

## Pastoral Care for Pastors

The following information is a summary of pastoral care avenues for pastors.

Many supports can be accessed via [www.buv.com.au](http://www.buv.com.au) you can either click the 'About Us' tab and then click 'Pastoral Leadership Support and Development team' or click the 'Pastor' tab on the right of the home page.

Please note that country callers can reach the BUV reception by calling 1800 815 821 and then be transferred to the office staff member they wish to speak to.

### Pastoral Care through the BUV Ministry Team

The Director of Mission & Ministries, Daniel Bullock, carries the overall responsibility for the Mission and Ministry of the BUV. Daniel can be accessed by contacting his Executive Assistant, Lyn Williams.

#### Director of Mission & Ministries Office:

Daniel Bullock  
9880 6188

Lyn Williams [lyn.williams@bu.com.au](mailto:lyn.williams@bu.com.au)  
9880 6188

The support and development of pastors is overseen By Andrew Woff, Head of Pastoral Leadership Support Development team. In most cases, Andrew's assistant, Lisa maintains his calendar and will book an appointment for you, ensure Andrew receives information confidentially, and handles most enquiries.

#### Pastoral Leadership Support and Development:

Jonathan Stark  
9880 6132

Lisa Isaacs [lisa.isaacs@bu.com.au](mailto:lisa.isaacs@bu.com.au)  
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#### Regional Pastors:

Victoria has been divided into regions: East, West, and South-East Metropolitan and North-West Metropolitan. Each region has a Regional Pastor whose role is to help pastors in their region to have strong support and accountability networks that sustain them in ministry and attend to ongoing growth and development. Regional Pastors are also a "first point of call" in times of crisis and transition for pastors.

The current Regional Pastors are:

<b>Region Area</b>	<b>Regional Pastor</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>East</b>	Philip Gilham	0425 756 996	<a href="mailto:philip.gilham@bu.com.au">philip.gilham@bu.com.au</a>
<b>West</b>	Graeme Semple	0490 036 112	<a href="mailto:graeme.semple@bu.com.au">graeme.semple@bu.com.au</a>
<b>South-East and North-West Metro</b>	Chris Barnden	0418 617 751	<a href="mailto:chris.barnden@bu.com.au">chris.barnden@bu.com.au</a>

## Pastoral Care through Groups

### **Peer Support Groups:**

Peer support groups, clusters and networks of pastors for mutual encouragement and growth are an important feature of BUV life. All pastoral leaders are encouraged to be part of a pastoral cluster. It doesn't have to be geographical or Baptist but it does need to be regular, intentional, trustworthy and open to growing together. Where clusters are geographical, it enables cooperation in local mission. If you would like to be part of such a group, talk to your Regional Pastor who may help you to find one... or start one!

### **Next Gen:**

A range of pastoral care opportunities – including mentoring, training, prayer retreat, crisis support – are available for emerging leaders, and Generations Pastors (Children and Families, Youth and Young Adults). This ministry is coordinated by Kimberly Smith [Kimberly.smith@buv.com.au](mailto:Kimberly.smith@buv.com.au) Mobile: 0418 377 094.

### **Care of Experienced in Ministry:**

The "Experienced in Ministry" group provides pastoral care to those who are 65 years of age and over, in retirement or widows/widowers of pastors. A quarterly magazine is also produced. The BUV also sponsors an annual lunch in November, which provides an opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues and to hear current features of Baptist ministry. These ministries are coordinated by Alan Marr – [alan.marr@myinbox.net.au](mailto:alan.marr@myinbox.net.au)

### **Baptist Ministers Victoria (BMV):**

BMV is a voluntary association of pastors to support and advocate for pastors' needs within the BUV. Membership can be arranged by contacting Grant Stewart ([b.grant.stewart@gmail.com](mailto:b.grant.stewart@gmail.com)).

## Pastoral Care through Events

### **Nourish:**

These day time gatherings for all Victorian pastors and their partners take place on the Friday of BUV Gathering weekends. The dates for 2018 are Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Melissa Rule, BUV Events Manager ([Melissa.rule@buv.com.au](mailto:Melissa.rule@buv.com.au)) for further details.

### **Annual School of Ministry:**

This year's annual residential event will be held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July at Whitley College. It is an excellent opportunity for in-service training, and meeting with colleagues in ministry.

### **Rural Ministry Fellowships:**

Country pastors and spouses are invited to a two day event in regional centers around the State. These are a combination of fellowship, sharing ideas and resources and training. Dates for 2018 are:

- South West (Halls Gap): 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April
- South East (Gippsland): 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April
- North West (Boort): 29-30<sup>th</sup> August
- North East (tbc): 11-12<sup>th</sup> September

## Pastoral Care to Meet Specific Needs

### *Personal and Marital Counselling:*

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

### *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 Finance Team on (03) 9880 6177.

## Pastoral Care in times of Transition

When Pastoral change is in the air your Regional Pastor is often the first point of contact. Your regional pastor can be a sounding board, can facilitate an exit interview and provide connection to other BUV support services.

The services of Advisory Board are available to assist you in seeking God's leading for a new ministry situation. Contact Lyn Williams on 9880 6188 or [lyn.williams@buv.com.au](mailto:lyn.williams@buv.com.au). Further information can be located on the BUV Website.

If you wish to obtain additional information on any of the above matters or need other assistance please contact Lisa Isaacs on 9880 6150 or [lisa.isaacs@buv.com.au](mailto:lisa.isaacs@buv.com.au), or speak to your Regional Pastor.

## Dates for your Diary

For all BUV dates please log on to the BUV calendar - [www.buv.com.au/events/calendar](http://www.buv.com.au/events/calendar)