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Newsletter

6th September
2017

encouraging and equipping God's people for God's mission

WELCOME

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

To sign up to the newsletter register your details at:
office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

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WHAT'S on:

-  **11 September**
SMC Training,
Emmanuel UC
-  **16 September**
NCLS Mission Planning
Workshop, Ashgrove
-  **25-29 September**
Sept Camp
-  **26 September**
Greek Geek Group,
Qld Synod
-  **30 September**
Learning for Living,
Northlakes

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PRESBYTERY NEWS:

Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for the congregation of The Gap Uniting Church, for Rev Rod Fisher and Pastor Matt Smith and the congregation as they seek to minister to those in their community.

Please pray for Chaplains ministering to those in the defence forces and their families.

Queensland Synod statement on marriage

The Queensland Synod has produced a statement on marriage (link below). Ministry agents, church employees and Synod staff are reminded of the importance of ensuring that any public statements made regarding this issue clearly delineate between a personal position and the Assembly's position, as expressed by the Uniting Church in Queensland.

Please share this widely:

<https://ucaqld.com.au/statements/marriage-and-the-uniting-church/>

Position Vacant – Presbytery Mission Development Officer: Inner Ring – MDO (IR)

Moreton Rivers Presbytery is seeking to fill the full-time position of Presbytery Mission Development Officer: Inner Ring.

The purpose is to develop a network of strong "inner ring" suburb Uniting Churches, through missional redevelopment, support and equipping of congregational leadership and to provide resource ministry support for the existing team of lay worship leaders at Ashgrove West Uniting Church.

For more information and position description contact Rev John Ruhle at presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au or Ph: (07) 3366 0236.

To submit an expression of interest please email 'Secretary of Placements' at placements@ucaqld.com.au

Applications close 30th September 2017.

Nominations for Presbytery Resourcing Committee Members

The Resourcing Committee is currently looking for members!

If you could like to nominate to be part of the Resourcing Committee please [click here](#)

MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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| 12 th October | Educating and Equipping Committee Meeting |
| 31 October | Standing Committee Meeting |
| 22 November | Presbytery Meeting: North Lakes Uniting Church |

Next Newsletter: Wednesday 20th September 2017

Submissions due: Monday 18th September 2017

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MISSION EDUCATION NEWS:

Nominations for Educating and Equipping Committee Members

The EEC is currently looking for members!

If you could like to nominate to be part of the EEC please [click here](#).

Learn how to help your congregation connect with your community

Following up on the incredibly successful Founding Assembly of the Queensland Community Alliance (QCA) on Wed, 30 August, the QCA is offering two-day training course in the basic of community organising. These are free to MRP members and leaders as a member organisation in the QCA. You'll gain the most benefit if a small group from a congregation or faith community does the training together.

The two-day course "Foundations of Community Organising" is being offered twice in the near future, so act quickly: 12 & 13 September or 12 & 13 October.

Basic information and registration is at:

<http://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/calendar>

For more information, speak to Rob McFarlane.

Learning for Living – Exploring the New Testament (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 subject at **North Lakes (Exploring the New Testament)** is planned for three Saturdays (30 Sept, 14 Oct & 18 Nov). You're welcome to come to either of the first two Saturdays as "stand-alone" days:

- 30 September: Jesus and the Gospels
- 13 October: Paul's Life & Letters

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 EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

NCLS results – workshops on mission planning

Congregations now have access to their full National Church Life Survey (NCLS) profiles on-line. Have a look at yours and explore the resources available to help you use these insights into your congregation and community to be more intentional in your missional engagement.

<http://www.2016ncls.org.au/>

To help you use your material to the full, we are the following workshop:

NCLS Mission Planning workshop

Saturday, 16 September

9.00 am - 12.30 pm (including morning tea)

MRP Training Room, 22 Ashgrove Ave, Ashgrove

Leaders: Rob McFarlane and Scott Guyatt (tbc)

Read and interpret your congregation's NCLS profile and engage in some active mission planning for your congregation or faith community. The first 90 minutes will focus on interpreting your result to understand yourself and your context. The second 90 minutes will focus on how practical ways to enhance your missional engagement with your community. Ideal for whole leadership teams to attend.



