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**Moreton Rivers
Presbytery**

Newsletter

31 May 2017

WELCOME

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter. It's full of what's happening around the Moreton Rivers Presbytery and beyond.

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WHAT'S on:

-  **3 JUNE**
MSM – Leading Missional Communities
-  **3 JUNE**
Redcliffe UC – Community Fund Launch
-  **3 JUNE**
MSM Southport UC
-  **3 JUNE 8am-4pm**
Ashgrove Dance Studio Fete (MRP grounds)
-  **5 JUNE 7-9pm**
Trinity Unplugged
-  **27 -30 JUNE**
Day Camp
-  **25 JUNE 2pm**
40th Celebrations
Albert St UC

PRESBYTERY NEWS:

Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for the congregation of Pine Rivers Uniting Church, for Pastor Wendy Keeble and the congregation as they seek to minister to those in their community.

Please pray for Chaplains working in schools across Queensland, for their ministry to students, families and staff.

2017 Code of Ethics

MRP 2018 Code of Ethics will be on a **THURSDAY** next year. Thursday 3rd May 2018. 9am – 12pm followed by Safe Ministry with Children training from 1pm- 3pm at Kenani Uniting Community, 425 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo. Note it in your diaries now.

If you missed the MRP training day this year you may like to sign up to the South Moreton & Bremer Brisbane Presbyteries training days: (*continued on next page*)

Code of Ethics Training 2017 – other Presbyteries

South Moreton Presbytery: 18th July 2017

9:00am – 12:30pm followed by lunch

RSVP: smpresmin@gmail.com Location: to be advised

Bremer Brisbane Presbytery: 23rd June 9:00am – 12:30pm

Where: Goodna UC, 13 William St, Goodna QLD 4300, Australia

Code of Ethics will be immediately followed by SMC Ministers Component (compulsory every year)

Please RSVP by contacting the appropriate Presbytery Office

Standing Committee Lay Representative: Call for Nominations

There are currently two Lay Representative positions available on the Presbytery Standing Committee. If you are interested in nominating for one of these positions or you have someone in mind – please fill out a nomination form (see link below) and return it to the Presbytery Secretary by Monday 24th July 2017.

[Nomination Form](#)

MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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| 3 July | Resourcing Committee |
| 4 July | Pastoral Relations Committee |
| 11 July | Standing Committee |
| 13 July | Educating and Equipping Committee |

Next Newsletter: Wednesday 14th June 2017

Submissions due: Monday 12th June 2017

PRESBYTERY NEWS: *Continued*

Trinity College Redevelopment Update:

1. Trinity Unplugged

Trinity is running a series of evening seminars – look out for the dates in the newsletter. The events aim to develop the appetite people may have for theological education. We would like to see attendees enroll in short courses and then move onto accredited studies. At our last Trinity Unplugged event Sam Chan spoke on Sharing Faith. You can watch the video [here](#). Scott Stephens will talk about what the media's engagement with Donald Trump says about us at our next [Trinity Unplugged on Monday 5th June](#). There will also be another Trinity Unplugged planned for Friday 7-9 pm, 28th July. This session will suit all ages but especially high school children, university students and Christian people who struggle with questions that arise from science.

2. Formation Program

The Board for Christian Formation (BCF) endorsed a proposed new Formation Program that will be in place by July 2017. This program was developed to meet the Standards for Theological Education and Formation Ordination endorsed by the Assembly in November 2016. The Program also covers the [Leadership Development Framework](#) endorsed by the Synod Standing Committee in 2016. Please contact Peter Hobson, our Dean of Formation and Dispersed Learning for more information about this Program (peter.hobson@trinity.qld.edu.au).

3. Short Courses for Lay Preachers

The Future Ministry Model adopted by the BCF in June 2016 commits the TCQ Faculty to delivering the academic component of the Lay Preachers Certificate. In keeping with the Assembly's new Standards for Lay Preachers, the BCF has endorsed a short course program that is now offered through Trinity College Queensland. Students may either enroll in five-week long face-to-face evening classes, as online students, or take a one day intensive. Pre-readings for one-day intensives will be set to support student-learning. The challenge has been to balance flexibility with a certain level of academic rigor within the short courses for lay preacher's program. You can find out more about this program [here](#). Note, however, that a new website will soon launch that allows for online enrolment in these courses. Each short course costs \$150.

