

Uniting Church in Australia
Synod of New South Wales and the ACT

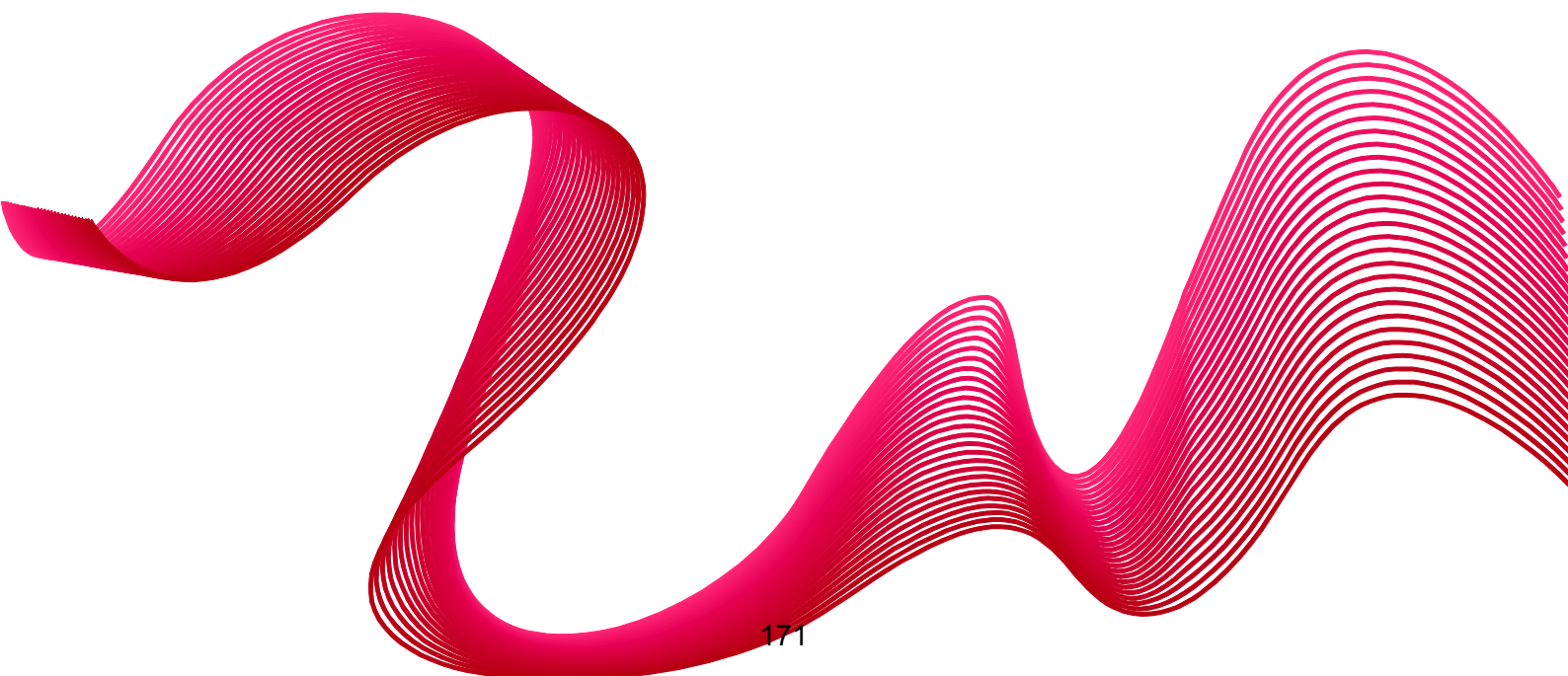


SYNOD 2014

Recognition of Ministers of the Word
& Deacons Ordained
and Lay Pastors Commissioned
since the 2013 Synod

Retired Ministers of the Word,
Deacons, Deaconesses & Lay Pastors

Jubilarians



Recognition of Ministry Service

Lord, you give the great commission

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the Word."
Lest the church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
Refrain:
*with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.*

- 2 Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise
life abundant meant for each
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community;
.../Refrain

- 3 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
.../Refrain

- 4 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
.../Refrain

Author: Jeffery W. Rowthorn (1978)
Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH [TiS 446]

Bible Reading Hebrews 12:1-6, 12-14

Introduction

Psalm 100

A Psalm of Thanksgiving.

