



NEWSLETTER

1 August – 7 August 2022

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

NRCC News and Notices

Sabbath Time: Rest, Renew, Reconnect

You are invited to this retreat day and rest from your work. As God did on the sixth day, we will celebrate that what we have done, what we do, is very good! We will bless our living and one another, held and loved and deeply blessed by God, our Creator.



Kate Scholl

Pastoral Theology Team & Registrar at
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Registration by 21st Aug. Gold coin donation on the day.
For more info and an RSVP, please contact Alex
(alex.chow@optusnet.com.au) or phone 0414 846 426



▪ **NRCC AGM Sunday Service on Aug 28**

We are going to have a time to give thanks to God for what He has blessed us with last year. Please put the date in your diary. More info will be sent out via email.

▪ **Special Blessing**

Our younger members have been back at school for three weeks now. This Sunday we will include a special time of blessing during our service for those who were not at church last week. We continue to think of Robbie as he sits for year 12 trial HSC exams.

▪ **Hammonds Preaching on Aug 21**

Mike and Jacky will be sharing their mission journey as well as a God's message with us. Please invite your friends or family members to this wonderful opportunity to know what the Lord is doing through the hands of His followers.

Community News and Notices

SIMWorld 2022 – “By Prayer for the Nations”

Hear what God continues to do around the world through SIM and pray together with us!

SIMWorld Online Event

Saturday 13th August 2022

7:30pm - 9pm (AEST) via Zoom.

**Or watch together with Jacky & Mike
at their home in North Rocks**

Let them know if you're coming 0493
064495 or mike.hammond@sim.org

Registration & more details
sim.org.au/simworld



▪ Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

Uniting Church Assembly: <https://uniting.church/news/>

NSW & ACT Synod: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/>

▪ Moderator's Flood Appeal to help devastated communities

The Uniting Church NSW/ACT has launched a special appeal to help those communities devastated by record-breaking floods.

<https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/media-release-moderator-s-flood-appeal-to-help-devastated-communities/>

Reflection of the Week

The doubting read about in the apostle Thomas' life culminated in his doubting the resurrected Christ, but when Christ appeared to him, he received the ultimate freedom from pessimism.

The effect freedom from pessimism brings is clearly seen in Thomas' life following that experience. Thomas' transformation was not just intellectual. His transformation changed every area of his life and moved him to do something great for God in response. Thomas took the Gospel into some of the toughest parts of the world in his day, areas such as Nineveh and India.

Freedom from pessimism begins when we understand what our calling teaches us about how loved by God we are. Our understanding is enhanced by remembering what God, in His power and awesome grace, has done on our behalf. When we experience, by faith, the resurrection power of our Lord Jesus Christ on a deep and personal level like Thomas did, Jesus will transform us from being pessimistic to visionary,

suspicious to victorious, uncertain to confident, and hopeless to joyful as we trust in the promises of God to make all things new in His perfect time.

Prayer: Father, thank You that I can have hope because I have experienced the power of the resurrected Christ in my life. Thank You for setting me free from pessimism. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

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Prayers

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Robyn, Steve or Pastoral Care Team.
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Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson Secretary: Jenny Keyte Treasurer: Anne Crabb

Team Leaders

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