

# What can you do? Ideas to get involved

#### get involved in covenanting

revisit the Covenanting Statement from the Uniting Church in Australia and response from the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, available to download at

http://assembly.uca.org.au/resources/covenanting/item/135-covenanting-statement-1994

take a look at the many resources available to support the Church's covenanting activities, including the *Building Partnerships* booklet and start a conversation in your congregation about covenanting <a href="http://assembly.uca.org.au/resources/covenanting/item/140-building-partnerships">http://assembly.uca.org.au/resources/covenanting/item/140-building-partnerships</a>

join or start a reconciliation group at your church you may also like to get in contact with the Reconciliation council in your state - find contact details at <a href="http://www.reconciliation.org.au/home/get-involved/social-networking---groups/state-reconciliation-councils">http://www.reconciliation.org.au/home/get-involved/social-networking---groups/state-reconciliation-councils</a>

learn about the work of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) across Australia and how you can support it at <a href="http://www.uaicc.org.au/">http://www.uaicc.org.au/</a>

take part in About FACE or promote the program to your congregation or group About FACE is a program run by the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania in partnership with the UAICC which gives people the opportunity to spend time in one of Australia's Indigenous communities. See <a href="http://aboutface.org.au/">http://aboutface.org.au/</a> for more information.

#### learn more about reconciliation and justice for Indigenous people

visit the Reconciliation Australia website at http://www.reconciliation.org.au/

the Australian Human Rights Commission is an advocate for the rights of Indigenous people and for government policies which are built on respect, inclusion and non-discrimination - visit their website at <a href="http://humanrights.gov.au/social\_justice/">http://humanrights.gov.au/social\_justice/</a>

the Indigenous Human Rights Network Australia is a network of individuals who advocate for and promote the awareness of Indigenous human rights in Australia <a href="http://www.ihrna.info/">http://www.ihrna.info/</a>

visit the Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) website and learn about and add your support to one of their many campaigns for a just and reconciled Australia <a href="http://antar.org.au/">http://antar.org.au/</a>

## plan a worship or prayer activity during the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation

you may like to invite members of your local Indigenous community or congregation to be a part of this service

you might like to use the prayers offered in this suite of resources, or those produced by the Covenanting Committee of the South Australian Synod

http://mrn.sa.uca.org.au/covenanting/reconciliation-sunday.html

liturgical resources produced for the Week of Prayer in 2008 can be downloaded at

http://assembly.uca.org.au/images/stories/covenanting/liturgy08.pdf

# take part in a National Reconciliation Week or Sorry Day event or plan

for information on NRW events in your area, see the Reconcilitation Australia events calendar or contact your state or territory reconciliation council

http://www.reconciliation.org.au/home/get-involved/events/events-calendar

why not organise or attend a screening of Our Generation - a film about the ongoing struggle for justice for Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory, featuring Yolngu elder and Uniting Church minister Rev. Dr Djiniyini Gondarra OAM. See <a href="http://www.ourgeneration.org.au/">http://www.ourgeneration.org.au/</a> for more information.

### learn about Indigenous culture and history

watch the First Australians documentary, which tells the Australian story from the perspective of its First Peoples <a href="http://www.sbs.com.au/firstaustralians/">http://www.sbs.com.au/firstaustralians/</a>

support Aboriginal artists - you can find a directory of Aboriginal artists at <a href="http://www.aboriginalartdirectory.com/">http://www.aboriginalartdirectory.com/</a>

an incredible online experience, this site provides clips of the history, culture and life of the Yolgnu people from Raminginging in Central Arnhem Land <a href="http://www.12canoes.com.au/">http://www.12canoes.com.au/</a>

#### stay in touch with Indigenous news

ABC Indigenous Online: http://www.abc.net.au/indigenous/

National Indigenous Times: http://www.nit.com.au/

keep up-to-date with issues affecting Indigenous communities via SBS's Living Black program, which can also be viewed on the web at <a href="http://news.sbs.com.au/livingblack/">http://news.sbs.com.au/livingblack/</a>