4. Short Course for Lay Presiders

The Short Course for Lay Presiders is available online. The college intends to have this course re-written before the end of this year to meet Assembly requirements.

7. New website

We expect that the College's new website will launch within the next three weeks. The new website has greater functionality than the microsite launched in January.

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS:

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry Course

4-6 September 2017, Brisbane

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry is a three day program designed to give participants an introduction to the key concepts and practices of ministering with congregations and agencies in times of transition.

For more information and online registration [click here](#)



Learning for Living – Exploring the Old & New Testaments (North Lakes)

Learning for Living is a course in spirituality, focussing on enrichment of self, mission to the world and ministry to the church. Doing the whole course equips people in their ministries as lay preachers, Bible study leaders, chaplains, etc. You can also do single subjects for your own interest.



Our next subjects at **North Lakes (Exploring the Old Testament)** planned for three Saturdays (20/5; 10/6; 22/7) **unfortunately has been postponed**, but Semester 2 (**Exploring the New Testament**) Saturdays (30 Sept, 14 Oct & 18 Nov) is still running. Come along to grow your ministry or to deepen your own faith and knowledge.

Register now! For more information and registration please [click here](#).

Mission Shaped Ministry

- **Saturday 3 June (MSM—Leading Missional Communities)**
 - ***Southport Church of Christ (Bruce Murray's house, 62 The Plateau, Ormeau)***
9.00 am—4.00 pm



You are invited to share a learning journey in a supportive community to be equipped for a lifetime of good practice and learning in growing fresh expressions of church. Whether you want to start a new fresh expression of church, or find a missional edge for your congregation, mission shaped ministry will encourage, equip and inspire.

- **Saturday 26 August (MSM—Young Adult Mission)**
 - ***Queensland Synod. 9.00 am—4.00 pm***
- **Saturday 25 November (MSM—Discipleship & Spirituality in Missional Communities)**
 - ***Highfields Cultural Centre. 9.00 am—4.00 pm***

For more information and online registration [click here](#).

For further information please contact Jill Bow: adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

Study Tour to Israel & Jordan

8-27 April, 2018

Our experienced tour leader, Biblical scholar and educator, Rob McFarlane, is leading a group to Israel & Jordan. The tour will focus on Biblical studies, Byzantine Christianity, as well as Islam, Judaism and Christianity. A full brochure with itinerary and costings for this tour is available.

Information evening 7.00 pm, Fri 14 July, Presbytery office. For the brochure and booking form, [click here](#).

National Church Life Survey (NCLS) results

Congregations who participated in last year's NCLS will be receiving their packages in the coming week. There are some great new resources, including a workbook to help you do some creative mission planning. The workbook includes short session options as well as extended processes.

Rob McFarlane will organise a gathering of **congregational leaders** with Scott Guyatt (Synod Mission Engagement) to explore the best ways to use this fabulous missional resource.

Congregations who didn't participate: GREAT NEWS! You can still do the survey and get the resources to help engage with your community and transform your congregations.

For more information: <http://www.2016ncls.org.au/> or contact Rob McFarlane edofficer@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

National Conference of Lay Preachers

7-10 July 2017, Melbourne

The National Conference of Lay Preachers provides a meeting place for Lay Preachers, Candidates, Worship Leaders and other interested people to share a few days of fellowship, mutual support and encouragement as we engage with our calling to lead God's people in worship. One of the highlights is always meeting friends from other Synods and sharing with them. For more information and registration form – please visit the Moreton Rivers Presbytery Education page: [MRP Education - Lay Preacher's conference](#)

Transforming Worship:

A national conference on worship in the UCA

27-30 July, 2017, Burnside City UC, Adelaide SA

- Worship as transformation and formation in the presence of God
- Interplay between worship, learning & mission
- Shaping intergenerational worship
- Worship in multicultural communities
- Preaching: making Gospel sense
- Crafting music and imagery for worship
- Worship 'outside the box'

For more information please visit <http://transformingworship.com.au/>



MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

President's National Ministry Conferences 2017

Assembly President Stuart McMillan's two National Ministerial Conferences will be held in **Darwin 29 June - 2 July** and **Adelaide 22-25 August**. The Darwin conference theme is "Honouring First Peoples as Sovereign". The Adelaide conference is combined with the UL17 Conference "Growing Leaders to Grow the Church". For more information please [click here](#).

