



UCA Community Life Return for 2018

1. About You

A Organisation Name (Congregation, Parish, Cluster, Network or other Name)	Glen Waverley
NOTE: if the organisation name above is incorrect please email "Change of Name Application" (Click here to download) to directory@victas.uca.org.au .	
B Presbytery Name	Presbytery of Port Phillip East
C Is the congregation/organisation part of a parish, cluster, linked congregation or co-op? * (Yes/ No)	No
C1 Congregations or organisations involved in arrangement:	
C2 What organisations are covered by the questions answered in this return?	
C3 Please describe the financial arrangements between organisations?	
D Name of local contact person:	Secretary Church Council
Are you the person to contact for questions? (Yes/No)* If "No" please complete E1,E2,E3	Yes
E1 Contact Name for follow up queries	
E2 Contact Phone for follow up queries	
E3 Contact Email for follow up queries	
F Data entered by: *	David Morgan

2.Ministry and Leadership

1. Did you have a minister or lay person in Placement last year?

If "Yes", please enter the details below (No Minister/Ordained/Lay(including pastors))

Minister or Lay person	Name	Status	Full-time Equivalent	Period in placement (e.g. June to Dec)
Ordained	Rev Neil Peters	Full time		Jan to Dec

2. Did you have other people exercising ministry roles?

Please choose Roles from the below options:

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|---|---|
| 1.Children & families ministry roles | 8.Lay preachers |
| 2.Lay worship team/leaders | 9.Pastoral care roles |
| 3.Playgroup roles | 10.School ministry roles |
| 4.Visiting lay preachers | 11.Youth leader / roles |
| 5.Young adults leaders | 12.Associated ministers (Reg. 3.1.3(n)(ii)) |
| 6.Ministers-in-Association (reg 2.11.1) | 13.Retired Ministers |
| 7.Supply Ministers | 14.Other |

Roles	Paid/Volunteer	Number	Comments	Period in role (e.g. Jun to Dec)
Pastoral care roles	Paid	1.00	Di Paterson	Jan to Dec
Youth leader roles	Paid	1.00	Alanee Hearnshaw	Jan to Dec

Other	Paid	1.00	Dietrich Cheung.	Mar to July
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3.Mission Activities

Mission Activity is any activity that seeks to bear witness to or show God’s love, including acts of service, for those beyond the local church community. For faith development activities refer to questions 19. Please note the list provided is not exhaustive and there will be other expressions of mission that are not included. Please enter these as Other and provide details.

3. Does your congregation/organisation provide any of the following expressions of mission?

Types:

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|---|---|
| 1.Art/Craft Groups | 19.Children's programs |
| 2.Advent/Easter workshops | 20.Kids Hope |
| 3.School programs (including Breakfasts) | 21.Playgroups |
| 4.Community Gardens | 22.Community Op shop |
| 5.International Student engagement | 23.Engagement with people with disabilities |
| 6.Indigenous engagement | 24.Evangelism |
| 7.Home country engagement | 25.Family camps |
| 8.Meals (soup kitchens, food delivery etc.) | 26.Men's groups |
| 9.Migrant engagement | 27.Mainly Music |
| 10.Music Other(Community Choir, instrumental music etc.) | 28.Music Together |
| 11.International engagement | 29.Parenting programs |
| 12.Prayer and meditation group | 30.Refugee assistance |
| 13.UCAF | 31.Volunteering Uniting |
| 14.Women’s groups | 32.Youth programs |
| 15.Social Justice | |
| 16.Social programs (Cafe, Coffee, and Chat groups) | |
| 17.Senior programs (Include Aged Care home visitation and worship, Meals on wheels) | |
| 18.Other (Mission activities not included above) | |

Types	No. Groups	Average Number Attending	Frequency	Within congregation	Wider community participates	Only facilities used	Comments	Initiated in last 12 months?
Children's programs	2.00	15.00	Weekly	Yes	Yes	No	Sundays 9:15 & 4:30	No
Men's groups	2.00	40.00	Weekly	Yes	Yes	No	Men's group monthly with speaker. GOMER weekly for coffee.	No
Refugee assistance	1.00		Quarterly	Yes	Yes	No	Meets irregularly as needed.	No
Senior programs (Include Aged Care home visitation and worship, Meals on wheels)	2.00	60.00	Bi-monthly	Yes	Yes	No	Leisuretime. Nursing home services. Attendance includes volunteers and guests.	No
UCAF	1.00	40.00	Monthly	Yes	Yes	No		No

