



CANBERRA CITY
UNITING CHURCH

City's Connections

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COVID-19 Update

The ACT Government has eased some restrictions on the number of people that can participate in activities. The primary constraint is now the physical size of the space to be used and the consequent maximum numbers based on the 4sqm rule.

Our Personnel and Administration Ministry (PAM) group is responsible to the Church Council for the development of plans for the resumption of various activities at the church. We will also consider advice from councils of the wider Uniting Church.

The plan for gathered church services will cover a number of issues such as:

- compliance with physical distancing rules including the one person per 4sqm ;
- effective hygiene and distancing in high traffic areas such as toilets and stairways;
- minimising the risk to those whose age or pre-existing condition means they are more likely to have a poor outcome if infected;
- the need to ask those with flu like symptoms not to attend;
- recording basic contact details for those who attend for tracing if necessary;
- the need to identify people to undertake new tasks that are required;
- the possibility of resuming related activities such as morning tea after services;
- thorough cleaning between services on the same day.

When the plan is completed and approved by the Church Council we will notify everyone via an email message and through Facebook explaining the timing, requirements and restrictions for participation in gathered worship services.

At this stage we are planning to resume our main Sunday morning services on 12 July 2020 but this could change.

We ask for your patience and support while we carefully prepare.

Actions to Support Justice



Uniting Church members are encouraged to take these three actions:

- 1. Show support.** Send your message of solidarity to the National Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC), email: uaicc@nat.uca.org.au.
- 2. Change your Facebook frame.** Update your Facebook profile picture that says what your Church has to say on these issues. The UCA and UAICC have designed two for you. Uniting Church against racism. Uniting Church against black deaths in custody. You'll find them among Facebook's frame options. (Just search for Uniting).
- 3. Change the record.** The "Change the Record" campaign is a national campaign for social policy measures that will reduce incarceration rates and deaths in custody. They are collecting petition signatures to send to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition. Please sign the Change the Record petition on their website and support their initiatives. Go to <https://changetherecord.org.au/>

Keeping in Touch

For the latest information on our church activities check

Facebook— www.facebook.com/canberracityuniting

YouTube — www.youtube.com/channel/UCOWI3V4rBZKUFc2A53W9gUA/

If you are not already sharing in our Zoom fellowship gatherings but would like to join us please send an email to Paul at minister1@canberracityuca.org.au