oz* turn to colour for the first time. Some minor changes in the film make the story more accessible, but less focused on spirituality.

Whether Pi's story is metaphor, hallucination or reality is not clear. It is that sense of mystery that captures the essence of the tale and even, perhaps, God. At some point you have to trust what you know in your heart. Jumping feet-first into the mystery is just the beginning.

Mardi Lumsden

‘Life is a story.
You can choose
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with God is the
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Position Vacant – Mission Education Officer – Moreton Rivers Presbytery

Moreton Rivers Presbytery takes in the CBD and Northern Suburbs of Brisbane, encompassing 45 congregations.

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The Mission education officer would be responsible for delivering education through the Presbytery's "Learning for Living" program as well as assisting congregations to develop their mission plans.

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One does not simply walk up to a dragon

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

Director: Peter Jackson

Stars: Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen and Richard Armitage

Rated: M

We were never going to be of one mind about Peter Jackson's long-awaited version of the JRR Tolkien 1937 classic *The Hobbit, or There and Back Again*, the precursor to *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

Even before the opening scenes of rustic Hobbiton unfolded on the screen, the knowledge that the original book had been turned into three films had already wrought angst among the true believers.

If you are wondering why grown people care about any of this stuff, the answer lies in the extraordinary scope of the world created by Tolkien. His saga of grand and noble quests is saturated in mythology and ancient languages, peopled with heroes and fallen angels and lovers, and happens to be a rollickingly good story.

JRR Tolkien was a professor at the University of Oxford, specialising in the Anglo-Saxon and English languages, and a devout Catholic. His 40-year friendship and collaboration with CS Lewis (*The Chronicles of Narnia*), also a professor in the English faculty, was the crucible for the creative infusion of theology, mythology, and philology into the classic fantasy novels for which the two are best known.

Like Lewis, Tolkien knew the value of a good myth. The battle for Middle Earth which unfolds in *The Lord of the Rings* has its genesis in *The Hobbit*, and as with any decent epic, there is a lot of back story.

Jackson has delved deep into this complex world in order to turn one book into three films, and to evoke the gathering malevolence which presages the treachery and violence of the much darker trilogy. He has padded out the story with some rather dizzying action scenes (the shooting and projection frame rate of 48 frames per second takes some getting used to), throwing in a new character or two for good measure.

The first film, *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, launches the tale of the mild-mannered hobbit Bilbo Baggins, who is contracted by dwarves (led by Thorin Oakenshield, played to smoulderingly good effect by Richard Armitage) to steal back their treasure from the dragon Smaug.

The dwarves themselves are nothing short of wondrous, a costume designer's fantasy unleashed, with a stellar cast including the engaging James Nesbitt.

Martin Freeman, as the wry and rather stuffy Bilbo Baggins, brings a wonderful subtlety to the role. The plucky, reluctant hero is at the heart of the marvellous world which Tolkien created 76 years ago, and happily, at the heart of the film.

Minor quibbles aside, *The Hobbit* is a journey there and back again, and I plan to be along for each step of the way.

Dianne Jensen

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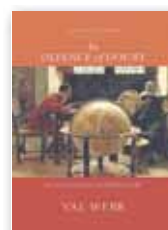
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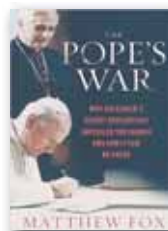
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Tyler and Bailey
at a recent Ashmore
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Reaching out and changing lives on the Gold Coast

Ashmore Uniting Church is in the heart of the Gold Coast. The congregation has experienced an 80 per cent turnover in membership in the past seven years, and continues to expand. Tara Burton spoke to minister Bradley Foote.

Who makes up your congregation?

We are a wonderful eclectic mix of people covering more than 16 nationalities. The congregation has grown steadily despite the attrition of age, work, retirement and transience.

Each week there are about 70 to 90 people from all ages engaging in worship; however it is not the same people every week. The Gold Coast is a 24/7 kind of place where people work in a mix of cycles and times, which alters the attendance capacity of a regular solid worship community.

Our members range from infants to 94 years. We have a growing children's ministry and have been blessed by a steady group of people willing to engage in developing ministry with children in the church and in the community.

