



Australian Presbyterian World Mission

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Dear Minister or Session Clerk

With the permission of the 2019 General Assembly of Australia, APWM is asking you to set aside Sunday 12th July (or another nearby Sunday) to focus on prayer for, and support of, ministry with Indigenous Australians. Our original plan was that this day would coincide with NAIDOC Week 2020. Despite NAIDOC 2020 being postponed due to COVID-19, we want to stick with our plans for a special appeal in the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

On Sunday 12th July we ask that you:

- 1) Pray particularly for Aboriginal ministry. We've provided some prayer points on the second page of this letter to guide you in this;
- 2) Show a 4 minute video about what's happening in Indigenous ministry around Australia. The video can be downloaded at <https://vimeo.com/426153855>
- 3) Hold a special collection for this ministry. This ministry lacks adequate specific financial support and so APWM has been meeting the shortfall from its General Funds. However we are approaching the point where we can't keep on doing that, and we need your help to maintain the ministry.

We see this as a way of reminding the members of the Presbyterian Church that there are great spiritual needs among the Indigenous community. We hope that you will incorporate this as a regular event in your church calendar on the 2nd Sunday in July each year.

Funds can be sent by Direct Deposit as follows:

Bank: Westpac

Account Name: Australian Presbyterian World Mission

BSB: 032 260

Account Number: 151207

Please include the word 'NAIDOC' in the reference field for the deposit, and send an email to finance@apwm.org.au with details of where to send a receipt for your Treasurer's records.

Alternatively, you can send a cheque to: APWM, 1 Clarence Street, Burwood NSW 2134

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the gospel.

In Christ,

Kevin Murray

National Director

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Prayer Points for Sunday 12th July, 2020

1. That the Indigenous people of Australia who often feel crushed in spirit through the welfare system or injustice would turn to Christ and put their hope in Him.
2. That the Indigenous people of Australia would be reconciled to God through Christ and in turn be reconciled to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.
3. That the reign of the Lord Jesus Christ would be experienced in our Indigenous communities and throughout wider Australia.
4. That those in Government and positions of influence in Australia would listen with empathy to the voices the people living in Indigenous communities throughout Australia and not allow the conversation to be drowned out by the voices of those who live in Australia's cities.
5. That there would be consistent financial support for Indigenous ministry — both within the Presbyterian Church of Australia and other denominations.