

## The Order of the Bowl and Towel

On the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at Aldgate Church of Christ we celebrated the Ordination of 6 ministers within our movement. Congratulations to Stephen Albrecht (Cummins Uniting Church on the Eyre Peninsula), Tanya Nokes (Blair Athol Church of Christ), Stephen Mills (Flinders Hospital in Chaplaincy), Nate Vawser (Brooklyn Park Church of Christ), Jéan Smith (SouthPoint Church of Christ) and John Stayte (Naracoorte Church of Christ).

To be ordained as ministers within our movement is the ultimate form of surrender of one's life into the service of Christ. A service that carries with it the approval and recognition of congregations, church leaderships, Elders, review panels, the Ministry Work Group and State Board. It is a recognition that our ordinands have proven themselves worthy of the recognition and title, trustworthy in their self-management and the care of the people they are accountable to, faithful in their lifestyle and sound in their theology.

We presented each of our ordinands with a bowl and towel as symbols of Jesus washing the disciple's feet, reminders as to Jesus servant leadership.

We reflected on the nature of church (as the gathered community) where we are asked to maintain constitutions, policy and procedure, risk awareness, training and screening; doing work strategically understanding our liabilities and the management thereof, as a giving unto Caesar as it were. As we invest in good governance, we meet the needs of governments, both federal and state, and provide our memberships with safety and certainty.

We also focused on the other side of the coin, giving unto God that which is God's. Our focus as ministers, as Christians, must be to remind each

other that we are to be sent out to serve others to the fullness of our faith, those who are not yet liberated in Christ Jesus' Salvation, and then to get on with it.

Both within the Ordination service itself and within the reflection we read Matthew 20:25-28 and 2 Timothy 4:1,2 and 5. Those places where Scripture guides us in wisdom as to how to minister to the needs of others while holding Christians to the confessions of our faith and convictions of our baptisms. The challenge is to avoid the institutional church and professionalization of ministry which become competitive and comparative - a place where we shape God in our image.



Our Christian journey is to be shaped by the Word of God, Christ Jesus himself. **He** shapes us into **his** image – a path of surrender every day.

Those in attendance were encouraged to remember always the great responsibility committed in them. The place where the Holy Spirit dwells. To be mindful that ministry is not managing a Religious

business, but a process of empowering spiritual quests ever deeper into the heart and mind of Christ. This is also true for all our members—including you.

We are called to be the church, the body of Christ. His bride serving each other with bowl and towel as Jesus showed us.

Keep in mind that those whom you serve in the Church and in the wider community, are people for whom Christ gave his life as an expression of God's love. **Never cease in your care and your diligence of others** until you have done all that lies within you to bring those whom you serve to fullness in the faith and to the knowledge of God.

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If that is not enough? Then hand them on to God in prayer.

I encourage you, in 2019 to explore, as members of Churches of Christ in SA and NT, not just how you “come” to worship or get others to “come” to church, but how you “follow our Lord out of the sanctuary” after worship, down the road and getting covered in his dust as we go.

“Moving on in Faith, Hope and Love” our 2019 theme let us, members of Churches of Christ, not be focused on our own eternal life which is assured, but (as was Jesus example) let us focus on living and teaching in the here and now - life eternal, in and through our Lord and Saviour, Christ Jesus.

May we, as a movement of the Holy Spirit, be covered in the dust of our Messiah.

In the order of the bowl and towel, on Sunday as we greet one another in our places of worship, let us spiritually wash each other’s feet, break bread together, share the cup and study the word, ready again to follow our Lord out the door and into his streets.

Let us provide everyone we meet with encounters of the Living God, Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour in and through your care, attendance and service.

Scott Combridge



### **Offering Day March 17, 2019**

*Many people in our communities find themselves in circumstances which appear quite hopeless; poverty, homelessness, illness...*

**Join in, as together we express God’s amazing love for His people.**

#### **Your gift of:**

**\$10** helps CareWorks clothe a homeless person at one of the Op Shops.

**\$40** helps a person facing a medical crisis to stay a night at OASIS.

**\$55** helps CareWorks to provide an emergency food hamper to a family.

**\$75** helps towards a struggling family’s utility bill.

**Offering envelopes are available through your Church, or visit [www.givenow.com.au/careworkssa](http://www.givenow.com.au/careworkssa)**

## **Will the new External Conduct Standards Apply to You?**

**Monday 25 February, 12.00 AEST / 1.00 DST**

**Duration: approx. 1 hr including Q&A**

Does your church or ministry give any money to any person or organisation overseas? Does it give money to any other organisation which sends money overseas? Does it work with partners overseas? Does it deal with children overseas?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then the new External Conduct Standards are very likely to apply to you. They are additional governance standards that will apply to all registered charities from 1 July 2019. They are intended to provide greater confidence that funds and services applied outside Australia are getting through to the right purposes.

The **CMA Standards Council** is presenting this webinar which will explain what the new External Conduct Standards are and how the ACNC will apply the rules. The Speakers will be Murray Baird, General Counsel and Assistant Commissioner of the ACNC, and Rebecca Lambert-Smith, Team Leader at Moores.