We share our facilities with Youth with a Mission, a Spanish congregation and now a new Korean congregation.

What does forming disciples mean for your church community?

Enfolding people into the life of discipleship is currently being addressed through a number of ministries such as an Alpha course, small groups and seasonal Bible study programs, and three members training as lay preachers in the Uniting Church.

Discipleship is also being expressed in active involvement in our Op shop, Kids Hope Australia mentoring program at Ashmore State School, children's fun days, playgroup, adult fellowship and regular services in three local nursing homes.

Our motto is "reaching out, changing lives".

What are the current trends in the life of your congregation?

We are just concluding a five-year review of our vision and values. Some interesting trends have emerged and the opportunity to change and grow is beckoning us forward.

One positive trend that we've seen is the steady introduction of people into the active life of the congregation from contact with our regular ministries.

Fast Facts:

Community:

- > established in the 1970s
- > church located next to Ashmore Plaza shopping centre and close to Ashmore State School
- > range of retirement villages and nursing homes
- > a broad ethnic mix
- > wide range of social/economic groups and employment.

Four pillars of mission for 2013:

- > worship
- > working with people in need
- > families and children
- > stewardship of people, time and resources.

What's new:

- > renewal of worship services in 2013
- > quarterly Magic of Music community afternoon for young musicians
- > new Korean congregation sharing premises.

Social media:

- > website and Facebook page are the first point of contact for many people
- > Sunday services are recorded and available as podcasts
- > new Op shop Facebook page.

Fast news

Children's ministry takes centre stage at Ignite

Resources for ministry will be showcased at the annual Ignite Children's Ministry Conference and Expo in Brisbane on 2 March.

The day-long event is a project of the Queensland Children's Ministry Network, an ecumenical network which provides specialist training and resources.

Ignite will include more than 40 displays and 70 electives, with delegates from 20 different Christian denominations across Queensland.

Lucy Moore, founder of Messy Church UK, will present *Messy Church Explained* at the conference. Messy Church workshops also will take place in Toowoomba, Maryborough, and Gladstone.

For registration and more information visit igniteexpo.org.au.

Australia Day 2013 Honours list

The Governor-General, Her Excellency Quentin Bryce AC CVO, Chancellor of the Order of Australia, has approved awards in the Australia Day 2013 Honours list.

The awards include the following:

COMPANION (AC) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Rev Professor James Haire AM (Canberra), former National President of the Uniting Church in Australia 2000-2003.

For eminent service to the community through international leadership in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, the promotion of religious reconciliation, inclusion and peace, and as a theologian.

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Bernard Scobie, Biggera Waters (Qld), member of Paradise Point Uniting Church.

For service to the community through youth and charitable organisations.



The Francis family from Deception Bay 'lighting' their cardboard advent wreath during their weekly devotions.
Photo: Paul Francis

New Bible study resource focuses on families

Two ministers from Deception Bay Uniting Church, John Dansie and Mark Cornford, are developing a multigenerational approach to Bible study.

The concept is based on *Faith Chronicles*, a program created by a church in America.

In the program developed at Deception Bay, the sessions include prayer, a Bible story, some basic questions and a group activity.

Local families successfully trialled a resource created by the church for Advent, and the authors are finalising a program for Lent entitled *The Journey to the Cross*.

For more information contact Deception Bay Uniting Church on 3048 5242 or minister@dbuc.org.au.

World Day of Prayer

Christian women from around the world will gather on 1 March to take part in the annual World Day of Prayer.

The ecumenical event brings together Christians from many traditions to observe a common day of prayer.

The theme for the 2013 World Day of Prayer is *I was a stranger and you welcomed me*, prepared by the women of France.

For more information visit worlddayofprayeraustralia.org.

Peninsula project links art and worship

Redcliffe Uniting Church is calling for artists to contribute to a year-long project linking art and worship.

During the *Genesis to Jesus* art journey, a new artwork will be unveiled each Sunday that speaks to the relevant biblical theme. The works will be added to an ongoing exhibition at the church.

The church is offering \$1000 worth of prizes, and will run a public exhibition at the end of 2013.

For more information visit redcliffe.unitingchurch.org.au.

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