



# UCA Redress Ltd

## Monthly update – June 2021

*We pay our respects to the First Nations people of the country in which we live, and acknowledge elders - past, present and emerging. We acknowledge that children entrusted to the care of the Church did not always receive the care they deserved and we acknowledge the ongoing impact and trauma of the separation of children from families and communities.*

*If you would like to make an application for redress go to: [Home](#) | [National Redress Scheme](#)*

### Trauma informed practice

One of the principles underpinning the National Redress Scheme is that it is trauma informed. That is, it should be done in a way that works *with* survivors of abuse to establish safety, trustworthiness, collaboration, choice and control, and empowerment.

The Royal Commission heard many stories about the retraumatisation experienced by survivors of abuse when they disclosed the abuse to the institution. Our engagement with survivors should, at a minimum, do no further harm.

Trauma informed practice is relevant across the life of the Church, as there will be people in our congregations, workforces, student bodies, and agency client groups, who have experienced trauma.

In relation to the experience of abuse in the Church, we should be mindful of responding to people in a trauma-informed way – for example, not making people repeat their stories unnecessarily, providing consistent and timely processes, being mindful of cultural, gender or other sensitivities, making sure we follow up and do what we say we are going to do, not using overly legalistic terminology or processes.

All people involved in engagements with survivors of abuse should be trained to understand the impact of trauma.

**Upcoming Training offered by UCA Redress Ltd**  
18 June 2021 10-12pm AEST *By zoom*  
***Managing vicarious trauma – with Laura Luchi from Anima Consulting***  
Email: [info@redress.uca.org.au](mailto:info@redress.uca.org.au) to register  
*Training can be tailored for your institution/Synod. Please get in touch.*

**10,005**

**Total applications to National Redress Scheme (26/3/21)**

AS AT 31 May 2021

