

The South Australian Dialogue of the Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches



...to study, reflect, pray, communicate, respond, liaise...

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We write to you as co-chairs of the *Uniting Church – Roman Catholic Dialogue of South Australia*. This dialogue was formally established by the leaders of our two churches in South Australia over 30 years ago to engage in conversation about our respective traditions, theological convictions and faith practices.

Over the past 18 months our Dialogue group has been reflecting on two main issues: the place of our First Nations sisters and brothers in Australia, especially in light of the 2017 *Uluru Statement of the Heart*, and the growing concern over the environment, global warming and treatment of the Earth.

From our conversation emerged a resource, “Crying Out: Exploring the *Statement from the Heart* and Care for the Environment.”

Through its four sessions, this resource offers members of our local congregations and people of faith, including those engaged in education, justice and mission, to reflect, in the light of our faith traditions, on the deep cry that comes from our indigenous sisters and brothers which finds an echo in the cry of our earth and to suggest ways that we might respond. Our website (www.sadialoguercuc.org) offers a guide to assist in the leadership of small group discussions.

We believe that *Crying Out* is important and timely.

We offer this resource to you, invite you to share it with others and to provide ways for others to engage it.

With every blessing,

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