



UCA Redress Ltd

Monthly update – May 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](#)

History – story telling, lessons learned

April was Care Experienced History Month, marked formally for the first time in Australia, with 30 April being a Day of Remembrance. Information can be found here: [Care Experienced History Month – Find & Connect \(findandconnectwrblog.info\)](#).

Remembrance ceremonies, reunions, marking anniversaries etc can be important for people who were in care or other institutional settings as children. It can provide an anchor for people to reconnect with those with whom they spent time as children. It can also be a painful reminder of the absence of family, removal from community, and, sometimes, of abuse and neglect experienced in care.

The telling of stories and never forgetting the past is important for survivors of abuse, institutions and communities, especially in the context of redress where lessons learned are a vital input to shape current safety practice.

Each year, the UCA marks the anniversary of the National Apology to survivors of institutional abuse (22 October). Your Synod or institution may wish to note, participate in and promote awareness of local remembrance occasions.

Upcoming Training offered by UCA Redress Ltd

11 May 2021 12-1.30pm AEST *By zoom*

Overview of the National Redress Scheme for staff in the UCA and related institutions

Email: 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)

Uniting Church Data

AS AT 1 May 2021

