

Welcome to the 2023 Assembly Calendar

Below you will find the 2023 dates for the key days we mark together as a national Uniting Church, events around the Uniting Church, key liturgical and ecumenical dates, and various dates marked socially/culturally that you may like to mark in your community.

This calendar is intended as a resource to help Uniting Church communities consider the shape of the year and plan their participation. Further dates will be added as we become aware of them.

Could this calendar be more helpful, or have we missed an event the national Uniting Church should know about? Email us to let us know: comms@nat.uca.org.au

Asterisk = for this date, a worship or other resource is normally provided by the Uniting Church Assembly or Uniting Church agencies.*

Red = national Uniting Church date or Uniting Church resource

January

28 National Young Adult Leaders Conference (Online)

February

13 Anniversary of the Apology to Stolen Generations

22 Ash Wednesday

22 Lent begins (until 6 April)

March

3 [World Day of Prayer](#)

8 [International Women's Day](#)

16 [Close the Gap Day](#)

20-26 [Harmony Week](#) (including International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination)

22 March-20 April Ramadan (*Assembly-hosted Building Harmony Iftar Dinner on 28 March*)

April

7-9 Holy Weekend* – *President's Easter Message*

12-19 National Conference - Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress

25 ANZAC Day* - *resource from the Uniting Church Defence Force Chaplains Committee*

May

18-28 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

27 May-3 June [National Reconciliation Week](#)

28 Pentecost

28 May – 22 June [Uniting in Prayer](#)* (Act2 national prayer event) - *resources to come from the Act2 Project Unit*

June

18-24 [Refugee Week](#)

21-24 Synod meeting - Synod of South Australia

22 Uniting Church Anniversary* - *President's Anniversary Message*

July

2-9 [NAIDOC Week](#)

12-16 President's Conference (Brisbane) - *this Conference is taking place in two parts, 12-14 July is for ministry agents in a placement, 14-16 July is open to the whole Church*

16 [Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday](#)* - *resources to come from the Assembly*

August

4 [National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day](#)

4-8 National Conference of Lay Preachers, Sunshine Coast

24-27 [4th Biennial History Conference, Darwin](#) - UC National History Society

September

1 Sep-4 Oct Season of Creation

3 [Child Safe Sunday \(UCA Child Safe Week\)](#)* - *resources to come from the [National Safe Church Unit](#)*

8-10 Synod meeting - Synod of Western Australia

14-17 Synod meeting - Synod of NSW/ACT

October

1 [Uniting Church Older Persons Sunday](#)* - *resource to come from [Uniting Friends of Ageing](#) (UnitingCare Australia)*

20-24 Synod meeting - Synod of Queensland

22 [Anniversary - National Apology to Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse](#)* - *resources to come from UCA Redress*

November

1-3 Preachfest (Synod of NSW/ACT but open nationally)

16-21 Synod meeting - Synod of VIC/TAS

25 Nov-10 Dec [16 Days](#) of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

December

3-24 Advent

25 Christmas Day* – *President's Christmas Message*

January 2024

22 Day of Mourning* - *resource to come from the Assembly*

Recurring

Every Thursday we mark Thursdays in Black, as part of the long-running campaign led by the World Council of Churches for a world free of rape and violence. Read about our participation.

Every fortnight the Act2 Project Unit hosts Zoom Drop-Ins, a relaxed opportunity for people to meet the Act2 team and learn more about this national project and how to get involved. Open to all. Find current dates here.