Youth programs	2.00	20.00	Weekly	Yes	No	No	Youth Group & Uthies.	No
Social programs (Cafe, Coffee, and Chat groups)	4.00	50.00	Weekly	Yes	Yes	No	Some weekly, some monthly. Munch with a bunch. Sunday lunches. 8.15 coffee group. Bring & Share lunch.	No
Playgroups	2.00	50.00	Weekly	Yes	No	No	Playgroups meets 3 days each week. Dad's playgroup alternate Saturdays, initiated 2018 in conjunction with Uniting Care	Yes
Music Together	2.00	40.00	Weekly	Yes	No	No	Uniting Voices and Free Spirit	No
International engagement	1.00	5.00	Annually	Yes	No	No	Partner church with "Riedel" Congregation in Manado, Northern Sulawesi, Indonesia. They have visited us in 2017 and a delagation there is planned for May 2019.	No

4. Describe any relationships or partnerships with another Uniting Church congregations. (This could include areas of mission, administration, compliance, leadership and worship) *	
a. Please name the other congregation and describe the relationship:	Run safe church training sessions for surrounding UCA congregations.
b. If you are considering working in partnership with another Uniting Church congregation, please name and describe the proposed relationship:	None
5. What involvement have you had with UCA Church related activities outside the congregation (e.g. Presbytery, Synod, eLM, Retreat days, Justice conferences... etc.) in the last 12 months? *	The Dads playgroup with Uniting
6. What new missional activities have you been actively considering? *	None
6A. What missional activities have ceased in 2018?	None
7. Have you been involved in expressions of mission in partnership with another body (e.g. Uniting agency, World Vision)? *	Delivering a breakfast program in the local secondary college. Ongoing relation with Glenallen Special School.

4. Governance and Members

Membership of the Uniting Church is defined in the UCA regulations as Confirmed members, Baptised members (not yet confirmed) and members in association. However there are others who attend who are active in the life of the congregation and these can be recorded as Adherents/Active participants.

8. Church Council information

How are you governed? *

1. Church Council
2. Whole Congregation under regulation 3.9.3
3. Faith community regulation 3.9.2
4. Other
5. Not applicable

Church Council

Frequency of meeting

1. Monthly
2. Bi-monthly
3. Quarterly
4. Annually
5. Other

Monthly

If Other, please specify:

Number of members regularly attending meetings *

8

Number of elders

10

Number of Church Council Members

10

Does your governing body identify itself as culturally diverse? (Yes/No/NA)

Yes

If Yes, please select from the list below (all applicable) and comment

Age

Yes

Gender

Yes

Ethnicity

Yes

Comments

Chairperson provided by:

- Church council member or elder
- Minister in placement
- Joint arrangement
- Other

Church council member or elder

9. How many people are?

Confirmed members *

567

Baptised members *

179

Members in Association *

35

Adherents\Active participants *

85

Average number attending worship *

250

9A. Does your congregation identify itself as culturally diverse? (Yes/No/NA)

Yes

If Yes, please comment and tick Box(tick all applicable)

Age

Yes

Gender

Yes

Ethnicity

Yes

Comments

Indonesian congregation. Large immigrant population in surrounding community.

10. How many of the following took place in the last 12 months?

Confirmations or reaffirmations *

0

Baptism - Children *

0

Baptism - Adult *

0

Transfers in *

7

Transfers out *	9
Funerals *	0
Marriages *	0
11. What approximate percentage of your members/adherents attend activities (including worship services) held in your church facilities?	
Regularly *	250.00
Occasionally *	100.00
Infrequently *	300.00
12. What approximate percentage of your members/adherents are involved in mission activities outside your church facilities? *	20.00
13. Number of members/adherents	
0 - 2 years *	4
3 - 11 years *	53
12 - 17 years *	21
18 - 29 years *	43
30 - 39 years *	32
40 - 49 years *	23
50 - 59 years *	30
60 - 69 years *	48
70 - 79 years *	127
80 - 89 years *	87
Over 90 years *	35
14. What approximate percentage of members/adherents are:	
Female *	62
Male *	38

15. Approximately how many new people participated in worship services last year?

Please select reasons from the following list:

1. Renewed faith
2. New to faith
3. Transfer from another denomination
4. Transfer from other Uniting Church
5. Seeker (someone exploring faith)
6. Other

