



Daring Statement - Pentecost 2014 “Daring to Celebrate”

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) members of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA), our family members and allies, have gathered for the eleventh time since Uniting Network Australia (UNA) was formed in 1994.

We gathered and celebrated the inclusive love and grace of God the Creator, expressed in the Person of Christ Jesus, sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We gathered and reflected on progress in the UCA towards the full acceptance of LGBTI people in all areas of church and society.

We gathered and lamented those areas of our life together where we do not demonstrate the love and grace of God for all.

We celebrated the growing number of UCA Congregations and Presbyteries which welcome openly LGBTI people as ministers-in-placement and in other leadership roles; and Congregations which welcome LGBTI people, our partners and children...

(The full statement is on our website.)



UNA members supporting LGBTIQ refugees at the 2015 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.



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Please go to the membership
information on our website.*



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*welcoming and celebrating
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in the Uniting Church*





Who are we?

Uniting Network Australia (UNA) is the national network for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) people, our families, friends and allies within the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA).

Our vision

Uniting Network Australia's vision is that the Church become a safer place which welcomes and celebrates LGBTIQ people, our families, partners, children and friends. *Our vision is of a Church community in which our gifts are shared in all areas, and our loving relationships are upheld and affirmed.*

What is the UNA's mission?

UNA's particular mission is to provide a national voice and participate in helping the Uniting Church in Australia to wrestle with issues of faith, sexuality, gender identity and intersex status.

- We work for greater inclusivity within the life, policies and procedures of the UCA.

- We support UCA ministries in justice and human rights, including for LGBTIQ people in the wider Australian society and around the world.
- We support efforts to achieve marriage equality in civil society, and for the UCA to change its doctrine of marriage to permit the celebration of same-sex marriages.
- We provide a range of written and other resources to enable UCA members and groups to improve their understanding of LGBTIQ concerns.
- We organise a biennial national conference (the Daring Gathering) to support and encourage our members and friends, and to focus on particular matters of concern.
- We offer a Christian voice within the wider LGBTIQ communities in Australia.

What are some of the things we do?

The Daring Conference is a once-every-two-years gathering of LGBTIQ people, our families, friends and allies within the Uniting Church in Australia. We gather from across Australia to reflect on our journey to date and envision our future.

The first Daring Conference was held in Adelaide in 1994, with the theme "Daring to speak – daring to listen". The Conference is open to people of all faiths or no faith who are interested in supporting this journey.

In some States UNA members participate in LGBTIQ community events such as the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, Feast in Adelaide and Midsumma in Melbourne.

UNA participates in wider Uniting Church discussions and consultations, most recently on the understanding of marriage.