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Appreciations (names are read)

Presentation of Booklet to Moderator

Formal reception of Minute of Appreciation

(received by applause)

Responses – Mrs Ruth Dicker
Rev. John Barker

Prayers for those who have been recognised and for the world they have served and continue to serve.

Hymn

1 We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service
To witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different,
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united
 And let our song be heard.
 Now let us be a vessel
 For God's redeeming word.
 We all are one in mission,
 We all are one in call,
 Our varied gifts united
 By Christ, the Lord of all.

Author: Rusty Edwards, 1986
Tune: Aurelia [TiS 457]

(The members of the Synod stand and move to surround the people who are being honoured)

May the feet of God walk with you,
and his hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you,
and his ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you,
and his breath give you life.
May the Child of God grow in you,
and his love bring you home.

TIS779
Author: Robin Mann, 1949
Tune: Aubrey [TiS 779]

Ordinations

Minister	Ministry	Placement	Date
Rev. John Barker	Minister of the Word	Balgowlah Uniting Church	24/04/2013
Rev. Keun Il Ko	Minister of the Word	Narrandera Uniting Church	23/06/2013
Rev. Sung Kwang (Ace) Kim	Minister of the Word	One Heart Ministry	17/11/2013
Rev. Jo-Anne Smalbil	Minister of the Word	Frontier Services	08/12/2013
Rev. Hye Ja Kim	Minister of the Word	Caves Beach Uniting Church	29/12/2013
Rev. Helen Paine	Minister of the Word	Northern Synod	11/01/2014
Rev. Suzanne Stanton	Minister of the Word	Targeted Congregational Development Officer Sydney Presbytery	22/02/2014
Rev. Fololeni Tafokitau	Minister of the Word	Petersham Tongan Uniting Church	02/03/2014
Rev. Seung Jae Yeon	Minister of the Word	Gladesville Boronia Park	19/07/2014

Commissionings

Minister	Ministry	Placement	Date
Pastor Richard Moors	Pastor Pathway A	Upper Hunter Ministry	22/06/2013
Ms Rebecca Leslie	Pastor Pathway A	Eastwood Uniting Church	23/06/2014

**Ministers Admitted as UCA Ministers
from Another Denomination**

Minister	From	Placement	Date
Rev. Krikor Youmshajekian	Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East	Longueville St Andrew's Uniting Church	22/06/2013
Rev. Dr John Cox	Baptist Church	Chaplain at UnitingCare North Sydney Region, Wesley Gardens	30/11/2013
Rev. Tony Blake	Baptist Church in NSW	Chaplain at UnitingCare Ageing, Western Region	04/12/2013
Rev. Martin Levine	Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa	Principal at Alan Walker College	2/02/2014

Ministers Transferred from Other Synods

Minister	Synod	Date Transferred
Rev. Robert B. Brennan	QLD	01/12/2012
Rev. Glennis Johnston	Vic/Tas	08/08/2014

**Ministers from Other Denominations Serving
in The Uniting Church in Australia**

Minister	On Secondment From	Placement
Rev. Sang Heon Ahn	The General Assembly of Presbyterian Church of Korea (Daeshin)	Epping Sam-Il Korean
Rev. Geoffrey Cann	The Baptist Union Of Australia	Chaplain at UnitingCare NSW & ACT South Coast/Southern Highlands
Rev. Bo Young Chun	The Presbyterian Church in Korea (PCK)	Korean Presbytery
Rev. Andrew Cunningham	The Methodist Church in Ireland	Orange Uniting Church
Rev. Maria Gezina (Riana) Kok	Dutch Reformed Church, South Africa	Narromine Uniting Church
Rev. Dr Kye Won Lee	The Presbyterian Church of Korea (Tong Hap)	Armidale Uniting Church
Rev. Edwin Perkins	The Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa	Canberra Region Presbytery

RETIRED MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Name: Rev. Grahame Abrahams

Ordained: 2010

Retired: 31 January 2014

Spouse: Fran

History:

NSW; Nimbin 1990-1992; Alpine 01/93-05/02; Nabitac Hallidays Point 06/02-01/04; Shellharbour 01/05-31/01/2014 (Ordained as a Minister of the Word 25 September 2010); Close of Ministry Service 2nd February 2014.

Name: Rev. John Blair

Ordained: 1973

Retired: 1 July 2013

Spouse: Rebecca

History:

I very much enjoyed my eleven years' service to the UCA. The skills acquired all through my education, clinical pastoral internship and residency, teaching of Religious Studies, Atlanta District Counseling Service directorship, and pastoral ministry in six American churches, honed my interests in serving as the 7th Flying Patrol Minister in Broken Hill, and later, as Minister in St. Ninian's, Lyneham, ACT.