Safe Ministry with Children Training – Bremer Brisbane Presbytery

Please note the upcoming SMC (Safe Ministry with Children) Training dates and venues:

- Monday 5th June - 6.30pm – 9.30pm at Moggill UC
- Saturday 10th June – 9am – 12 noon at Glebe Rd UC
- Saturday 15th July – 9am – 12 noon at Indooroopilly UC

Please RSVP to Melloney Braithwaite: adminbremerbrisbane.org.au or ph 0413 667 671 if you would like to attend.

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YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

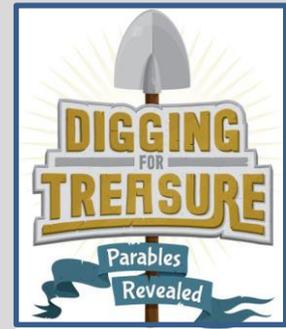
Day Camp 2017

Tuesday 27 June - Friday 30 June, Triple C Campgrounds, Cedar Creek

Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed

For all information and online registration please [click here](#)

Day Camp Registrations go quickly so to avoid disappointment sign up NOW.
We already have quite a few children registered.



Registrations are now open! Registrations close: Monday 5th June 2017

Baked Goods – Morning tea and afternoon for Day Camp

Looking for all the keen bakers out there !

If you would like to donate some baked goods for morning tea and afternoon for Day Camp please contact your congregation's Day Camp contact.

Messy Church Training

Beth Nicholls from South Moreton Presbytery is a regional coordinator of Messy Church across Brisbane. She has generously offered to conduct Messy Church training with any congregations who are interested in exploring this significant ministry opportunity.

For further information contact Beth Nicholls at: bethnicholls@bigpond.com

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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Preparing for 40 Days of Prayer. All of this is us.

President Stuart McMillan is calling the Uniting Church in Australia to prayer for 40 days, starting on **14 May** to our 40th anniversary date on 22 June. The Assembly will share prayers for different areas of work in the life of the Church every day during this time.

For more information [click here](#)



Launch of the Redcliffe Uniting Community Fund Saturday 3 June, 2pm, Redcliffe Uniting Church

Since 2012, the Redcliffe Uniting Community Fund (previously Neil J Grant Fund) has generated half a million dollars to fund and inspire mission from Redcliffe, Qld and to the world. Come and honour the donors, hear the stories and think about the future. Saturday 3rd June, 2pm. Redcliffe Uniting Church. **Please RSVP : Paul Clark Ph: 32834066 or email: paul_bec@dovenetq.net.au**

Ashgrove Dance Studio Community Fair

Saturday 3 June, 8am-4pm, 22-24 Ashgrove Avenue

In association with the Wesley Mission Family and In-home Childcare and St Paul's Anglican Church Ashgrove
*Stalls, books, plants, Tupperware, games trash and treasure
*Sausage sizzle, coffee and cake shop, demonstrations of dance, facepainting,
& sample bags and lucky dips.

For more information call Wendy Lowe at Ashgrove Dance Studios Ph: 0407 675230

“Give a Dollar, Give a Hand, Give Your Heart” Appeal – Presbytery of the Downs

The Presbytery of The Downs are running a presbytery appeal to support our rural and remote congregations. The 6 week appeal ends Sunday June 4, 2017

For information flyer: [click here](#)

For facebook information and donations: [click here](#) For further information contact : [Neil Thorpe](#)

40th Anniversary Celebrations – Albert St & St Andrew's Uniting Churches Sunday 25 June 2017, 2pm @ Albert St Uniting Church

Join them for a celebration in word and song, featuring the St Andrew's Choir, hymns from our past and present, and reflections of our journey. The service will be followed by Afternoon Tea.

