



CANBERRA CITY
UNITING CHURCH



City's Connections

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Planning for the Resumption of Gathered Services

Planning is substantially complete for a resumption of gathered worship services starting with the 10.00am service on 23 August 2020. Initially we plan to limit the numbers to a maximum of 40 people and arrangements will be made for people to "register" prior to each Sunday to ensure that we do not exceed this maximum number. Based on our initial experience with the small numbers we hope to be able to raise the limit over time. There will be no morning tea and no singing initially and of course people will need to practice appropriate social distancing.

When we resume gathered services we will still continue producing some online material for those who feel uncomfortable about gathering or are unable to attend.

Everyone on our email list will receive initial advice about the gathering procedure on Sunday 16 August 2020 and those not on email will be contacted directly.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation in Canberra and any resumption will depend on there being no virus outbreak or new restrictions.

Articles for CONTACT September 2020

Members and friends of Canberra City Uniting Church are invited to submit articles to around 300 to 400 words, with any photos to Susan du Boulay or Jenny Rowland by Monday 24 August. Suggested topics include Bible-readings or prayers found useful, online City Church or wider church events in which you have participated, activities when self-isolating, reviews of books or films about living in difficult times, reflections on living through a worldwide pandemic and family news.

With Love to the World

With Love to the World is a quarterly daily devotional guide that provides a reflection on a Bible passage for each day of the year.

For more information visit <http://www.withlovetotheworld.org.au/>

The Aug-Oct issue has been posted to all those who have subscribed.

If you would like to receive copies of this booklet please contact Bob Townsend by email drubob@iinet.net.au

Book on Early American Missionaries to Sri Lanka

Subramaniam (Kumar) Sukumar has copies to sell of a book about early American missionaries in Sri Lanka called *The American River of Love that Flowed into Jaffna*. It is a series of lectures in Tamil by his brother Dr Subramaniam Jebanesan, a retired bishop of the Church of South India in Sri Lanka, which Kumar translated into English. The book contains touching and inspiring accounts of the work and experiences of the earliest American missionaries who dared to go to the faraway land of Ceylon (now Sri Lanka).

Kumar would like many to read the book.

He is selling it for \$5 per copy, plus \$2.20 if posted.

Please contact him on mob: 0418 244 570 or

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