



**UnitingWorld**  
connecting communities for life

**lentevent**

5 MARCH - 17 APRIL 2025

40 days of faith-filled  
action for God's Creation

## Week 1: A Living Faith: The Church at the forefront of Climate Crisis and Disaster Response

*"The leadership of the church is absolutely central. Local Churches are often the first point of call in times of crisis, and it's the Church that is offering shelter, pastoral care and practical support. But I've seen that their role goes deeper – Churches are trusted, they have the long-term relationships that means communities and families turn to them for the holistic responses they need to respond to poverty in all its forms. And UnitingWorld has played a big part in that." Rev Charissa Suli.*



In this dynamic conversation, Dr Sureka Goringe (National Director, UnitingWorld) and Rev Charissa Suli (President, Uniting Church in Australia) unpack what it means for communities who live with the reality of changing climate and disaster, why changing climate makes worse every aspect of poverty and disadvantage, and how Uniting Church partners around the world are calling on Australian Christians to respond.

[Watch it here.](#)

### Prayer spotlight

The Uniting Church in Australia has a long and cherished history standing shoulder to shoulder with partner Churches around the world, many of whom regard us as big 'brothers and sisters' in Christ.

In a time of increasing division and intolerance, pray that we will continue to learn from each other and strengthen the ties between our cultures and traditions, modelling to our broader Australian networks what a truly diverse and inclusive community can be like.

Give thanks for the leadership of Dr Sureka Goringe and Rev Charissa Suli, as well as others who work to bring us together to find solutions to difficult problems from our shared strengths.

Pray for the courage to have conversations with our friends, neighbours and political representatives about the importance of decision making that considers our environment – locally, nationally and among our global neighbours.

Pray for a balanced sense of urgency and hope as we act in concrete ways to better care for God's creation in a time of critical decision making for the planet.

### Ideas for personal action this week

Sign up to the **Safer World for All** campaign [<https://saferworld.org.au/>]. With a federal election on the horizon, we need to signal to our leaders that we want Australia to be a generous and compassionate neighbour to our region and world.

## Further reading

*How to talk about climate change in a way that makes a difference – Rebecca Huntley*

This book is about understanding why people who aren't like you feel the way they do and learning to talk to them effectively. What we need are thousands - millions - of everyday conversations about the climate to enlarge the ranks of the concerned, engage the disengaged and persuade the cautious of the need for action.

## Suggestions to help your church to take part in Lent Event

### Put it in your newsheet and socials

**Lent Event.** Join UnitingWorld for 40 days of faith-filled action for God's creation from 5 March-17 April, to stand with people fighting on the frontlines of climate change in the Pacific, Africa and Asia. [www.lentevent.com.au](http://www.lentevent.com.au)

Promotional assets are shared on the [resources page](#), including powerpoint slides, social tiles, a video thumbnail and a banner for your newsheet.



**Show the videos** during your worship services and pray for the work of UnitingWorld and our partner churches (you can follow the Prayer Spotlight provided here).

If you received **Lent Event brochures** in the mail, distribute them to your members. Let us know if you want more.

Help us reach our fundraising target by **making a donation** or taking up a special collection.

Set up a **team fundraising challenge** through our new 40 for the Future platform at [www.40forthefuture.com.au](http://www.40forthefuture.com.au).

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