RSVP albertstreet@wmq.org.au

[Link to Flyer](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*



Uniting World – Syrian Children Project

You may have heard that UnitingWorld has launched a campaign to support Syrian refugee children in Lebanon to be able to access school. UnitingWorld National Director Rob Floyd has written about the situation in Lebanon after a recent trip to connect with churches there. Currently, an estimated 350,000 Syrian kids in Lebanon do not attend school due to the costs and the strain on schools to cater to the

sudden massive population growth. Working through ACT Alliance members in the region, including the Middle East Council of Churches, and local churches in Lebanon, UnitingWorld will work to improve access to education for children whose families have been impacted by the conflict. It's a great opportunity to use our networks in the Middle East help prevent a growing 'lost generation' of Syrian kids who are missing out on an education.

We're crowdfunding to make it a reality. If you would like to know more visit our Chuffed page to read more about the campaign: <https://chuffed.org/project/syriakids>

Frontier Services – Serving Remote Australia

The **Frontier Services 2017 Order of Service** is available now for churches and community groups to celebrate the work of Frontier Services and uphold the work in prayer. The 2017 Order of Service, '**With the People**', is available to download now as a PDF as a PowerPoint file. In addition Frontier Services has **printed copies** of the Order of Service available **free of charge**. To request your copies today, please contact the National Office on 1300 787 247 or reply to this email (advising your congregation/fellowship name and postal address). **Please allow a minimum of two weeks for delivery.*

May is Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Month:

Not now, Not ever

Given that one in six women experience Domestic and Family Violence, it is important that congregations are aware of these issues are able to support women and families in need. The QLD government has a campaign running for the month of May (Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month) – *Not now, Not ever* - <https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/gateway/not-now-not-ever>. There are some excellent FREE resources available to order - <https://netxpress.biz/?user=dcq-familychild&pass=familychild>. Display the posters, get leaflets and stickers to hand out.

Kids Day Out (Grades 1-6)

**Saturday 8th July, 8.30 am – 3.30 pm, Pine Rivers Uniting Church,
30 Narangba Road, Kallanger**

For more information contact Mark Cornford: mark@northlakesunitingchurch.org.au



COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Mental Health Pastoral Care Orientation Day Wednesday 26th July, Chermside Kedron Uniting Church

Have you ever wondered what you could do to help support a friend or family member who is struggling with a mental illness? Or wondered what you could do to support their carer? If so, the Mental Health Pastoral Care Orientation Day is probably for you.

The date for this year's event is **Wednesday 26th July at Chermside Kedron Uniting Church**, where you will be able to hear keynote speaker Peter Janetski, and participate in a workshop of your choice. This year the workshops are "Are addictions a substitute for love – Mental health for optimal health from a relational and holistic framework," "Luke 14 – training churches to be inclusive," "Responding to people who are suicidal in our communities," "Supporting children of parents with mental illness," and "Some practice principles for pastoral care in mental health."

The cost for this day are very minimal: \$50 standard fee; \$40 concession. More information and a registration form can be found at www.aplacetobelong.org.au Hurry, because numbers are limited

Norman Park Uniting Church – Celebrating 100 years Call for Information – Stories/Photographs

The 100th year of the Norman Park Uniting Church is approaching. While the building is newly renovated, the history of the church community at Norman Park is rich and dates back to the early days of settlement when Norman Park was transitioning from a rural hamlet to an outer Brisbane suburb. The Norman Park Uniting Church has played a key role in the Norman Park community since 1917 when it was established and that commitment to engage the community continues. In keeping with the spirit of community, to celebrate this milestone, the church is calling upon the local community to help the church document the area's history by tapping into the collective memories of the residents. Through stories and photographs, the church will endeavour to capture this history and present it at the centennial celebration this July. If you fancy sharing your stories or showing off your photos of the Norman Park Uniting Church from the years of 1965 to present day, please contact Faith Works UC, by either emailing, with the subject "100", to 100@faithworks-uc.com.au or calling at 0733981792.

Norman Park Uniting Church – Celebrating 100 years Saturday 29 July 3 -5pm, Faith Works Uniting Church Norman Park

The 100th year of the Norman Park Uniting Church is approaching and set to be a joyous day celebrating the rich history of the Norman Park church. Join us Saturday, 29 July from 3-5pm at Faith Works Uniting Church Norman Park for a very special High Tea. Ticket sales will be commencing 20th June 2017 and will include refreshments, a photographic exhibition and chance to immerse yourself in one hundred years of history. So, mark your calendars and get ready to journey through time.

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