We so appreciate my colleagues, and our friends in Australia, from the Far West to the Coast. We thank God for the depth of fellowship and understanding of the human condition and managed resources, which the UCA provided us.

May God's blessings be with you all.

Rev. John (and Becky) Blair



Name: Rev. Dr John Braakman

Ordained: 1984

Retired: 31 January 2014

Spouse: Dieske

History:

Born 16 January 1939 in Arnhem, Netherlands. Migrated to Australia in February 1954. Self-employed in building construction 1956 – 1981. UTC 1982 – 1984 graduated with BTh. Minister of the Word at Narrabri Uniting Church January 85 – March 89; Randwick-Maroubra April 89 – April 99. Gained D.Min from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1996 Thesis, 'A Theology of Culture, for Mission in the Australian Context'. Minister of the Word at Hurstville May 99 – December 2013. Gained PhD from Flinders University (South Australia) in 2003, Thesis 'Correlation of Theology and Psychology, Implications for Pastoral Care'. Served on a number of Synod boards and Presbytery committees. Served as member and chairperson of the Sydney Region Age Care board. Retired on 1 February 2014. Part time long supply placement at Weston Creek July 2014 – September 2014.



Name: Rev. Owen Butt

Ordained: 1987

Retired: 30 June 2013

Spouse: Lynda (d. 5/2/2009)

History:

NSW; Goulburn/Gunning Intern year 1986; Upper Hunter 01/88-12/94; Jerilderie 01/95-03/96; Leave of Absence 04/96-12/97; NA.01/98-12/01; Padstow 01/02-12/11; Awaiting Placement 01/12; Permanently Retired as of 30/6/2013 as a UCA minister, but certainly not retired from ministry. Now co-ordinating a food shop at Padstow Baptist Church for people on low incomes, an amazing outreach ministry, and more excited than ever about what Holy Spirit is doing around the world, the likely soon return of our Lord Jesus, and the privilege of being allowed by the Lord Jesus to have a share with Him in what He is doing in this world.



Name: Rev. Bo Young Chun

Ordained: 1996

Retired: 28 February 2014

History:

NSW; Belmore Shalom Presbyterian 04/08-28/02/2014; Permanently Retired 28/02/2014

Name: Rev. Gregory Crawford

Ordained: 1982

Retired: 30 November 2014

History:

NSW; Griffith 1983; Coleambally-Darlington Point 01/84-01/88; Dubbo 02/88-02/93; Secular Employment 03/93-04/94; Port Stephens 05/94-01/09; Morisset 02/09-30/11/2014; Permanently Retired 30/11/2014

Name: Rev. Helen Edgerton

Ordained: 1997

Retired: 31 October 2013

Spouse: Graham

History:

- In placement with Wesley Home Care, I was the first Chaplain to be part of Community Aged Care Packages caring for elderly in the community and staff. I was also included on the Management Team and delighted to see the appointment of an extra Deacon and Pastoral Care Assistant as the work expanded.
- As Chaplain with Lucan Care in Leichhardt, the focus was with residents and staff in Low and High Care. As 'Regions' were introduced I became Pastoral Co-ordinator for the Sydney Region, and once again part of the Management Team. Over the next five years I saw the Pastoral Team expand and become involved with community work.
- A congregational setting at Marsden Road UC Carlingford was my final placement. While initially reluctant, but aware of God's 'pushing', these five years were amazingly fulfilling as people began to believe in themselves, and numbers and energy levels grew.



Name: Rev. Neil Ericksson

Ordained: 1983

Retired: 30 September 2014

History:

Ordained as a Minister in the Presbyterian Church of Australia, Neil was chaplain at the Scots School, Bathurst (1983 – 1985), Cronulla Presbyterian Church (1985 – 1989), The Scots School, Bathurst (1989 – 1991), Wentworthville Presbyterian Church (1991 – 1996), St. Andrew's, Canberra (1996 – 1997).

Joined the UCA (1998).

Bankstown District 01/99 – 04/02.

Riverina Presbytery Minister 05/02 – 06/06.

Sydney Presbytery Minister and Chairperson 07/06 – 30/06/2013

Supply Minister at Strathfield – Homebush 01/07/2013 – 31/12/2013

Long Supply at Lindfield Uniting Church 01/07/2014 – present.



