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Dear Members,

Please find enclosed the June edition of *The Proceedings of the Uniting Church Historical Society, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania*. We hope you find it interesting to read, and once again, we thank the contributors for their articles and stories.

It's not too late to come to the **UNITING CHURCH NATIONAL HISTORY SOCIETY CONFERENCE** which is being held at the Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent, Parkville, from Friday evening, 7 June, to Monday afternoon, 10 June. The program includes the following.

Friday, 7.45 pm: Keynote speaker, Dr Meredith Lake, "Why religious history belongs in secular society".

Saturday, 9.15 am: Keynote speaker, Dr Joanna Cruickshank, "Intimate Enemies? Missions, Government and Aboriginal People in Australia, 1850-1970"

Saturday, from 11 am to 6 pm: Presentation of 20 minute papers from 18 speakers on varied topics. Speakers include Rev. Dr Robert Gribben, Mr Ken Barelli, Rev. Dr Barry Brown, Rev. Dr D'Arcy Wood, Dr Kerrie Handasyde, Mrs Alison Head, and others from interstate.

Saturday, 7.30 pm: "Musical DNA: songs that formed Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians", a choral program devised and led by the Rev. Dr D'Arcy Wood.

Sunday, 10 am Worship at the Church of All Nations, followed by lunch and then afternoon optional activities including St Kilda churches tour (Geoff Paterson), Melbourne's Stations of the Cross (Rev. Peter Gador-Whyte) and Queen's College and the Sugden Collection (Dr Jenny Bars).

Sunday, 7.45 pm: Keynote Speaker Professor Graeme Davison, “Religious history for a secular age”.

Monday, from 9.30 am: Two speakers, Ben Skerman on Korean Uniting Churches, and David Houston on “Lay People in the Uniting Church—learning and living the faith, and making a difference. A South Australian story”. This is followed by a display of photographs and artefacts from the Synod Archives around Australia.

Monday, 11.30 am: Uniting Church National History Society annual general meeting, followed by the close of the conference.

Enrolments are still open: go to <https://assembly.uca.org.au/history> and you can book online at the bottom of the page, or ring Ann Byrne, Event Coordinator at the Centre for Theology and Ministry on 9340 8800 or 0428 611 218.

#### **NEXT MEETING OF THE U.C. HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

This will be on Sunday 18 August, commencing at 2.30 pm, in The Avenue Uniting Church, corner of Blackburn Road and The Avenue, Blackburn. The speaker is the Rev. Dr D’Arcy Wood and his topic will be “**Is the UCA of 2020 anything like the vision of 1960?**”, a discussion of the contributions from the three previous denominations to the Uniting Church. There will also be a brief Annual General Meeting of the Society before Dr Wood speaks.

#### **Another boring reminder!**

Please, if you haven’t renewed your subscription to our Society for some time, do so now! If you are not sure whether you are up to date, please email [robert.renton@bigpond.com](mailto:robert.renton@bigpond.com) or phone him on 0427 812 606. Remember, it’s \$25 if a student or retired or \$30 if still working. You can bank the money directly into the account BSB 063-194 A/c 10031138, or you can post a cheque to PO Box 5064, Hoppers Crossing 3029.

With best wishes,

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