

Multiculturalism Matters

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OVER 250 people attended an ecumenical service celebrating emerging Christian indigenous leaders, at Broadwater Road UC, Mansfield, on October 8.

The service was part of the 2014 Grasstree conference, which brought together about 50 young indigenous adults from across Australia for a week of culturally-embedded leadership training.

The photos show (clockwise from top): the opening song at the service; Rev. Neville Naden of Broken Hill, deputy

chair of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress for NSW/ACT, speaks with conference organiser Brooke Prentis; and Brooke with three UC Grasstree attendees at Synod: (from left) Joyce Waia of Napranum, Marda Pitt of Old Mapoon, and Nazareth Wapau of Napranum. They're standing with an old cross, originally from Ashgrove West UC, which was restored and painted by Aboriginal artist and Grasstree leader Safina Stewart and presented to the Qld Synod meeting on October 10.

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Nuer leaders thank UCA for support

LEADERS of the Nuer UC Faith Community at Coopers Plains met UCA national President, Rev Dr Andrew Dutney, and UnitingWorld director, Mr Rob Floyd, during Synod this week.

Moses Leth and Biel Jal Liep had 45 minutes with the Assembly leaders, to discuss the outbreak of violence in South Sudan and its impact on the local community in Australia.

They also thanked the leaders for the UCA's support for their people, including UnitingWorld's targeted funding of emergency relief projects in South Sudan.

The group canvassed the possibility of the UCA helping to bring the whole South Sudanese community in Brisbane together for a forum and service focusing on achieving reconciliation, early next year.



Moses Leth (Left), UCA national president Andrew Dutney, Biel Jal Liep, and UnitingWorld director Rob Floyd, pictured at Synod on Monday.

Synod urges positive interfaith relations



Some of the Synod members who stood in solidarity with Australian Muslims, after discussion about interfaith relations at Synod on Tuesday night. Photo—Holly Jewell

SYNOD has declared that positive relations between members of world religions in our community are an imperative.

The matter was raised by the Synod Interfaith Relationships Committee, following an open discussion a few days earlier which

considered the recent spate of attacks on Australian Muslims.

Synod's resolutions asked the Committee to provide further educational resources on constructive interfaith engagement as a priority.

Synod also asked Presbyteries to encourage congregations to explore

being Christian in a multi-religious world, and to seek to build understanding and positive relationships among people of all faiths in their communities.

Among recommended resources is the "We'll love Muslims 100 years" campaign launched in August.

Food a big hit at Korean UC garage sale



A WIDE range of Korean culinary delicacies was a highlight of the Gold Coast Korean UC's annual monster garage sale on September 27.

The event raised about \$5000, which will support the church's ongoing work.

Pictured (clockwise from below): Rev. James Ko with Stella Lee, Ji Hyun and Sue Lee making sushi; Pastor Kevin Kwon with daughter Ellie trying the pancakes; Elder Kim with family members Jinny, Taejin, Jenny, Young-Mi and Yoojin; NewLife Robina UC members David and Betty Esser, recently moved from Malanda in North Qld, at the pancakes stall with Ann Lee and Sophie Kim; Miyoung Lee, wife of Rev. James Ko, with some of her art displayed for sale.





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