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overseas- the largest overseas born group on the estate is the Horn of Africa community, consisting of migrants from Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Sudan. This group makes up approximately one third of the total Estate population

Home Tutors

Many African women on the Estate have completed training courses, with formal qualifications in areas such as child care, aged care, and community welfare. CAN is hoping to match these with employers, initially pursuing aged care providers in the inner city to offer opportunities to qualified African women. To be successful in the job market, these African women need additional community support.

A key part of the training and job support will be to lift language and literacy skills for African job applicants. It is hoped that home tutoring by Carlton resident volunteers will be a major assistance for African families to achieve their goals.

Role of Mentors

Research into what skills and qualifications exist on the estate also discovered that there are also overseas born residents with professional qualifications (many from Australian universities) in Engineering, Accounting, Computer Science, Agriculture, Science, Education, Finance and Information systems, Business, and Community Development.

Mentoring becomes a crucial means to creating pathways for these African jobs applicants. CAN will help match unemployed African households with mentors from Carlton with related skills, qualifications and experience.

There are many Carlton residents with the relevant background and experience to become outstanding mentors to African job seekers.

CAN You Help?

In seeking volunteer mentors, CAN believes that there is a lot of potential within the local community for involvement and support. Potential mentors will be drawn from the congregation, the Carlton Residents Association and other relevant community organisations. Volunteers can contact Sarah Howe on ph. 0431 313 518 or Paul Madden ph. 0419 313 518

Next Sunday's Readings

1 March 2009

Holy Communion

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Next Week's Who's Who?

- Rev Dr Wes Campbell
Preacher & Liturgist
- Ethel Fullerton
Music
- Bev Campbell
Duty Person
- Ian Bird
Greeter
- Ian Bird & David Johnson
Stewards
- Emily Evans
Children's Worship
- Shirley Johnson
Flowers



CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS

Sunday
22 February 2009

Today's Readings

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Today's Who's Who?

- Rev Dr John Evans
Preacher
- Damian Sweeney
Liturgist
- Jean Evans
Music
- Rose Brown
Greeter
- Paul Madden & Ian Bird
Stewards
- Katie Evans
Children's Worship
- Bev Campbell
Flowers

Join us for communion each Wednesday at 7.45am in the Fullerton Chapel or for the Community Lunch each Monday at 11.30am.



Today is the **National Day of Mourning** for those who have suffered loss in the recent fires. It is a day of solemn remembrance and standing with those who grieve and day of gratitude for those who have served. Again we will reflect this in our service.

Today we also remember the transfiguration of Jesus. In this story we see Jesus as our light; and we are called on by God to believe and listen to him.



You are worshipping among friends at the Church of All Nations. As a Parish Mission of the Uniting Church in Australia we acknowledge our church to be part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout the world. We aim to be an open, questioning community of faith and we seek to live our faith at work, at home and in the community. If you are new to the area, or a visitor to this church, please participate as fully as you wish in our worship service. Make yourself known to us.

Today ...

- **Property and Finance Postponed**
The Property and Finance meeting is postponed. The 2008 Audit has not quite been completed.

Coming Up ...

- **Pancake Day**
Tuesday
Here's the chance to Support UnitingCare through pancake day!
- **Ash Wednesday**
Wednesday
A special Ash Wednesday service to mark the beginning of Lent will be held during our regular mid week communion service.
- **1st Sunday of Lent**
Next Sunday 1 March
John and Jean will be away next weekend. (Thursday evening to Monday evening) Rev Dr Wes Campbell will lead worship on the first Sunday of Lent.



Please feel free to contribute to our newsletter by emailing jeff@clarkson.id.au or phoning Jeff on 9899 3355.



- Reports are due for the Annual Report. The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday 29 March.
- Rev Dr Rufus Black will be inducted as the 9th Master of Ormond College, next Saturday 28 February at 4.30 pm in the Ormond Chapel. We extend to Rufus our best wishes and prayers.
- The second employment program intake for people from the Horn of Africa will begin shortly. Following the completion of the first program this coming week, we have another 20 people will be trained for positions in the hospitality industry. These are exciting developments in our vision of transforming lives and our community of Carlton.

Bushfire Update



The Bushfire Disaster Appeal launched last week, now after 10 days has passed \$300,000 in Online and Phone and in the last two days mail

donations. Financial Aid is what is most crucial at this point. We do not need donations of clothing or furniture at this stage. We are recording all offers of support for call-up when required. Many of these now have been successfully matched with a desperate need.

The Uniting Church seeks to work ecumenically with other churches and agencies acknowledges the important work they offer in responding to the

bushfire disaster. We have extensive networks of congregations, ministers and UnitingCare agencies active in the affected areas supported by the whole church. Whilst providing some immediate relief, our most significant contribution is beyond the immediate disaster response. Our diverse range of services provided by congregations, ministers and UnitingCare agencies seek to complement the efforts of others working with people as they rebuild their homes, their lives and their communities in the months and years to come.

Everyone can make a free call 1800 668 426 or donate online at: www.shareappeal.org.au.



Mentors & Home Tutors Needed

The Church of All Nations has launched a **Carlton Employment Opportunities for African Families** project and is seeking support from residents who may volunteer to provide mentoring or to become home tutors to African families in Carlton.

In an innovative approach that goes to the heart of addressing the disadvantage experienced by the refugee and African communities, CAN proposes to broker opportunities with employers and develop partners at the community level.

We are seeking volunteers who are friendly, supportive and empathetic to families in the African community. There are many ways of fulfilling the role. Participation by volunteers can involve informal chats over coffee, (not difficult in Carlton!), to teaching conversational English in the home

Africans facing Significant Barriers

The need for support to African job seekers is great. A research project by the church showed:

- Two thirds of the Carlton Public Housing population are currently not participating in the workforce
- Two thirds of residents were born

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