Name: Rev. Glenn Farquhar-Nicol

Ordained: 1982

Retired: 9 December 2013

Spouse: Julie

History:

Glebe Parish 1983 - 1991

Gosford Parish 1992 - 1999

Kiama/Jamberoo 2000 - 2012

04/03/2013 - temporary disablement

09/12/2013 - permanent disablement



Name: Rev. Wesley H. Hartley
Ordained: 18 October 1973
 (Methodist - Wesley Church Melbourne)
Retired: 30 September 2013
Spouse: Beverley



History:

Student Minister, Hilton-Spearwood	1971-1972
Student Minister, East Malvern, Victoria	1973-1975
Minister, Hobart Central Mission-Sandy Bay, Tasmania	1976-1977
Minister, Upper Avon (Pingelly-Beverley-Brookton) WA	1978-1984
Minister, Manning WA	1985-1990
Minister, Trinity Uniting Church, St George's Terrace, Perth WA	
General Secretary, Conference of Churches of Western Australia and Secretary Heads of Churches of WA	1992-1998
Executive Officer Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (WA)	1999-2000
Minister, Busselton WA	2001-2011
Locum Placement	Feb 2012
Transferred to NSW from WA	1 November 2013
Presbytery Officer/Presbytery Secretary Presbytery of The Hunter, Newcastle NSW	Jan-Sept 2013
Retired 30 September 2013 and returned to live in WA.	

Name: Rev. Gregor Henderson
Ordained: 1971
Retired: 31 December 2012
Spouse: Kaisa



History:

VIC; East Keilor 1968-1969; UK; Alloa, Scotland 1970-1971; VIC; ordained in 1971; Shepparton North 1971-1975; Wodonga 1975-1982; TAS; Hobart 1983-1988; NSW; Assembly General Secretary 01/89-12/00; Ecumenical or Church Related Body 01/01-04/03; Ecumenical or Church Related Body 50% 05/03 + 50% supply Canberra Central 05/03-11/03; Awaiting Placement 12/03-01/04; Canberra Central 02/04-06/06; President of Assembly 07/06-06/09; Canberra Central 07/09 - 31/12/2013; Permanently Retired as of 31 December 2013.

Name: Rev. Hannie Hoffmann

Ordained: 1994

Retired: 30 June 2013

History:

Hannie was ordained at Wayside Chapel in the Cross and worked as part of the Ministry Team.



In her role as Chaplain she worked at UCA's War Memorial Hospital, the Garrison Killarney Retirement Centre in Mosman, and at North Shore Hospital (six month supply), as a Minister of the Word at Mosman UCA, Dulwich Hill/ Hurlstone Park, Marrickville, Lindfield, Longueville, some in supply positions.

She trained in Intentional Interim and Resource Ministry. Hannie was involved in Sydney Alliance from its inception on various levels. All the above positions have deliberately been part time to enable her to be involved in her work in the wider community:

In professional supervision, teaching in TAFE Community Services etc.

Hannie is passionate about the nearly 70% of Australians who chose not to link with an established faith path, but many of whom are clearly on a deeply inner spiritual journey often in isolation. In retirement she is exploring Gathering Spaces in a number of Sydney locations.

She is currently in a Resource Worker supply position at UAICC.

Name: Rev. Dr John Hoskin
Ordained: 27 April 1990 at St Clair Uniting Church
Retired: 7 July 2013
Spouse: Cathy



History:

After formative and nurturing experiences in youth leadership in St Ives Presbyterian/Uniting Church, and a gap year teaching in a Methodist School in Fiji, John found himself led into ministry. He completed a Business degree and spent some time in the corporate sector before going to Bible College. In 1984 he commenced three enjoyable years as the youth worker in Caringbah Uniting Church prior to candidating for ministry. After completing a B.Th., John and family attended a Graduate School at the WCC Ecumenical Institute, broadening their appreciation of the global church and ministry task. Returning to Australia, John's ordained ministry commenced in St Clair (1990-1994), during which time he appreciated the rich and diverse parish team environment and opportunities to engage in the provision of theological education at UTC. Encouraged to go further in this direction, John uprooted the family and moved to Cambridge UK to complete doctoral studies under the wise mentoring and direction of Prof. Graham N. Stanton and the divinity faculty of King's College London. Working across the disciplines of biblical studies, anthropology and archaeology, John commenced his involvement in field archaeology in the Holy Land and produced a dissertation, The Narrative Geography of Mark. Settlement in Carlingford (1998-2004) followed their return to Sydney, where John continued to teach at WIMA, Tabor College, Southern Cross College and UTC. He served on a range of boards and committees including the Board of Wesley College and on the Board of Education in this period and spent a brief period as the ELM Centre Director of Education for Life and Minister (2004-2005). Supply ministry with West Epping (2005-2006) and Kenthurst (2006) followed, before ministry with the congregation at Pennant Hills (2008-2013).

