



National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee Reflecting on #NAIDOC2022



The theme of this NAIDOC Week reminds us of the call of God upon our lives. It is an invitation to reflect on the journey we have been on.

The colonisation of this country disempowered and took away all that we were as human, as First Nations people, created in the image of God. This week we recall those who were not afraid to be brave, to stand up to injustice. We are reminded of where the path of following God takes us. We are reminded of the relationships God has given to us and the sense of justice that emanates from this Church. God is calling us to get involved. To stand up and be brave. To stand up and be counted.

Uncle Rev Mark Kickett, Noongar man on the lands of the Kaurna people, Interim National Chair of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress

And so walking in the footprints of warriors past We too are given the strength for perseverance

To lean into the truth-telling and justice race

We are called to know

We are called to get up, stand up and show up for justice

Alison Overeem, Advocate Walking Together as First and Second Peoples Circle, on lands of the Muwinina people




Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! These words are a call to action. They call for more than words, statements, and empty rhetoric. The Church in Australia must move forward from its foundations in colonial theology and Eurocentric attitudes of assumed cultural superiority, continue to acknowledge its past failings in the treatment of First Peoples, and must take real and tangible steps to address the systemic marginalisation and mistreatment of First Peoples, both in the Church and in wider society. Hear our voices. Acknowledge our truth. Accept that just reparations are a part of genuine reconciliation. Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

Nathan Tyson, Panel Member Walking Together as First and Second Peoples Circle, on the lands of the Dharug people

All gains made by First Nations People in this land we now call Australia have happened because of fierce Indigenous leadership, organisation, activism and resistance. I long for the day when they no longer have to do this because they have achieved all they long for. This will require Second Peoples to get up, stand up and show up, not to take over but to be supportive allies of First Nations Peoples.

Rev Sharon Hollis, President of the Uniting Church in Australia, on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation





Reflecting on #NAIDOC2022 Continued



This year's NAIDOC theme, ***Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up***, reminds me and challenges me that justice for First Nations People and really walking together as First and Second Peoples starts with me. Am I willing to Get up, Stand Up and Show up to meet with, listen and learn from First Peoples and to join with them in advocating for justice?

Rob Floyd, Assembly Associate General Secretary, on the lands of the Cammeraygal people of the Eora Nation

This year's NAIDOC theme is a call to amplify all our voices as the First Peoples of this country, young and old, to bring change and to come together as one nation. This week is an opportunity to celebrate and embrace the oldest living culture on the planet, to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and to reflect on our spiritual journey. We must continue the momentum in the fight for change. We all must ***Get Up Stand Up and Show Up!***

Kelly Rambaldini Pulevaka, proud Bundjalung Woman, Carlton-Ramsgate Uniting Church, on the lands of the Gadigal/Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation



This NAIDOC week I'll be reflecting on what it means to Show Up and be part of the call for a Voice to Parliament. I encourage everyone to reflect on the Uluru Statement and learn more about how we can walk together as First and Second Peoples toward true justice for First Peoples. We must all Show Up. loud and proud, and throw our full support behind a Voice to Parliament – the time is now.

Claerwen Little, UnitingCare National Director, on the lands of the Dharawal people

The theme '***Get Up. Stand Up. Show Up,***' to me is a call to action and solidarity with First Peoples who are leading the way for a more truthful and just nation. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are consistently offering Second Peoples a beautiful vision of justice and harmony, with more grace than is commonly offered back. This NAIDOC week I recommit myself to listening to, learning from and deepening my relationship with the First Peoples of this land; supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart and showing up for voice, treaty and truth.

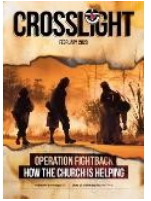
Dr Sureka Goringe, National Director of UnitingWorld, on the lands of the Darramuragal people.



In Christ, the Liberator and Giver of Peace, let us each other get up from where we live our faith. Then stand up and to be counted that our hearts are called to act for justice and responsibility no matter how it looks like. We show up with confidence because this Land is given to the First Peoples and allows us to live today and sustain Christ's love for tomorrow.

연승재 Seung Jae Yeon, Panel Member Walking Together as First and Second Peoples Circle, on on the land and water of Wallumettagal People of the Eora Nation

For the full text please go to <https://uniting.church/naidocreflections/>



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Print copies of CROSSLIGHT are available at the entrance of the Black Rock Uniting Church.

Prayers of the People



We pray for all in need especially -

Joyce Curnow	Stuart as he struggles with addiction	Susan Bartell
Hala	Jenny, Janine and June	Bronwyn
Elna (Joan's sister)	Bartholomeusz	Gloria, Samson & Family
Lyn (Elizabeth's friend)	Audrey Fewster's family and friends	Barb Loosemore
Virginia (Nan's friend)	Margaret's neighbour Joan	Isobel Churchward
Betty Kneen	Anita and Kingsley	Gemma and Teresa
Pete, Christine, Ben, Bruce & Valda (Jo-ann & David's friends)	Rosemary & Bob	Sybil Bond - sends her love and thanks for your prayers
Grace Fairbank		Fiona

The **FRIENDSHIP GROUP** will meet next **TUESDAY 12th JULY** at 10am at the Cheltenham Golf Club at the end of Victor Ave, off Weatherall Rd, Cheltenham. More information - Dawn 9585 5335 or Helen 85881789



WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thanks to everyone who have continued to make their weekly offering.

Envelopes: If you wish your offering to be specifically for Cheltenham, please place it in an envelope marked "Cheltenham" and place it in the offering bowl at church.

Direct Debit: Cheltenham / Mentone members note that direct payments can now be made to our new Westpac account at Southland, **BSB number is 033 358, Account Number is 664 881**

Payee "Uniting Church in Australia Cheltenham Mentone Parish Council"

The former Commonwealth Bank - BSB 06 3119, Account Number 1014 1206 - is still active for the time being.

Cheltenham-Mentone Members: Please bear in mind that although we are worshipping at Black Rock, the expenses of electricity, water, insurance, maintenance and Minister's stipend are still ongoing at Cheltenham.

Church on the Internet - Sunday 10am (virtual doors open 9:45 am)



If you don't have Zoom on your computer/laptop/iPad/Smartphone, click on <https://zoom.us/support/download> Then click on this link below or the "Sunday Church" image to join our Service -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247373230?pwd=WIM2UHJEemFWS3RScnNqM3puaGdZdz09>

Otherwise open Zoom and enter the following - **Meeting ID: 852 4737 3230 Passcode: 836844**

You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** and entering the above meeting details.



Videos on the Internet

YouTube Channel; Follow this link or click on the YouTube logo https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH-y4pZ_f_LezegZNi6nnQ to view a selection of **over 50** sermons and service preludes



Social Collection Department

BayCISS - collection of goods by Graeme & Joan Wood has recommenced. Leave goods with them at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them (Graeme & Joan Wood) on 9555 0462

Emerge - Financial help is the best way to help - Cheques to - GPO Box 420 Melbourne VIC 3001 or donate via the website www.emergesupport.org.au Emmerge welcomes vouchers for supermarkets or art materials which children could use at home - materials, pencils, colouring books etc. Margaret Bode is happy to collect items if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale. **Donations in an envelope marked EMERGE may be left in the collection plate.**

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