



## BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR CHAPLAINCY

### What the Election means for chaplaincy

*From the CEO:* Supporters of SU, be encouraged that the concerted action of Christians working together does make a difference! Prior to the Federal elections, Christians around Australia contacted their local members in support of Chaplaincy-well over 6,000 in fact. Consequently, both major parties made a statement that they would fund the continuation of

the National School Chaplaincy Program, for a further 3 year period 2012-2014. Additionally, the Prime Minister announced that a further 1,000 chaplaincies would be funded across Australia; and that the essential Christian nature of the program would be retained.

I believe that this is a Kingdom victory at a number of levels, from the pragmatic through to the spiritual. It's remarkable how God continues to challenge our faith, oftentimes against human logic. Jesus' teaching; 'even if you have faith the size of a mustard seed...' springs to mind.

## WHAT IS THE E100 CHALLENGE?

**SU staff have formed a group to take up the E100 Bible reading Challenge.** You could do this too: form a group at church, your workplace, Uni, College, or... See over for the complete story.

## CURRENT EVENTS

*We'll have a report on these events next time.*

### Zone 40 Primary Aged Camp

**Zone 40:** Myths and Legends-exploring the reality of Jesus.

Primary Camp for students in years 3-6.

5-8 October at Wee Jasper.

## Resourced Refreshed Created

**Resourced; Refreshed:** training for schools' ministry volunteers.

Saturday 18 September; organised in partnership with CRE and Catholic Life

**Strategic Directions Forum 6 November 2010**  
see inside for further details. Open invitation to attend.

# THE E100 CHALLENGE IS HERE!!



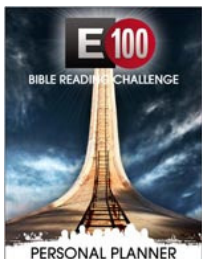
THE E100 CHALLENGE IS AN INITIATIVE OF SCRIPTURE UNION 

**Introducing E100 Challenge. the Bible Reading Plan people love to complete**

**“Biblical illiteracy among the general Christian population has reached alarming levels and evangelicals are not far behind”.** Cheryl Catford of Evangelical Alliance recently wrote on the appallingly low level of Biblical literacy in Australian churches. It is a crisis for the church but one that is now being recognised by church leaders across the country. There is clearly a famine for the word of God and SU Australia, in partnership with the Bible Society, is poised to help meet that challenge.

**E100 Challenge** is an exciting new project that has been trialed in a number of churches and groups this year. It is proving to be the **Bible Reading Plan people love to complete.** E100 Challenge consists of 100 readings - 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament – especially selected to give the reader a grasp of the Bible story and to better understand its key message. It can be used by individuals but is **especially valuable in community settings where the passages and key questions can be addressed together.**

**Crisis? Less than 25% of Christians read their Bible each week. How will we re-engage?**



### Getting Started:

All you need is the simple bible reading planner cost \$4, and your bible,



### Go deeper:

Grab the Essential 100 Companion Book (\$15), with extra notes and space for journaling and reflection.



### Group Options:

Group discussion guides available or you could do it as a whole church with church packs also available

**E100 sermon outlines also available free online**

E100 was developed by Whitney T. Kuniholm, President of Scripture Union USA. He writes ‘For me , the original motivation was simply a father who wanted to share his love for God’s word with his own kids. When I started working on the *E100 challenge*, I wasn’t thinking about a global Bible engagement campaign. I just wanted to show 3 young people how to meet God every day in his word.’

**All resources can be ordered from the E100 website. Register now to take part in this important challenge.**

**Please check out the website**

[www.e100challenge.com.au](http://www.e100challenge.com.au)

**or call SU ACT on 6251 3677**

### Save this date!!

SU ACT will be holding a presentation for Canberra Pastors and Christian leaders on 19 October. Discussions will include how we can effectively use the E100 challenge in our churches

# STAFF CHANGES AND UPDATES

*Meryl Hinge has been our Youth Development Coordinator since January. She shares with us some highlights and achievements from this year as well as some goals for the future of our youth work in SU.*



**How long have you been in this role and how has this role been developed over this time?**

I started in the job in mid January and it incorporates working into all of the main SUACT ministry areas, this includes:

- ◆ working with churches to re-establish ministry groups in secondary schools and colleges
- ◆ working with the Director and Manager of Chaplaincy services to assist Chaplains to make strong local links to support the Chaplaincy
- ◆ Working to present workshop with Kids Hope, CRE Coordinator, and World Vision to show churches what a vast untapped mission field is available in schools and to provide follow up support on how to become a school volunteer
- ◆ Developing a leadership program for student leaders and also for training for our volunteers
- ◆ Building new initiatives to strengthen and promote development of SU's work in the youth.
- ◆ Promoting the work of SUACT in a variety of events and venues including the Regen Dinner and in churches and to other community organisations and events
- ◆ Working on community outreach events
- ◆ Working in a cooperative and collaborative way with all SU staff on administrative issues and for program development
- ◆ Attended the national gathering of SU secondary schools program managers
- ◆ Currently coordinating the camping program

