



ACC Prayer Diary March - April 2015

Prayer points

- Please pray for Rev. Shane Kammermann who, due to pressures of ministry, has had to step down from being ACC Chair of National Council.
- Pray also for Rev. Dr Hedley Fihaki who the Council has appointed Chair until the AGM, as well as Rev. Ian Weeks, appointed as Deputy Chair.
- Please pray for the SA Movement leadership group who are meeting on Thursday March 19th, and the Emerging Leaders Planning Team who will meet on April 14th to plan a leadership day later in the year.
- As the months and days tick down to the 14th Assembly of the Uniting Church, pray for all the members of the Assembly, especially those who uphold the apostolic faith. The Assembly will be in Perth on the 12th-18th July.
- Peter Bentley is preaching at ACC joint congregation Belfield/Croydon Park on March 22.
- Please pray for the Assembly Standing Committee Meeting this weekend Friday 20th - Monday 23rd March.
- Pray for the Uniting Prayer and Fasting Rally that will be happening this weekend to uphold the Assembly Standing Committee in prayer at Liverpool. Pray that we will be united in prayer for the Lord's glory and be able to pray meaningfully for the church at this time. Pray for safe travels for those travelling from a distance.
- Rev Terence Corkin, our general Secretary has asked us to pray for these matters regarding the Assembly Standing Committee
 - "At ASC in March we have a very full agenda which includes major reports that affect Frontier Services and the Beneficiary Fund. There are also significant discussions around budget and priorities, and matters going to the Assembly including the Doctrine paper on marriage, a paper on Eldership, the ongoing discussion about how we handle membership in the UCA and the nomination of the next General Secretary will also be on the agenda in March. Another appointment is the new National Director for Multicultural and Cross cultural ministry. There are also a number of discussions an decision which reflect work undertaken in response to issues raised in the Royal Commission. The Standing Committee has added an extra day to its meeting in order to handle the volume and complexity of the business."

"As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion." Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt?" (Hebrews 3:15-16).

The people who hardened their hearts were those inside the people of God - those God had saved leading them out of slavery. Rebellious humanity loves to be hard and tough because hardness is a sign of being in control - of not needing to trust or rely on anyone.

Those the book of Hebrews is written to are those who were turning from the grace of God that has come through Jesus to saving themselves by obeying ritual laws and religion. When we harden our hearts our lives will always turn to laws and rules - rules for ourselves and for others. We become critical and proud because our rules define our self-made righteousness.

But when we hear His voice, when we hear the precious word of salvation we become soft. We become soft to the Spirit of God and as He softens us we become soft towards one another.

Do not become hard in religion but soften yourselves to the Father. Say, "I need you and your grace and I'm nothing without you - soften me." (Rev. Derek Schiller).