



Daring to hope

30 years of queering the Uniting Church

Final Draft - Program

- 10.00 am **Welcome** – UNA Co-Convenors
- 10.05 am **Acknowledgement of Country**
David Landis-Morse, Uniting Network Australia (UNA) Executive member
- 10.10 am **Opening liturgy**
Revd Amanda Nicholas, UNA Co-Convenor
- 10.25 am **Greeting** from the Assembly
Revd Kath Behan, National Consultant, Assembly Resourcing Unit
- 10.30 am Break out group – meeting each other
- 10.45 am **Opening Address: “The hopes for LGBTIQA+ Equality in Australia”**
Anna Brown OAM, CEO, Equality Australia
- 11.15 am BREAK
- 11.25 am **What were we hoping for in 1994?**
A Panel of three participants in the first Daring gathering (at the Brougham Place Uniting Church in Adelaide) will reflect on their hopes from 30 years ago

Facilitator: *Revd Dr Avril Hannah-Jones*: historian; Minister at the North Balwyn Uniting Church; former UNA national Secretary. (2003 PhD title: *Divided we stand: the sexuality debate in the Uniting Church in Australia 1977-2000.*)

Revd Dr Coralie Ling: then Minister, Fitzroy Uniting Church; Uniting Network founding national Co-Convenor, 1994-96; now retired.

Judge Simon Moglia: then Pastoral Worker, Unity, SA; Uniting Network founding national Co-Convenor, 1994-96; now Judge of the County Court of Victoria

Dr Des Perry, then HIV/AIDS researcher at Macquarie University; co-founder of Uniting Friends WA, in 1983; now retired.

Questions and discussions.

12.20 pm Short BREAK

12.25 pm **Current LGBTIQ+ activities in the Uniting Church**

A Panel will introduce three current initiatives relating to LGBTIQ+ people in the Uniting Church, and what was/is hoped to achieve.

Facilitator: *Revd Peter Grayson-Weeks*: former UNA national Co-Convenor; retired Minister.

Revd Dr Josephine Inkpin: Anglican priest; serving as Minister, Pitt Street Uniting Church in Sydney.

"Affirmation of Trans and Gender Diverse people in the Uniting Church".

Graeme Randall: Registered Psychologist; Member, Assembly Apology to LGBTIQ+ Australians Task Group

"Why saying 'sorry' to LGBTIQ+ communities may re-traumatise and further abuse queer people".

The summary report of the Task Group is at <https://uniting.church/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/B3B-APOLOGY-TO-LGBTIQ.pdf>

Nicole Mugford: Member, Assembly Standing Committee; Assembly SOGICE Task Group; former UNA national Co-Convenor.

"Welcome and Safety for all" – a resource for local churches and others"

The resource prepared by the Task Group is at <https://uniting.church/sogice-resource/>

Questions and discussion.

1.15 pm **LUNCH BREAK**

1.40 pm **Queering the Uniting Church in the next 30 years**

Facilitator: Revd Vicki Aitken: Darwin Memorial Uniting Church

A Panel will present and discuss their views about future hopes for queering the Uniting Church

Gabi Cadenhead, Mission Worker, Christian Students Uniting, University of Sydney. Leichhardt Uniting Church.

Nicole Mugford, Assembly Standing Committee; Assembly SOGICE Task Group; former UNA national Co-Convenor. Brunswick Uniting Church.

Mikali Anagnostis, works a gardener and social support worker and writes music with the sacred arts collective, Marion St. Leichhardt Uniting Church.

Conversations on future hopes and plans in State/Territory based break out rooms.

Followed by a facilitated discussion on future hopes.

2.55 pm **Closing liturgy**

Revd Amanda Nicholas

3.05 pm Close of 2024 Daring gathering

BREAK

3.15 pm **Biennial General Meeting** – Please see the attached Agenda

4.00 pm **Thanks and Close** – Co-Convenors

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*Uniting Network symbol contributed by Unity SA.
It was an actual woven ball, not only a logo, prepared by the Revd Sue Wickham, SA.*