



The Hunter Presbytery

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Register in person or online here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/soul-care-2022-registration-273993952287>

“As the people of God in today's world, we want to build and support **strong, healthy communities** - and to be *equipped* and *inspired* to be effective!”

Film screening “Biraban and Threlkeld: Finding the Third Space”

Co-hosted by churches in Toronto



Sunday 21st August 3pm – 6pm

118 The Boulevarde, Toronto (Uniting Church)

**Screening will be followed by a Q&A, and a shared meal of soup and damper.
Admission is free and all are welcome!**

“**Biraban and Threlkeld: Finding the Third Space**” tells an important story of collaboration and friendship between First Nations people and a Christian missionary, in the early 1800s on Awabakal country (in Toronto).

Biraban, a bilingual Aboriginal man and leader of Newcastle/Lake Macquarie’s first nations peoples, and the Reverend Lancelot Threlkeld - a British missionary brought out to convert these people to Christianity - became mates.

Over twenty-one years they undertook the first systematic study of an Aboriginal language anywhere in the country, and created the first ever translation of the Bible into an Aboriginal language. It’s also the first time an Aboriginal language was printed. Threlkeld also agitated the powers-that-be asking for Aboriginal land rights and demanded protection for First Nations People under British law.

Uniting Church Synod of NSW and the ACT
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Gathering



Everyone is invited and all are welcome

10am Tuesday 6th September 2022

(morning tea from 9.30am) BYO LUNCH

‘Hamilton Hive’ Community Hub

150 Beaumont St, Hamilton

(next to Hamilton Uniting Church)

Guest Speaker – Rev Jon Owen

Pastor and CEO – The Wayside Chapel

10 minute walk from Hamilton Railway Station

Those requiring a lift contact Philip Wrightson

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Charlestown & Garden Suburb Uniting Church



8am

Saturday 20 August

Charlestown Uniting Church, 24 Milson St

Cost \$12

Taking hold of the near edge

Social Justice

Why bother?

Our Speaker is Gwenda Brownell

Gwenda is the leader of the social justice team at Toronto Uniting Church. This team has led a variety of activities both advocating for and taking action towards bringing about social justice where unjust systems bring harm to people. Our hope brings us to work in the small ways available to us for Australia to be a nation that is just, compassionate, inclusive and courageous.

From little things

RSVP to Paul Russell pmraus74@gmail.com or phone 0411 236 047

Please advise of any special dietary requirements

by Wednesday 17 August

Administration Officer: A challenging role in a missional organisation

Location of The Hunter Presbytery UCA office: Warners Bay, NSW, Australia

Salary: Negotiated depending on experience

Employment Type: Fixed term Part time (negotiable 50-70%); Work from home option

Category: Accounting, Finance/Banking/Insurance, Real Estate/Property

Key Purpose of the Role:

The **Administration Officer** provides finance, business, property and governance support and advice to The Hunter Presbytery UCA Governance Committees and the associated Congregations of UCA members.

Key Areas of Responsibility

- Providing administration of the financial operations, human resources, WHS, payroll, communications activities and of property assets of The Hunter Presbytery in accordance with its governance charter;
- Providing advice to the Presbytery Finance and Property Committee and Presbytery Standing Committee to enable effective strategic planning;
- Providing financial and business advice on projects within The Hunter Presbytery including work on developing business plans and assessing financial viability of projects;
- Assisting Congregations of UCA members with reporting compliance to Church and government bodies and informing Governance Committees of areas of non-compliance and/or issues that have legal implications, ensuring that appropriate decisions are taken, and remedial actions are implemented in a timely manner;
- Seeking innovative opportunities for effective stewardship of Presbytery managed properties and investments to support the ongoing work of the Presbytery;
- Implementing Continuous Improvement in our practice of governance.

Essential Capacities:

The key capacities that are required in this position are:

Key Role Specific:

- A general knowledge of the Uniting Church in Australia;
- A relevant qualification in business or finance, with 5-10 years administration experience;
- Ability to prioritise and have oversight over the varied ministries and businesses within Presbytery's responsibility.

Key Person Specific:

- Maturity in personality and Christian faith with a clear set of values consistent with the Uniting Church as expressed in the Basis of Union;
- An explicit sense of hope for the development of missional activities within the Uniting Church.

Employer Profile:

The Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) is one of the largest not for profit and religious organisations in Australia. Broadly, each state has a governing council, known as the Synod, with its own boards to manage its affairs. The Synods are drawn together through a National Assembly. The Hunter Presbytery is a part of the UCA Synod of NSW and ACT, which is incorporated under an Act of Parliament and includes a Property Trust which effectively owns all the assets of the Church.

The Hunter Presbytery encompasses a region of the Upper and Lower Hunter Valley, in the Local Government areas of Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Cessnock, Dungog, Singleton, Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter. There are over 30 active Congregations across the region.

Presbytery Vision: A strong Uniting Church presence in cities and rural localities of the Hunter Valley that is strategic, vibrant, diverse and Christ Centred.

To Apply:

For further information including remuneration, and to request a detailed Position Description/ Presbytery Profile, please contact Convenor, Finance and Property Committee, The Hunter Presbytery at treasurer@hunter.uca.org.au



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