**What has been achieved so far? New programs? New initiatives?**

- ◆ New Partnerships have been formed:
  - with Synergy for the C2 conference held in April
  - with Mountain Trails for a range of service that benefits both organisations
  - AFES to transition Christian students into Christian groups at University
- ◆ The Canberra Youth Ministry Network has had its inaugural meeting on 7 September
- ◆ A new school group at Lanyon High has begun with work currently under way on several more.

**What does the rest of this year hold?**

- ◆ Zone 40 Camp in October
- ◆ Workshops 6 & 7 in inner south and inner north Canberra in September
- ◆ Launch of E 100, 19 October
- ◆ Development of a leadership training weekend for students from Yrs 9 – 12
- ◆ Further research and development on programs and initiatives for the nurture and development of schools ministry
- ◆ Work together with Chaplaincy Manager to develop Chaplaincy Support teams



## Strategic Directions Forum 2010 Discussion Challenge Inspiration Action!

**SUACT Membership: Paper presentation and discussion**

**Using our Personnel Resources more effectively:**

*How could we better utilize experienced SUACT personnel who may not currently be on one of the 'active volunteer' lists?*

**What are we doing: Progress report**

**New Initiatives:**

**Schools Ministry Framework Churches engagement Chaplaincy Support Teams Churches' Workshops**

**9:00am - 4:30pm, Saturday 6 November**

**Venue TBA - Contact Craig 6175 0105**

*Morning Tea, Lunch, and Afternoon tea supplied*

# WELCOME TO CHAPLAINCY: DI

*In July we welcomed Dianne Priest to the team as the Manager of Chaplaincy Services. Di shares with us where she comes from and what she is looking forward to achieving in this role*



'I'm a Tassie born and bred girl from a place called Burnie.

My husband and I took up the challenge to become involved in cross-cultural mission work soon after meeting and marrying and we, with young family in tow, moved to PNG for 8 years with New Tribes Mission. Upon our return to Tasmania I again commenced teaching and enjoyed roles as Principal and Board Member in a couple of the Christian Schools along the NW coast.'

### **What role have you come from, why did you make the move?**

'In February of this year I commenced working with SU Tas as a Chaplaincy Support Officer along the North West Coast. I worked with 25 chaplains and their committees to ensure that chaplaincy was functioning well in the schools. I enjoyed the privilege of working with dynamic and gifted chaplains, meeting school staff passionate about providing opportunities for their

students and working with churches who valued the opportunity to make a difference in their communities through involvement in schools. It was a struggle at first to consider a move to Canberra when my husband found work here with Belconnen Baptist church in April of this year. But God! His plans are always good and He provided an opportunity at the right time for me to continue working in chaplaincy but now with SUACT!'

### **What has it been like moving into this role with SU ACT**

'The move away from Tasmania, the coast (love the beach!), family and friends has been made easier with the support and kindness shown by the team here at SU ACT. The similarity of the role, with slight variations, has been of benefit as I've *adjusted to life in the bush capital.*'

### **What exciting directions/opportunities do you see happening for the rest of the year**

'Personally I look forward to meeting new people and enjoying learning new things from life as it comes my way. I enjoy the ministry of mentoring and being mentored and look forward to developing that ministry here in Canberra. *The chaplains are a vibrant and diverse group of people and I relish the opportunity to interact and work with them.*'

### **What do you hope to achieve through this role for chaplaincy in the ACT**

'I hope to continue to achieve God's purposes in growing people in Christ and helping train and equip chaplains for the work they do.

I hope to encourage and inspire local churches to partner with schools and chaplains in a sustainable and effective way. I hope to contribute to and learn from the SU team and bring my perspective, experience and understandings to the conversation of growth, change and effectiveness in ministry.'

## CHAPLAINCY CHANGES

**Scripture Union has recently employed 5 new chaplains to fill the following positions:**

Richardson Primary School – Cheryl Turek

Stromlo High School – Ali Oliver

Taylor Primary – Felicity Hope

Bonython Primary – Janice Spencer

Gold Creek K-10 - Andrea de Vaal Horciu

**Some existing chaplains have picked up extra roles and bring their experience to:**

Lake Ginninderra -Mary Apikotoa

Melba/Copland College – Chris Northey

Charles Conder Primary School – Peter Graham

Black Mountain – Ted Leask

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