UCA Redress Ltd

Monthly update – March 2022

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Please be aware content may reference child sexual abuse. For support, please visit here

We acknowledge and pay respect to the First Nations people of the land on which our services are delivered. We acknowledge children entrusted to the care of the Church did not always receive the care they deserved. If you would like to make an application for redress, please go to: Home | National Redress Scheme

Three years of operations for UCA Redress Ltd

Almost three years has passed since the Uniting Church in Australia was declared a participant in the National Redress Scheme.

Some data:

- Almost 4000 UCA or predecessor Church related institutions (currently operating and defunct) listed at participating in the Scheme
- 80% of applications relate to out of home care, including family group homes and missions
- 6% relate to schools
- 9% relate to congregations
- 6% relate to other settings, including informal foster care
- Applications relate to abuse that occurred mostly in the 1960s-1980s but there some relate to abuse that occurred in the 1930s, and as recently as 2010s
- Abusers are most commonly staff, then other residents in out of home care contexts, followed by those in ministry or youth leaders

In the applications for redress, we read accounts of terrible abuse suffered by children in all contexts in which the Church operates. We hear of the lifelong impact of abuse on people's lives. We learn so much about the dynamics of power exerted over children to abuse then to silence them, sometimes for decades. These stories should never get lost in the numbers. We must continue to be vigilant in our safeguarding of children in the Church, and must always be learning from the mistakes of the past.

Upcoming training

- Direct Personal Response in the UCA
- 9 March 12-1.30pm AEST by zoom
- Managing Vicarious Trauma
 23 March 12-1.30pm AEST by zoom
 To register email us at
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13,541

Total applications to National Redress Scheme (28/1/22)

Uniting Church Data

AS AT 1 MARCH 2022





