

Investor Returns

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Securing your future

Making a difference throughout SA

Our mission at UC Invest is to offer the Uniting Church Community competitive investment returns. With the money invested with us, we maintain a diversified investment portfolio. Our goal is to deliver a surplus and to thereby be able to make a grant to the Mission & Service Fund of Uniting Church SA. In 2018, UC Invest expects this grant to be \$2.218 million. This is a substantial part of the Mission & Service Fund budget and is used to finance many different and diverse activities of our Church. Rural and Remote Ministry is one such activity.

The Mission & Service Fund contributes to Rural and Remote Ministry directly through a small but dedicated rural team. Rural SA has more than 120 local congregations located in five zones. Each zone has a locally based Rural Field Officer (part time), who connects with each congregation in their patch to offer their ministry experience and expertise. They also connect relationally and offer pastoral connections to leaders and congregations.

The Remote Ministry is covered by Rev Sunil Kadaparambil and Pastor Gary Ferguson (Bush Chaplains) and is funded through Frontier Services (an agency of the Assembly of the Uniting Church of Australia). The M&S Fund contributes through the management of this remote ministry by securing funding, day to day management and support and ensuring that our Bush Chaplains are safe, secure and well equipped in the work they undertake.

Rev Ashley Davis is the Region Minister looking after Rural & Remote requirements, as well as travelling approximately 50,000kms per year as he works with rural congregations. All this is funded from the M&S Fund.

So how does your investment with UC Invest assist the Uniting Church?

Every investment adds to the capacity of UC Invest to make grants to the Church, which in turn enable the multiple programs and activities of the Church to receive funding, which are then able to make an impact in our community.



Welcome to Investor Returns

It has been quite a journey over the past few years.

An amazing number of people and organisations responded to transferring their investments across into our new company structure. Thank you for trusting us to look after your hard-earned money.

We look forward to continuing our goal to provide Uniting Church customers with an opportunity to earn a competitive interest rate, whilst helping the Church carry out its mission. Your overwhelming response has now given us the security to focus on the future.

The process of applying for an Australian Financial Services Licence has also given us the opportunity to review our operations to ensure we serve both our customers and the needs of the Uniting Church, effectively.

There may be some members of our team who you haven't yet met, or some that you have spoken with, but have not met in person. Our team are great at what they do, and in this edition, we have taken the opportunity to introduce our hard-working team members.

In this edition, we also explore two examples of how your investment provides tangible benefits to the Uniting Church community. Managed by Journey Uniting Church, the Fearless Leaders Conference and Fearless Youth Conference will be sponsored by UC Invest again in 2018, to ensure they are capable of reaching a wide audience to build strong, confident and considered future leaders. On the front page we also have a story about the Rural and Remote Ministry, funded with your support.

I'm glad you have come on this journey with us. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to give us any feedback.

Paul

Paul Barnett
Manager



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Meet your team

We would like you to get to know some of our team a little better, as we believe good relationships with our clients build a strong foundation for years to come.



Kathy Zito
Investor Relations

I've been working at UC Invest for 8 years, during this time I've got to know my customers and understand their needs.

When I'm not at work, I enjoy cooking, walking my dog and spending time with my family. I'm also looking forward to becoming a Nanna later this year.

The best thing about working for UC Invest is that I get to do what I love whilst knowing that our investors are earning excellent rates, and that the Church is able to continue its great work across SA.



Catherine Beckedorf
Investor Relations

I've developed a set routine to start my work day over the past 11 years at UC Invest; I turn on my computer, look at my emails, say hello as people come in and always make sure I have a hot coffee!

The best part about my job is the people; our investors, the team and the office. In my role I work across a range of activities.

I'm excited by the recent changes within our organisation, and thrilled that 98% of investors have chosen to join us on this new journey.



Stacey Page
Investment Accountant

I have been at UC Invest for 5 years and when I'm not working, I am spending valuable time with my two boys.

I love that my job allows me to apply my accounting knowledge to analyse a range of investment opportunities for the business and our investors.

I really enjoyed when the office was renovated; and I loved seeing the transformation take place and how the new décor re-energised the team.



Paul Barnett
Manager

I will have been with UC Invest for 20 years by September, and I am proud to have led the expansion of the business through numerous changes over the past two decades.

By far, the best part of my job is working for the Uniting Church community, though when I'm not as work, I'm most likely at my children's various sporting commitments.

I enjoy riding my bike into work all year round; the journey gets my blood pumping and the fresh air is the perfect start (and end) to the work day!



Stephanie Simpson
Risk & Compliance Officer

As the newest team member at UC Invest, I love that through my work, I'm able to help facilitate the charitable work of the Church that benefits many people in need.

Every morning, when I arrive in the office, the first thing I do is make a strong, hot cup of coffee, turn on my computer and check my email.

When I'm not working, I like to travel, see movies, go shopping, read historical novels, play PC games, and spend time with my family.



Andrew Fechner
Assistant Manager

The best part of my job is working for an organisation that's professional but also has a strong social conscience where profit is not pursued at any cost.

When I'm not helping the community through our work at UC Invest, I'm busy in my role as Treasurer of McLaren Districts Cricket Club.

During my 18 years at UC Invest the sheer scale of the grants we've been able to provide, makes me incredibly proud. The one moment that really stands out was the \$500,000 grant from UC Invest to assist the 2004 Tsunami relief effort that hit parts of Asia.



Developing tomorrow's leaders, today

UC Invest is proud to support the development of current and future leaders through the Fearless Leader Conference, held in May 2018, and Fearless Youth Conference to be held in July 2018.

Following the success of the inaugural Conference in 2017, attended by 200 delegates, the 2018 Conference has been split into two events; the Fearless Leader Conference which focussed on developing leaders within small to medium sized churches, and the Fearless Youth Conference which aims to nurture and develop skills that will help youth delegates mature into passionate and strong members of our Community. Journey UC expects over 230 delegates to attend both events, with the new format allowing for an expanded agenda and additional sessions.

The Fearless Leaders Conference was held from May 18-19 2018, and was attended by 130 delegates from South Australia's metropolitan and rural Church communities. The event highlights included keynote addresses by Pastors Sam DiMauro and Katie Iles, who guided the attendees in building their leadership skills.

The Fearless Youth Conference will be held mid July 2018 and one hundred youth are expected to attend the event entitled "Kingdom Love". It will feature an emphasis on evangelism and social justice to equip young people for mission. With addresses from Pastor Sam Long from Murray Bridge, Pastor Katie Iles from Journey UC, Pastor David Helyard, SA Director of Compassion International and Tim Reid from Open Doors, plus the

Journey Worship team, the Conference is set to be an outstanding event.

We are proud to continue our support of young people in developing their leadership skills to better serve their community.

"This is one of the most exciting things I have seen in the UCA during my time as President. It is sorely needed and I commend the Journey UC on their initiative."

**Stuart McMillon President,
Uniting Church in Australia.**

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