

**AN INVITATION TO MINISTERS AND MEMBERS  
OF THE UNITING CHURCH IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

The *LOOKING AHEAD* team extends an invitation to the third gathering for those engaged in considering the formation of *new geographic presbyteries*.

*Date: Friday, 14th June, 7-9pm*

*Venue: Adelaide West UC, Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park  
All are welcome*

**LOOKING AHEAD....**

Since the November 2018 decision of the SA Presbytery Synod a group of members have been involved in conversation about the formation of new presbyteries in SA. Two open gatherings have been held and over 200 UC members have provided feedback and insights about the vision and role of Presbyteries in the life of the Uniting Church. Many are looking forward to the formation of new presbyteries in 2020 and are convinced this will bring a renewed pastoral ethos through mutual caring and networking.

The group working on follow up to the meetings at Rosefield UC in February and The Corner in April have prepared a proposal to go to the June meeting of Presbytery-Synod. We believe this proposal summarizes insights from these gatherings and will assist congregations plan ahead.

The next gathering on 14<sup>th</sup> June will begin by outlining the steps taken to reach this point and invite questions and comments. We will then break into three working groups based on three regions in SA including rural and urban: North West, North East and South. Groups will consider the proposal to form three regional presbyters and the implications this has for strengthening and growing our vision for mission and ministry.

**The June 14th gathering will provide background information and resources in preparation for the meeting of the Transitional Presbytery on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Ministers and members of congregations are invited to the gathering on **Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>** which will be held at Adelaide West UC, Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park beginning at **7.00pm** and concluding by **9.00pm**.

The planning group has adopted the name LOOKING AHEAD and established a web site and Facebook page for your information. The web site includes documents and other resources about progress so far, <https://lookingahead.unitingchurch.org.au/>

The website also has resources that will support congregations planning a meeting to decide which Presbytery to join including 'frequently asked questions'.

On behalf of LOOKING AHEAD...

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