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Conversation Opened Between Church of All Nations and Mark the Evangelist

In a decision that could lead to greater openings for the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ in our local area the Church Councils of Mark the Evangelist and Church of All Nations have entered into a conversation regarding the possibility of a shared future. There have been two conversations so far and more are planned.

Both of the congregations are part of a Parish Mission and have similar theological cultures. They are located within 2kms of each other and for about 3 years we have been sharing a worship service twice a year and have been participating in book discussion groups.

Our Presbytery of Yarra Yarra is encouraging these sorts of conversations and there are a number of ways of "sharing a future" - such as working on congregational mission projects, combined worship services, joint study groups, sharing ministerial agents, sponsoring or supporting mission activities elsewhere, sharing resources at our own mission agencies, through to a full merger.

We have entered into the dialogue with no preconceived assumptions but are trying to be open to the calling of the Spirit. Presbytery staff, Chris Barnett and Nadine Rozario are supporting the conversations. Click [here](#) To visit the website of Mark the Evangelist. We will keep you posted on discussions.

The countdown is well and truly on for **Synod 2025**, which will take place over four days in August.

The Synod's [website](#) now features a digital clock, which is counting down the days, hours, minutes and seconds until Synod 2025 gets under way in August.

Synod Meetings offer an opportunity to meet and reconnect with Uniting Church members from Victoria and Tasmania, to share stories and to build a wider sense of community.

Synod 2025 will commence on Saturday, August 30 with an Opening Worship service, which this year will include the installation of a new Moderator, Rev Salesi Faupula.

Opening Worship will be held at Kingswood College commencing at 10am and will be followed by morning tea. The Synod Meeting will commence at 1.30pm at nearby Box Hill Town Hall on August 30 and conclude by 4pm on Tuesday, September 2.





Film Going Group on First Monday of the Month

It's the 1st Monday of the month and for MMM please meet at Nova Cinema ticketing (upstairs) @ 11.30 to get tickets/ coffee for 11.50 'Irena's Vow' based on a true wartime story

Synopsis

The inspirational true story of Irena Gut, a young Polish woman who was forced to work as a housekeeper for a Nazi Major during WW2. When she learns the Jewish ghetto is to be liquidated, she helps 12 Jewish workers by sheltering them in the safest place she can think of: the cellar of the German commandant's home. For two years – until the end of the German occupation - Irena uses her courage and her wits to hide her friends and keep them alive against all odds.

Mending Our Social Fabric: Learning from Palestinian and Israeli Women Peacebuilders



When: Sunday 31st August. 6:30pm doors open, event 7:00- 9:00pm (AEST)

Where: South-East suburbs of Melbourne/Naarm. After registration, location disclosed three days before the event for community safety reasons

Cost: \$18 / \$10 concession - Free for the unwaged

Register: [Here](#)



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The 2025 Symbol is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. Titled "*Garden of Peace*," it depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape. In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable.

Throughout the month of September, Christians across the world will celebrate the Season of Creation, an annual invitation to pray and reflect on our shared call to care for the earth – our common home and the blessed, beloved creation of God.

The Season of Creation takes place from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) under the 2025 international theme, 'Peace with creation'. The symbol, 'Garden of Peace', is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18 and envisions a war-torn, overexploited land transformed into one that is fertile and thriving.

12 IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. The past cannot be changed
2. Opinions don't define your reality
3. Everyone's journey is different
4. Things always get better with time
5. Judgements are a confession of character
6. Overthinking will lead to sadness
7. Happiness is found within
8. Positive thoughts create positive things
9. Smiles are contagious
10. Kindness is free
11. You only fail if you quit
12. What goes around comes around

- Rakhi Ghosh



"There is hope for a peaceful Earth," reads the introduction to the [2025 Season of Creation resource](#). "Biblically, hope is active – it involves prayer, action, and reconciling with Creation and the Creator through repentance (metanoia) and solidarity."

We will be observing the Season of Creation at CAN through September this year.

