

The following information summarises avenues of pastoral care for pastors. Whilst some are specific to those pastoring churches, those involved in chaplaincy or other ministries should consider that these supports are also intended for them wherever appropriate. Many supports can be accessed via [www.buv.com.au](http://www.buv.com.au), under the menu item 'Supporting Pastors'.

Please note that country callers can reach the BUV reception by calling 1 800 815 821 and then be transferred to the office staff member they wish to speak to.

### **Pastoral Care through the BUV Ministry Team**

The Acting Director of Ministries, Anne Wilkinson-Hayes, along with Andrew Woff, carries the overall responsibility for the pastoral care of pastors and churches. Their executive assistant maintains their calendars and will book an appointment for you, ensure they receive information confidentially, and handle most enquiries.

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#### o **The Regional Ministers**

Victoria has been divided into four major regions: East, West, North-West Metropolitan, and South-East Metropolitan. Each region has a full time Regional Minister who fulfills the varying roles of friend, pastor, consultant and general point of reference. The Regional Ministers are:

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#### o **Care of Retired Pastors, their Wives and Widows**

Special pastoral care is offered to those who are now in retirement. Rev Alan Nunn makes regular visits and phone contact. The BUV also sponsors an annual lunch in November, which provides an opportunity for our retirees to catch up with others they know from ministry. In 2011, this lunch is planned for Friday 18 November.

## 2. Pastoral Care through Groups

### o Peer Support Groups

The Ministry Team continues to encourage Peer Support Groups for pastors across Victoria. These are small groups of pastors who meet for friendship, prayer and the exploration of personal and congregational issues. There are high levels of accountability. New groups are continuing to be established. If you are interested in such a group consult your Regional Minister.

### o Local Pastors' Groups

There are two kinds of pastors' groups that meet in various places:

**1. The Local Baptist Pastors' Groups:** These groups are active in many, but not all, areas. Check with the pastors of your nearest Baptist church or your Regional Minister to see if there is one near you.

**2. Interchurch Ministers' Groups:** In many communities there is a group for the pastors of churches of all denominations. These provide valuable community links with the people of God. Out of these groups there often develop special community projects and events. Regular prayer fellowship is a feature in many. The best way to connect is to contact pastors of other churches in your local community.

### o Victorian Baptist Ministry Network (VBMN)

This network links pastors and their partners with others in Baptist ministry.

**1. Email List Group:** Join for discussion, sharing ideas and others' perspectives. Contact Gary Heard on [gdh@netspace.net.au](mailto:gdh@netspace.net.au) to be added.

**2. Nourish:** these day time gatherings for all Victorian pastors and their partners take place on the Friday prior to each Saturday Gathering. Dates for 2011 are May 6 and October 21. Contact Rhonda Shaw for further details [rhonda.shaw@buv.com.au](mailto:rhonda.shaw@buv.com.au)

## 3. Pastoral Care through Events

### o Annual School of Ministry

This annual three day residential event is held at Whitley College from Monday – Wednesday towards the end of June. This year it will be 27 – 29 June. This is an excellent opportunity for service training, and meeting with colleagues in ministry.

### o Rural Ministry Fellowships

Country pastors and spouses are invited to a two day event in major centres around the State: Moe, Stawell, Bendigo and Wodonga. Overnight accommodation costs are covered by the Union. These are a combination of fellowship and training.

The dates:

Gippsland (Sale)	February 15-16
Western Victoria (Halls Gap)	March 19
Midlands, North (Bendigo)	Aug 16
North East (Wodonga)	Oct 18-19

Contact the Acting DOM's office on 9880 6188 with any queries about arrangements.

#### o **Professional Development Process (PDP)**

Every three years on a rotating basis, pastoral leaders throughout Victoria will be invited to participate in the PDP process. The aim of the PDP process is to encourage pastoral leaders in their continued growth, both personally and in ministry. Seminars are held throughout the year at various locations, which explain the process, as well as providing opportunity for mutual support and networking. Details are on the BUV website under the 'Supporting Pastors' page.

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### **4. Pastoral Care to Meet Specific Needs**

#### o **Personal and Marital Counselling**

Confidential arrangements are made for pastors needing special assistance. The Union provides financial assistance to agreed levels. Contact your Regional Minister.

#### o **Financial Counselling**

Pastors are wisely showing increased interest in financial planning, which should be given consideration well ahead of drawing close to retirement. Contact your Regional Minister for details of confidential arrangements.

#### o **Car Purchase Assistance**

This involves assistance with obtaining a Fleet Discount price on a new vehicle and/or leasing possibilities. Direct personal loans to a pastor are not possible at this stage. Contact our Administrator, Kylie Kendall on 9880 6111.

#### o **Funeral Costs**

The Union offers financial assistance when needed to assist in the funeral expenses of a pastor or a pastor's spouse.

### **5. Pastoral Care in times of transition**

When Pastoral change is in the air the Advisory Board your Regional Minister and the Director of Ministries are all here to help. Never hesitate to open a conversation. More; look up the BUV Website and follow the links to Advisory Board for further resources.

If you wish to obtain additional information on any of the above matters or need other assistance contact 9880 6188 or your Regional Minister.

### **6. Dates for your diary**

For all BUV dates please log on to the BUV calendar - <http://www.buv.com.au/events/calendar>