

Give Hope Service, Sunday November 27: Finding a better way

As part of the *Give Hope: Uniting for Asylum seekers campaign*, members of Uniting Church congregations and their communities are invited to attend a special service at 3pm on 27th November at Pitt Street Uniting. The service will express both ***lament***, at our nation's treatment of people seeking asylum, and ***hope*** that together we will find a better way.

If you can't get to that service, you can still be actively involved. Here's how:

1. Print off enough "We can do better" signs for your group or congregation and take a photo of people holding them up during a service, outside your church or during morning tea or supper.
2. Ask everyone (who would like to) to write a message to your local MP on the flip side of the signs, under *Why I want a better way for people seeking asylum*. A short, personal and heartfelt message will have real impact. Write you MP's name, if you know it, and give your name and address (this shows you are their constituent).
3. Gather the signs with written messages and, along with a copy of the photo, post/deliver them to your local Federal member(s) of parliament. Federal MPs' electorate addresses can be found here:
www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Members
4. Please share any photos you take on social media and tag 'Give Hope Campaign' and email us a copy to socialjustice@uniting.org, as this will help us spread the message.

It would be ideal to take part in these actions on Sunday November 27th, but if that's not possible, please choose another Sunday, or another church event. If you don't have anyone who would normally take a lead on these issues, ask a person or group to take responsibility for making it happen on this occasion. Please also feel free to extend this action to youth groups, Sunday schools, ladies' fellowships or other church and community gatherings.

***Thank you for participating in this act of hope so that we can find a better way
for refugees and people seeking asylum.***

If you have any questions or need more information please contact us at:
socialjustice@uniting.org or call Jon O'Brien, Social Justice Advocacy Coordinator, on 9407 3225.

Warm regards

The Give Hope team