CAN worship roster to 14 September 2025:

	31 August GREEN Pentecost 12	7 September GREEN Pentecost 13 HC	14 September GREEN Pentecost 14		31 August GREEN Pentecost 12	7 September GREEN Pentecost 13 HC	14 September GREEN Pentecost 14
Preacher	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	Property	Brendan C	Ian B	David J
Liturgist	Pam K	Ray G	Sue C	Offering	William V Ethan K	Ian B Brendan C	David J Jason I
PP Prep	Coco C	Barbara LV	Evan R	Hosp 1	Barbara LV	Sue C	Kate E
Music	Peter A	Kate E	Adam D	Hosp 2	Alice LV Olivia LV	Brendan C	Mark S
Camera	Prebin A	Jeff J	William V	Flowers	Jill T	Greta B	Coco C
Reader	Prit S	Brendan C	Kate E	HC	-	Leah B	-
AV	William V	Ian B	David J	Children	Jill T Shiny I	Ken T Barbara LV	Kate E Mark S
Greeter	Prit S	Leah B	Pam K				

This Week at CAN

- Sunday August 31 @ 10.00 CAN worship
- Wednesday September 3 @ communion by zoom
- Wednesday September 3 @ 7.45am Wednesday communion by zoom
- Wednesday September 3 @ 10.30am worship at Rathdowne Place
- Wednesday September 3 @ 12.00 community lunch at CCS
- Wednesday September 3 @ 7.45pm Passions of the Soul Zoom discussion with Mark the E.
- Friday September 5 @ 1.30pm Passions of the Soul Zoom discussion with Mark the E
- Sunday September 7 @ 10.00 CAN worship including Holy Communion
- Sunday September 7 @ 12.00 CAN Church Council

CAN Wednesday Communion

The weekly Wednesday Communion by Zoom is held weekly at 7.45am. Have you considered if you might be part of this group who share the bread and cup together? Bring along to your computer screen your own piece of bread and wine/juice and share in this 30 minute worship service

Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85049027673?pwd=YzIXcExjQUU5bHl0eVgzU3F4akxYQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 4902 7673

Passcode: 9dbLQu



CAN Congregation

Offerings to the Church of All Nations Parish Mission.

Your offerings support the ministry and mission of the congregation. The Congregation budget contributes the major component of the Community Support budget as well as ministry costs and other mission support.

Offerings can be made during the church service OR by regular bank transfer.

Bank transfers can be regular as weekly, fortnightly, monthly Offerings, OR as an occasional offering

Bank details are:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 Account No.:191446954

Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton



Lectionary Bible Readings

Today, August 31, 2025

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Next Sunday September 7, 2025 Season of
Creation

Ocean Sunday

Job 38:1-18

Psalms 104:1-9, 24-26

Ephesians 1:3-10

Luke 5:1-11

Donations to CAN Community Support

Donations to CAN Community Support are tax deductible and can be made in person to CAN Community Support Administration Office (Tuesday – Thursday) in the CAN Centre, OR by Bank transfer as follows: Bank details are:

Bendigo Bank: BSB 633000 Account No.: 191170380

Name: CAN Community Support





Northey Lecture

US-based Professor of Theology Joerg Rieger will present the next Northey Lecture on September 4, discussing how religion can be part of the solution in bringing a fractured world together.

To find out more and register click [here](#)

Link for live streaming the 10.00am Service

Here is the link to watch the 10.00am service live on the church's Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to watch. <https://www.facebook.com/CarltonChurchOfAllNations>

We will continue to offer this option for those who may be uncomfortable attending in person for whatever reason - health, mobility, geography, whatever...

Climate Rally

Market Forces is seeking support for a rally outside super fund HESTA's Melbourne office, calling on the fund to say no to new fossil fuels! Will you join ARRCC supporters who are going along? Please come as people of faith as much as possible, bringing faith-based banners, ARRCC T-shirts and placards.

Here are the key details:

 **Date: Tuesday 9 September 2025**

 **Time: 8:30am**

 **Location: 2 Lonsdale St, Melbourne**

You'll be linking up with HESTA members, healthcare professionals and other concerned community members outside HESTA's Melbourne office, calling on the fund to end its financial support for coal, oil and gas expansion.

Market Forces is partnering with Healthy Futures, who work with healthcare professionals and HESTA members fed up with their super fund's slow progress on climate.