Name: Rev. Seok Ho Kim
Ordained: 1978
Retired: 30 October 2013
Spouse: Mrs Jung Yon Kim



History:

Korea

1969-1972 Armed service in Korea
1978 Ordained (Presbyterian Church in Korea)
1978-1981 Assistant Minister Busan and Seoul Churches
1981-1985 Minister in South Seoul Church
1985-1987 Commissioned minister in Seoul Shinil Church

Australia (1987 emigrated to Australia)

1987-2013 Epping Samil Church (inaugurated 1994)
1998-1999 Chairperson of Korean Commission

Name: Rev. Owen Lukins

Ordained: 1984

Retired: 30 April 2014

Spouse: Linda

History:



Owen was born at Ryde and as a child attended Epping Congregational Church . He came to a personal faith in Jesus Christ through the influence of two friends while attending Sydney Teachers College. He subsequently taught as a Maths teacher at Tottenham Central School, Mouth DrUITT High and Epping Boys High.

On the week that he arrived in Tottenham in 1968, he was asked by one of the locals if he attended church. When Owen indicated he did, he heard the words, “That’s good, we need a new Sunday school teacher”. The very next Sunday, he was teaching his first Sunday school lesson, even though he was only very new in his own faith experience. At Tottenham he attended both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

On his return to Sydney he continued as a Sunday school teacher as well as helping run a youth group at Ryde Wesley Church. Owen’s desire to explore ministry beyond the local church led to him to be involved with ISCF groups, youth camps (Scripture Union, Christian Endeavour, Methodist Crusaders) and Youth With A Mission. For almost 10 years, he was also part of a team which ran yearly holiday programmes with Aboriginal children at Wilcannia.

It was while teaching and being involved in the variety of Christian activities, that he sensed God’s call towards some form of ministry other than school teaching. This ultimately led him to “testing the waters” as a lay pastor in the Cronulla Uniting Parish (mid 1978 to 1981), followed by theological training at UTC (1982 to 1984), and then placements as minister of the Word at Moree (1985 to 1988), Bega (1989 to 2001) and Dapto (2002 to 30th April 2014).

Over his years of ministry, Owen developed a passion for pastorally caring for people – particularly those who were hurting or viewed themselves as the “underdog”. He is convinced that the same Lord who became real to him and has given him hope and purpose, wants others to experience that same hope and purpose in their own lives, as they respond to God’s grace and love and choose to walk with Jesus.

Name: Rev. Will Pearson

Ordained: 6 March 2011

Retired: 31 August 2014

Spouse: Betty

History:



Will has served the church in a lay capacity for most of his life, including as an Elder, Secretary and Chair of Church Council, Lay Preacher, Community Lay Director for Emmaus, Member of Synod and Synod Standing Committee and other Synod Committees, Member of Assembly, Treasurer of Rural Ministry Unit, Chair of New England North West Presbytery, and NSW representative on National Lay Preachers' Association.

He commenced a twenty one month Intentional Interim Ministry at Armidale in March 2007, after retiring from his position as a Wool and Portfolio Manager for Elders Ltd. In January 2009 he accepted a call to Macquarie Darling Presbytery as half time Presbytery and Resource Minister and half time Minister with the Broken Hill Congregation, a position he has held for the last five and a half years.

Will was ordained as a Minister of the Word in March 2011. He has also been a member of ACOMP. He is still active as a Police Chaplain, Member and Peer Support Person within the Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network and a GNRC member.

Name: Rev. Stephen Reid

Ordained: 1981

Retired: 31 January 2014

Spouse: Kerry

History:

NSW; Maitland 1981-1986; Carlingford 01/87-12/97; Cherrybrook-West Pennant Hills 01/98-03/07; Ku-ring-gai Presbytery Minister 04/07-31/01/2014; Permanently Retired 31/01/2014; Member of Carlingford UC (Parramatta Nepean).

