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Darwin Visit

In mid April I sent a week in Darwin with the Pilgrim Presbytery of the UCA, offering a workshop for about 45 presbytery members and then a retreat for 17 ministers, lay pastors, and patrol ministers

who together cover the NT and the top areas of WA and Qld.

I had an amazing time with these folk. In some ways they are really on the edge and I was like Barnabas from Acts offering encouragement and connection with the wider church "down south". In other ways, they are really at the heart of things, allowing themselves to be shaped and transformed by their environment and their relationships with the indigenous leaders and communities with whom they work and minister. They have learnt to wonder, to sit with difference, to value listening and silence. Together we enriched each others' lives. I am grateful to the Pilgrim Presbytery for the privilege of working with them.



Coming Events in 2013

ANSD National Conference, Canberra

September 13-15. "Spiritual Direction: the Time is Now". With Lucy Abbott Tucker and Sue Dunbar

Professional Development Workshop, Canberra

September 16-17. with Lucy Abbott

Supervision Workshop, Adelaide

September 23-26 With Lucy Abbott Tucker

For information about any of these events, contact Sue by phone or email (see below).



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In the spirit of Barnabas

As we journey through Autumn, we also make the journey from Easter to Pentecost. I have been particularly noticing Barnabas as he pops up in the Acts' readings. We probably all know Barnabas as the Son of Encouragement. However he was so much more than this: he was generous; took some big risks with Paul; and then with John Mark. He believed the best of people and was described as full of faith and the Holy Spirit. I have been reflecting on the ways in which Barnabas Ministries can reflect the spirit of our namesake.



Over the past few months there have been some exciting things happening for Barnabas Ministries. Firstly there was the service of Blessing for BMI and my commissioning as a lay pastor in the Uniting Church, then the Good Friday Prayer Walk around the Parliamentary Triangle and more recently, a week of ministry in Darwin. Together with all the usual activities, Barnabas Ministries continues in faith, empowered by the Spirit, risking being on the edge at times, in order to encourage faith in others and be a sign of hope.

Grace and Peace, **Sue Dunbar, Director**



Commissioning and Blessing Service

On March 1, about 80 people gathered at Holy Covenant Anglican Church to celebrate Sue's commissioning as a lay pastor in the UCA and to pray for the ongoing work of Barnabas Ministries. There were representatives from different denominations who prayed for Sue and blessings were also received from Spiritual Directors International and the Australian Ecumenical Council for Spiritual Direction.

It was a simple but moving service that was then followed by a celebratory supper. The symbol for Barnabas Ministries which was placed in the centre of the liturgical focus was a basket overflowing with food and wine—symbolizing the soul care offered for the journey. This then became part of the supper. There was a wonderful sense of affirmation and rejoicing in all that BMI is doing.



Good Friday Prayer Walk



The Good Friday prayer walk began last year with Barnabas Ministries and Holy Covenant Anglican Church partnering in the preparation and organization of the walk. This year we had people from many different denominations both

participating and leading the various prayer stations. The walk culminated at the foundation stone in front of Parliament House. In the photograph you will see our cross (two fence palings) superimposed on the front of Parliament House. Such a contrast and yet, we believe our small and fragile statement has the power to effect change. As we sang at each station: **“Jesus remember us when you come into your kingdom”.**

Last year I thought that all the public buildings we were using as our prayer stations, would be closed. However many of them were open with lots of people coming and going. I found this a bit confronting at first, but this year I relished the opportunity to stand in a public place, reflect, call our nation to the values of the gospel and commit myself to ways in which I can be part of that change. It was a great experience!

My Response

Will you join with us in fostering spiritual formation and soul care for the journey of life and faith?

I believe Barnabas Ministries is providing an important ministry and would like to participate in the following way:

- I will pray for Barnabas Ministries
- I would like to support Barnabas Ministries monthly with a direct debit from my account

\$_____ (amount)

- I am able to contribute to the ministry with the following special offering
- \$25 \$50 \$100
- \$200 \$500 \$.....

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Account Name: Barnabas Ministries Inc
 BSB: 702 389
 Account No: 05209492

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