RSVP online [click here](#) or Jill Bow: adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

Greek Geek Group: For preachers who want to work from the Greek text

A lot of people have done a little bit of Greek and would like to use it more. If that's you, a new group is starting which will meet monthly to look at Greek Gospel passages coming up in the lectionary, with a focus on interpretation for preaching. We will also explore tools for using the Greek we have for ministry and encourage one another to use our Greek more.

Next passage on 26 September: Matthew 21:23-32 "The authority of Jesus questioned" and "The parable of the two sons" (lectionary for Sunday, 1 October)

Where: Café, ground floor at Synod

When: 10.30 am to 12 noon

Tuesday 26 September

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Rob McFarlane:

edofficer@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au or 3366 0236

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

Mission Shaped Ministry

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 25 November: MSM—Discipleship & Spirituality in Missional Communities**
 - *Venue to be advised. 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

2018 mission education date claimers

Here are some dates for your 2018 diaries to help you be equipped for mission, ministry and service. Details to follow:

- Thursday, 22 February: Learning for Living “Exploring the OT” commences at Ashgrove (10 Thursday evenings)
- Saturday, 3 March: Worship & Preaching Day
- Monday 5 to Wednesday to Wednesday 7 March: The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry (The Work of the Leader) – intro course
- Monday 8 to Friday 27 April: Study Tour to Jordan and Israel (Tour full – talk to Rob McFarlane about going on the waiting list)
- Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 May: National Pioneer Ministers gathering (for people leading Fresh Expressions of church)
- Saturdays 2 June, 7 July and 4 August: Learning for Living “Talking about God (1): Faith & Reason, Creation & Trinity” at North Lakes
- Monday 25 to Friday 29 June: The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry (The Work of the Congregation) – advanced Intentional Interim Ministry course

The Downs Presbytery, Lay Preacher & Pastor Event ***Saturday 7th October, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm***



“Communicating the Gospel as Disciples in Christ”

Topics include identifying target audiences, preparation for Worship Teams and Lay Preaching.

Guest presenters: Rev.Dr. Rob McFarlane, Mission Education Officer, Moreton Rivers Presbytery.

Rev Jenny Sims, Retired Minister, Experienced Lay Preacher, The Downs Presbytery

Rev Bob Heathwood, Retired Minister

St Stephens Uniting Church Hall, 1-7 Union Street, Toowoomba

For more information and registration: [click here](#). **RSVP: Friday 29th September 2017**

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YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

Safe Ministry with Children Training
Monday 11th September 2017, 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Emmanuel Uniting Church, 92, Laurel Street, Enoggera



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

September Camp 2017 – Registrations Now Open !
Registrations close 13th September 2017 !

25-29 September, Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre
(Grades 8-12)



[Click here](#) for information and online registration.

Goldly Play Core Training QLD
Thursday 28th – Saturday 30th September 2017
Immanuel Lutheran College, 35 Rim Road, Buderim, QLD



Training Costs: \$445 (price includes morning tea/afternoon tea and lunch. Price DOES NOT include evening meal or accommodation)

Register for training with Kathrin Koning

Phone – 0423 698 925 or Email – koningk@immanuel.qld.edu.au

BIG THANK YOU

On behalf of the combined youth groups that came to our Winter Sleepout on the 25th August we would like to say THANK YOU! Thank you for the sponsors that we have received in monetary gifts or with ingredients and snacks. Thank you to Rev Lyn Burden and Wesley House for hosting us and Rev Yvonne for allowing us to be active through the Coffee Brigade. Please lock in November 24 for the next Presbytery Youth Combine



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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Brisbane City Council – Grants available for access & inclusion, men's sheds, etc

For congregations in Brisbane City Council, there are generous grants available for a range of purposes, including access and inclusion, Men's Sheds, community development and capacity building, upgrading and maintaining community facilities, and improving management and planning skills.

Closing dates are variously 11 September, 9 October and 23 October.

For details go to:

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-safety/grants-awards/summary-council-grant-programs>

Position Vacant – Church and Community Development Entrepreneur

If you have a heart for finding a place for the church in a huge new residential development on the outskirts of Brisbane, the South Moreton Presbytery of the Uniting Church in Australia would love to hear from you. We are seeking a suitably experienced and qualified Social Planning /Community Development Facilitator for the Yarrabilba residential development 20km south of Logan Central. This development will eventually provide approximately 20,000 dwellings to house a population of up to 50,000 people.