Name: Rev. Elizabeth Richardson

Ordained: 2009

Retired: 31 October 2014

History:

NSW; Canberra Central 11/08 - (Commissioned as a Lay Pastor 23/11/2008) 10/09; Awaiting Placement 11/09; Supply Eurobodalla 50% 01/10 (Ordained as a Minister of the Word 11 October 2009) – 08/10; Eurobodalla Linked Congregations 70% 09/10 -31/10/2014; Permanently Retired 31/10/2014

Name: Rev. Neil Smith

Ordained: 1985

Retired: 31 March 2014

Spouse: Marilyn

History:

Neil began ministry in the City of Campbelltown Regional Mission with the task of exploring a new congregation amongst public housing residents in the Ambarvale/Rosemeadow area. After 12 months was he joined by wife Maz. Neil then worked part time in the Campbelltown congregation and in Parramatta Nepean Presbytery working to start Home Based Fellowships. During this time he put together a course for people starting new congregations.

Neil had placements with the congregation at St. Andrew's Glenbrook, followed by New Lambton and then Bankstown District Congregation.



Name: Rev. Noreen Towers
Ordained: Deaconess 1965, Minister of the Word 1985
Retired: 31 January 2014



History:

Noreen's first appointment as a Deaconess in the Methodist Church was to Liverpool 1963-1964. She was then appointed to the Central Methodist Mission/Wesley Central Mission in Sydney as a Deaconess in 1964-1985. She was ordained as a Minister of the Word in 1985 and continued to serve at Wesley Mission from 1985-2004.

During her 40 years at Wesley Mission she was responsible for the ministry with homeless people. She established the Church for the Homeless, a Day Care Centre, and residential facilities which included Edward Eagar Lodge Hostel, Serenity House and supported Community Housing. Her international engagements included speaking at the 15th World Methodist Conference at Nairobi in 1986 and the World Methodist Evangelism Seminar in Atlanta in 1990.

Noreen then ministered in the Orange Parish where she served for 9 years 2005-2014. During this time she established the Mustard Tree Café as an outreach program to the community. She now concludes a period of 51 years of full time active ministry within the church

Name: Rev. Mark Watt
Ordained: 1993
Retired: 15 April 2014
Spouse: Mrs Judy Watt



History:

Mark worked as a claims investigator with NRMA, then in the Public Service for ten years, mainly in workers' compensation. Moving to Queensland he and wife Judy were involved in various business activities, and it was here that Mark received his call to the ministry. It came out of a conversation in 1987 with a recovering alcoholic whose experience at a Catholic school was such that he thought that there was no grace in Christianity.

At first Mark worked with Judy in lay ministry in Shellharbour, NSW from the middle of 1988, before studying for ordination at United Theological College and being awarded a BTh. During his time at UTC Mark was supported by Judy in Youth and Family ministry at the Boundary Rd Congregation. He was ordained in 1993, and has served in four parish appointments and some supply ministry before going to Broken Bay in 2011. Initially Mark was minister at North Lake Macquarie Parish then St John's at Wahroonga. This was followed by some supply ministry as the Westmead Hospital Chaplain then ministry at the Tamworth and District. From 2001 Mark moved into placement at the Tuggerah Lake Parish and then Broken Bay.

An aspect of Mark's calling to ministry has been additional part-time work as a Regional Police Chaplain and as a Chaplain in the Australian Army Reserve. In both of these he has received many commendations and considerable personal satisfaction in helping people with needs and problems.

JUBILARIANS

50 years – ordained in 1964/1963

Rev. Dr Jonathan Barker

1964; SA; Gilberton and Youth Field Officer 1964-1966; WA; Applecross 1966-1968; Overseas Study 1969-1970; Presbyterian Board of Mission Mowanjum 1970-1972; International Training Institute, Bombay 1972-1974; NSW; Sydney, Pitt Street 1974-1976; SA; Awaiting Placement 1977-1978; Whyalla 1979-1983; Parkside Parish 1984-1991; Associate Director, Lay Education, Parkin-Wesley College 1985-1988; Marion-Warradale 1991-1995; Coordinator Aboriginal Reconciliation for S.A. 1994-1995; NSW; Bondi Beach Parish Mission 1996-1998; NT; Nungalinga College 1999-2002; SA; Adelaide, Pilgrim Uniting Church 2003-01/07; Permanently Retired 02/07; NSW; South Woden 07/08 -09/10; Intentional Interim Ministry with Goulburn Linked Congregations 02/13-31/01/2014