**If you are unable to make the scheduled time, register anyhow and you will receive a recording of the webinar within a day or two.**

*Free for CMA Members and Standards Council Partners, \$30 for non-members*

<http://www.cma.net.au/events/eventdetail.php?EventID=332>





Many people around the world want to hear the essential hope of the gospel. They want to connect with supportive faith communities. But, churches can be difficult to access, isolating people from the hope of Jesus. **By signing up to Walk for Hope you will help change this!**

This Good Friday, your walk to church will raise money to help give people hope through access to Christian ministries. There are a whole variety of resources to help you plan for this event. Check out [www.walkforhope.com.au](http://www.walkforhope.com.au) or contact Val Zerna – [val@gmp.org.au](mailto:val@gmp.org.au) / 8352 3466 and share your Walk for Hope with us using **#GMPWalkforHope**.



### Conversations on Mission

Church Reps, Ministers and all who are interested are warmly invited to join us to share information, resources and ideas on engaging in global mission in 2019.

Throughout the year there are opportunities to stand together with our global partners; to build Christian communities, stand with Australia's first peoples and help fight poverty. Remembering them in their time of need and living generously has a real impact on both our partners and on us.

Join us for coffee and cake as we explore ways to mobilise your community and get involved in global mission.

**2:30 – 4:00pm, Sunday 17 March 2019**

Western Communities Mile End Church of Christ  
Cnr Danby St and Henley Beach Rd, Torrensville

For more information contact Val Zerna – [val@gmp.org.au](mailto:val@gmp.org.au) / 8352 3466

Last Easter you may have heard how Agnes, attending a rural church in Zimbabwe, had to walk 15km every Sunday to get to church. Because of your generous support a church was planted closer to her, cutting her walk in half!

BJ Mpofu says "I met Agnes today at Msipani Circuit Churches, where the six churches had their first circuit service. Agnes is now vice secretary of her Circuit. Every year senior leadership positions change but she was asked to remain on the executive as vice secretary. She enjoys visiting the sick in her church and going for prayer meetings."

Your generous support from last year's *Walk for Hope* has made a huge difference to people like Agnes. The community have been able to build a Pastor's house, a Church Office and buy a second hand truck for use by the different committees in the Circuit over the last five years. Now they are planning to build a children's Ministry Classroom. The bricks have been made and construction should begin soon. Thank you for making a difference!

### Suzanne Modra Farewell

After many years of ministries at **Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ** Suzanne will be concluding there on **Sunday March 24th**. A morning tea will be held for her on that day after Church (11.30ish) and the Noarlunga Church family will be happy to see anyone interested in attending both the service and morning tea or just morning tea to join them in giving Suzanne and her family a warm and fitting farewell.

### Congratulations to Jeff May - who was

honoured with a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia for service to Churches of Christ in Australia and in the area of Chaplaincy.

Jeff is a past Executive Director GMP (OMB) 1986-1995 and was Coordinator of the Discipleship Development Program, 2001-2005 and has been recognised for this.

955 North East Road, Modbury  
Bus stop 42, opposite Westpac and Modbury Triangle



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# Craft Fair

**Saturday, May 4**

**Over 50 Tables of Craft**

**Great Mother's Day Gifts**

**9 am to 3 pm**



**Devonshire Tea**

**Undercover**



**Cakes**

**Produce**



**Children's Activities**

## Slovenia Leads the World

Once a year on the first Friday in March over 170 countries participate in the same service.

This ecumenical service focuses on a chosen country and is written by a group of women from that country. The focus for 2019 is on the tiny Balkan country of Slovenia.

The city service of **World Day of Prayer** in 2019 will be held in the beautiful **St. Peter's Cathedral at 10am on Friday 1st March**. There are fifteen city churches in Adelaide. Uniting together by attending a service shows that "Church" doesn't mean a building but a community of followers of Christ. South Aussies could take the opportunity of coming inside the Cathedral, so often praised from the outside during sporting events. St. Peter's will celebrate 150 years of worship in 2019 so please join us for a worldwide prayer event.

If you have any questions, contact your WDP representative, Julie Walladge, on 0422 279 083.



## Call to Pray....

You are invited to join with people across our churches in praying for one another. This month we pray together for:

*Victor Harbor, Waikerie, Western Communities*

**Morialta Charitable Trust Fund** has been supporting disadvantaged Children, Young People and their families in South Australia through its annual program of Distributions for 40 years.

To enable the Fund to continue this support through Community Organisations in South Australia Morialta Charitable Trust Fund seeks donations from the public.

Donations of \$2- and above are Tax Deductible and can be forwarded to the Morialta Charitable Trust Fund at PO Box 92, Crafers SA 5152.

## Flinders Street Baptist Church Organist/Musical Director

The Flinders Street Baptist Church is seeking a Pipe Organist/Musical Director. The successful appointee will work closely with the Senior Minister and Pastoral Team in the provision of pipe organ and occasional piano music which supports the worship of the Church. An appointee will be required to provide appropriate music at weekly Sunday Services in the Church, together with providing leadership to the Choir in their presentations at Services. The selection of choral music and attendance at the Choir practice night are requirements of the position. An appointee will provide encouragement and assistance in the development of the contemporary music group as required.

A **remuneration package** is provided consisting of a financial component, free city-based parking behind the Church which is normally available and use of the Church's instruments. The package is negotiable.

A copy of the **Position Specification** is available at the FSB Church Office, Tel 08 8223 4550.

**Expressions of interest**, together with a resume of experience and qualifications can be mailed to:

**The Flinders Street Baptist Church,  
65 Flinders Street, ADELAIDE, SA 5000**

**Attention:** Rev Scott Cadman, Senior Minister

**Closing Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019