Reason	Number	Comments
16. In the past year how many of your congregation members no longer attended due to:		
Transfer to another congregation or denomination *	0	
No longer active in church of any description *	0	
Death *	0	
Ill Health *	0	
17. How is information from church council or other bodies of the church communicated?		
Announcements in worship or meetings	Yes	
Church Publications e.g. Crosslight	No	
Email	Yes	
Newsletters/Bulletins/Pew Sheets	Yes	
Noticeboards	Yes	
Social Media (Facebook, Instagram etc.)	Yes	
Websites	Yes	

Other Communication	No
Other Specified - Communication	

5. Community Worship and Faith Development

18. When and where are worship services held?

Please select the styles from following list:

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| 1. Café-style/Meal-based | 6. Community Care based (e.g. Hospital/Aged Care) |
| 2. Contemporary | 7. Contemplative/Reflective |
| 3. Creative/Informal | 8. Messy Church |
| 4. Multi-age/Family | 9. Traditional |
| 5. Youth-focused | 10. Other |

Day	Time	Style	Where (Address)	Average attendance	Frequency	Language
Sunday	9:15a m	Contemporary	10 Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley	64	Weekly	English
Sunday	8am	Contemplative/Reflective	10 Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley	37	Weekly	English
Sunday	4:30p m	Multi-age/Family	10 Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley	16	Weekly	English
Sunday	11am	Traditional	10 Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley	95	Weekly	English
Sunday	1pm	Traditional	10 Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley	20	Weekly	Bahasa Indonesia
Sunday	5:30p m	Youth-focused	10 Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley	19	Weekly	English

19. Do you have discipleship groups for worship, faith formation or other spiritual practices? Faith formation is any activity intended to grow people's belief and trust in the story of Jesus.

Please select the Type from the list below:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Bible Study | 8. Family camps |
| 2. Family small group | 9. Family study groups |
| 3. Lay Training | 10. Men's study groups |
| 4. Prayer/Mediation | 11. Retreats |
| 5. Sunday Schools | 12. Theological Book Clubs |
| 6. Women's study groups | 13. Young Adult groups |
| 7. Youth groups | 14. Other |

Day	Time	Type	Average attendance	Frequency	Language
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20. What approximate percentage of your worship services are led by:

Ordained minister	40.00
Pastor	20.00
Lay leader(s)	40.00

6. Risk Management, Occupational Health and Safety

21. Are the following items easily accessible on the church premises:

Safety Manual 2016? * (Yes/No)	Yes
Is the "if you are injured" poster prominently displayed? * (Yes/No)	Yes
Is the Evacuation plan properly signposted? * (Yes/No)	Yes

22. Following inspection by the Synod OHS Officer, have you implemented their recommendations for remediation of defects in your church property? (Yes/No/In Progress/NA)	Yes
Reason	

7.Safe Church Policies

23. Does your Church Council/congregation maintain an up-to-date register of "appointed leaders" (as per Synod's definition) required to hold a Working with Children Check (Vic/NSW) or Working with Vulnerable People Registration (TAS)? * (Yes/No/NA)	Yes
Comments:	118 current members with current WWCC
24. Has the Church Council/congregation appointed someone to administer the WWCC/R database for your congregation? * (Yes/No)	Yes
Comments:	Me
25. Have appointed leaders attended Safe Church training within the last 3 years? *	In Progress
Comments:	Over 100 members have been trained within the last three years
26. How has your Church Council/congregation implemented the Keeping Children Safe (KCS) policies?	
Appoint Culture of Safety contact person	Yes
Implemented process CC1! Guide for KCS	Yes
Display KCS poster	Yes
Other	No
Comments:	
For information navigate to the following website: http://ucavictas.org.au/keepingchildrensafe/	
For Victoria only (If you are located in Tasmania please answer NA)	
27. Is your Church Council/congregation aware of the minimum Child Safe Standards required by the Victorian Government and can identify how they are being implemented in your setting through implementation of the Keeping Children Safe Policy? * (Yes/No/NA)	Yes
Comments:	
28. Is your Church Council/congregation aware of the Reportable Contact Standards required by the Victorian Government and can identify how they are being implemented in your setting? * (Yes/No/NA)	Yes
Comments:	

8.Feedback

Thank you completing the return, the information you have provided will better inform the Synod on the wider life of the Church community. Your information is treated with respect and will not be shared with third parties outside of the Synod

Please provide details of any questions you had difficulty answering?	Numbers of active members, including worshipers, are estimates. We do not keep records of individual attendees.
Please leave any suggested improvements or other comments?	Being able to save a section before all compulsory fields are entered