Rev. John Edwards

NSW; Kogarah 1962-64; Cooma-Bombala 1965-68; Department of Christian Education 1969-12/74; Without Placement 12/74-06/86; VIC; Without Placement 6-10/93; Awaiting Placement 11/93-12/93; Chaplain at The Scot's School Albury 01/94-12/00, NSW; Permanently Retired 01/01

Rev. Robert Emery

ENG; Long Buckby and East Haddon 1964-1968; Swinford and Yelvertoft 1966-1968; NSW; Marrickville 1968-1972; Leave of Absence - Sydney Missionary - Bible College 1972-1981; Beverly Hills 1982-1988; Turramurra 04/88-12/94; Shoalhaven 01/97-01/03; Permanently Retired 02/03

Rev. Donald Erickson

NSW; Lane Cove 1955-1958; Concord 1958-1960; Canberra 1964-1970; Griffith 1970-1978; Turramurra 1979-1987; Lyneham, ACT 01/88-12/96; Permanently Retired 12/96

Deaconess Myra Gebhardt

NSW; went to college 1959-1961; Menindee Nursing Service 1961-1963; Forestville Mission with Rev Bush at Beacon Hill 1963-1965; continued voluntary work in areas such as Coonamble, Lismore, Queanbeyan and went to work voluntarily at Cootamundra in 1982; moved to Campbelltown 1986 and did a year of work with Rev. David Peters; working 3 years at Campbelltown Uniting Church pre-school for abused children; worked 11 years with wheelchair people; permanently retired in 2002.

“If I help somebody, as I go my way, then my living is not in vain.”

Rev. Roy Glover

NSW; Botany 1960-1962; Dubbo 1963; Property Department 1964-1966; Department of Administration 1966-1977; Synod Board of Finance and Property 1977-1981; Finance Resources Development Officer 1982-1983; Wesley Central Mission 04/83-07/89; Permanently Retired 07/89

Rev. Robert Grant

NSW; Goulburn 1957-1960; Ermington 1960-1964; Moruya 1964-1967; Pittwater 1967-1974; Secular Employment Narrabeen 1974-1976; (Ecumenical or Church Related Body) Balgowlah Heights 1976-1977; Wollongong Parish Mission 1978-1984; Permanently Retired 1984

Rev. Neville Gray

NSW; Robertson 1959; Boggabri 1964; Woy Woy 1965-1967; Windsor-Richmond 1968-1970; USA; 1971-1974; NSW; Hornsby 1974; Orange 1975; Shoalhaven 1976-1979; VIC; Chaplain at Hamilton College 1980-1982; Cavendish 1983-1984; NSW; Forbes 01/85-10/91; Gynea-Miranda 11/91-09/94; Permanently Retired 10/94

Rev. Vernon James

NSW; Port Kembla 1962-1964; Central Hunter 1965-1968; Tuggerah Lakes 1969-1972; Bulli 1973-1980; Wagga Wagga 01/81-12/89; Picton 01/90-01/98; Narrabri 02/98-12/03; Permanently Retired 01/04

Rev. Thomas Jennings

NSW; Homebush 1959; Scots Church, Sydney; Condell Park 1961; Lalor Park 1961-1963; Hillston-Gunbar 1964-1967; Wollongong West-Figtree 1967-1972; Chaplain The Scots College 1972-1978; Chaplain Newington College 1979-1981; Roseville 01/82-08/87; Leave of Absence 09/87-08/91; Permanently Retired 08/91

Rev. James Newman

NSW; Cobar 1957-1958; Arncliffe 1959; Balmain 1960; Wentworthville 1961-1963; Wingham 1964-1967; Stockton 1968-1972; Cessnock 1973-1975; Cooma 1976-1980; Cardiff 1981-1986; Waratah-Broadmeadow 03/86-1990; Permanently Retired 1990

Rev. Dr Keith Rowe

NSW; Pitt St Sydney 05/95- 04/98; Auburn 05/98-09/01; Permanently Retired 10/01

Rev. Dr Bruce Roy

QLD: Maranoa (Roma) 1964-1968; Maryborough North 1968-1970; Chaplain Army: Townsville (2 RAR) 1970; South Vietnam (2 RAR/NZ) 1970-71; VIC: Puckapunyal 1971-1974; NSW: Kapooka 1974; QLD; Enoggera Barracks (1 Div) 1975-1980; I Military Hospital Yeronga 1980-1981; NSW; Randwick Barracks 01/82-10/85; Victoria Barracks 10/85-12/88; Training Command 01/89-02/97; Principal Chaplain (Part Time) 03/97-12/99; North Ryde (Interim) 03/97-02/99; Mosman (Supply) 03/99-12/99; Randwick-Maroubra (Supply) 01/00-10/00; Turrumurra (Interim) 01/01-12/02; Leave of Absence 01/03-03/04; Permanently Retired 04/04.

Rev. Noel Thomas

NSW; Dorrigo 1959-1960; The Entrance 1963-1964; North Parramatta 1964; Crows Nest 1965; Peak Hill 1966-1969; Lismore 1970-1974; Dungog 1975-1981; North Lake Macquarie 1982-1991; ITIM 1991-03/96; Permanently Retired 03/96

60 years – ordained in 1954/1953

Rev. Trevor Barrett

NSW; Wingham-Comboyne 1949; Adelong 1953-1954; Harden 1955-1959; Muswellbrook 1960-1963; Cessnock 1964-1967; Epping 1968-1974; Ryde 1975-1978; Hamilton 1979-1984; Burwood-Croydon 01/85-02/88; Permanently Retired 03/88

Rev. Dr Gordon Dicker

NSW; Wagga Wagga 1950; Leigh College 1951-1953; Kensington 1954-04/ 1955; INDONESIA; sent by Methodist Overseas Mission to the Evangelical Christian Church in Timor (GMIT) 11/1955 – 02/1962; NSW; Wesley College 1962-1965; Leave of Absence in USA; study for Th.D. 1965-1969; Hasbrouck Heights N.J. United Church of Christ 1965-1969; NSW; Belmont 1970-1972; Gladesville 1973-1975; Leigh College, Lecturer in Theology 1973-1974; United Theological College, Lecturer in Theology 1975-01/96; Principal UTC 1989-1995; Moderator of NSW Synod 1984-1985; Permanently Retired 01/96

Rev. John Mason

NSW; Lismore 1952; Inland Mission (Katherine) 1953-1954; Goulburn 1955-1958; Tighes Hill 1959-1962; Dubbo 1963-1964; Resigned 1964 - Member of Parliament 1964-1985; Readmitted 1985; Hamilton 04/85-01/92; Nambucca River 03/92-04/95; Permanently Retired 04/95

Rev. Dr Arthur North

NSW; Part-time supply to St James Glenfield 1997; Part time supply to Auburn Uniting Church; part time supply to St James Glenfield 2001-2008; Church Life and Work Executive to Standing Committee NSW 1960-1966 renamed Church and National Committee, Convenor 1966-1973; GA NSW rep to British and Foreign Bible Society 1959-1970; GA NSW rep to Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission 1964-1967; Member and Convenor NSW Church Life and Work/Church and Nation Committee; Member and Convenor GAA Public Questions/Church and nation Committee; Founding President of the Gladesville and District Community Aid Service 1966-1969; President of Canterbury Community Aid Bureau 1974-1990; BA Sydney University 1952; BD Melbourne CD; Doctor of Ministry (San Francisco Theological Seminary 1981; Master of Counselling, University of Western Sydney 2005; Counsellor, Marriage Guidance Council NSW; Registered Psychologist 1994-2011

Rev. John O'Reilly

NSW; Myall River 1946-1947; Wyong (Long Jetty) 1947-1948; Glen Davis 1948-1949; Training 1949-1951; Cobar 1952-1954; Wallamba 1954-1958; Canowindra 1958-1961; The Rock-Lockhart 1962-1963; NT; Tennant Creek 1964-1967; NSW; Cootamundra 1968-1972; Maitland 1973-1978; Lakemba 1979-1983; Molong 06/83-05/90; Blayney 06/90-12/92; Permanently Retired 01/93. To QLD Synod 1 October 2011.

Rev. Dr Len Thompson

NSW; Goulburn 1949-1950; Milton 1953-1954; Crookwell 1955-1959; Cowra 1960-1962; Newtown 1963-1970; Beecroft 1971-1980; Orange 1981-1987; Forster-Tuncurry 1987-07/91; Permanently Retired 07/91

70 years and over – ordained in 1944

Rev. Ronald Blackwood

University of Melbourne; 1944 Ordained Stanley TAS; 1947 Geelong St. David's; 1957 Wahroonga NSW; 1969 Gardiner VIC; 1982 Mildura VIC; 1985 Retired

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