The successful applicant will be tasked with positioning the Uniting Church for effective missional engagement with the Yarrabilba community through the provision of educational facilities, community service and congregational life.

Contact Michele Cochrane smpres@gmail.com or call 07 3807 7421 for a copy of the Position Description and further information.

Quilt and Craft Expo

7th-9th September 2017, Laidley Unitin

For more information [click here](#).

Emu Music one day Music Ministry Conference: Word in Song

9th September 2017

Salt Church, Robina

It's our first time on the Gold Coast, and we're really excited! Join us in Robina where we'll be talking and playing through the essentials of great church music - for musicians, pastors, service leaders and all who take Christian singing seriously. With Alanna Glover and Philip Percival.F

[Register here](#)

Free Kids Concert

9am , 10th September 2017, Samford Valley Community Church

44 Mt Glorious Rd, Samford

For more information and flyer [click here](#)



COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Christians Against Poverty Church Leader Luncheon

Tuesday 12th September 2017, 11.45 am – 1.30 pm

Collings Room, Geebung RSL, Corner Newman Rd Collings Street, Geebung

Join us for a FREE luncheon to find out how you can reach out to people in your community by offering a practical poverty relief ministry.

To RSVP [click here](#)



Music on the Hillside

Sunday 17th September, 2 pm, Karana Downs Uniting Church

Eleven talented musicians, playing the pieces you know and love! Instrumental Concertos, String Quartets, Grand Opera "hum-Along" Choruses, Broadway Showstoppers and even the odd item of Brazilian Jazz! All funds raised this year are going to the Frontier Services Cunnamulla Project.

For more information go to: www.karanadownsunitechurch.org.au

To purchase tickets, go to: www.ticketebo.com.au/music-on-the-hillside

Useful Guide to Copyright and Churches

Here is a link to a really clear and helpful summary of stuff to do with churches and copyright.

It has been produced by the legal eagles in the VicTas Synod, so some contact details aren't relevant, but the obligations and procedures are national, so it is applicable for us all.

On page 5 it also points you towards a full guide "Churches and Copyright", downloadable at a cost from the Australian Copyright Council's website, [click here](#)

Workshop for Worship Song-Writers

Friday 26th January – Sunday 28th January 2018, Indooroopilly Uniting Church

Songwrite 2018, the third national workshop for worship song-writers in the Uniting Church, is being held at Indooroopilly UC, Brisbane, over the Australia Day long weekend, 26-28 January 2018. The previous two events (Canberra and Adelaide) drew song-writers, young and old, from across Australia for a wonderful weekend of learning, writing, recording and worship singing. Keynote speaker for 2018 is Tanya Riches (composer of "Jesus, what a beautiful name"), a Hillsong pastor from Sydney with a deep experience of cross-cultural and First Peoples music.

Online registrations at \$150 will be available soon. For further details visit <https://ucasongwrite.wordpress.com/> or [click here](#) for flyer.

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Going to Hospital ?

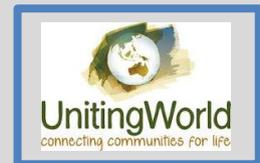
If you or one of your family are being admitted to hospital and you wish to have a visit from a Chaplain or you wish to receive communion whilst in hospital, please be sure to make this on your admission form or speak to the person admitting you to make sure your wishes are known and documented.

Please do not assume that because you have listed your faith that you will automatically receive a visit, you must give permission for a visit.



What's the best way to save lives in a disaster?

Preparation. UnitingWorld is working alongside our Pacific church partners to help them be better prepared before disasters strike. You can help. \$1 invested in disaster preparation saves \$15 in recovery efforts later. Donate now to support this life-saving work in the Pacific: www.unitingworld.org.au/disasterpreparation



Watch: "It was all black..." A man describes taking shelter in the eye of Cyclone Winston, which levelled his home in Fiji
<https://vimeo.com/230236446>

Art Exhibition and Sale – Sarah Tucker Douglas

Friday 10th November 2017, 6.30 pm , 2557 Mount Mee Rd, Ocean View.

Please join us in enjoying a celebration night of Art, Wine, Views and Conversation. Q & A session on the impact of Prison Ministry and the workings of a Prison Chaplain.



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

Merthyr Rd Uniting Fashion Swap

Saturday 30th September 11am til 3pm

Swap or buy, and learn to play your part in making fashion traffick-free.

Merthyr Road Uniting Church is hosting a Fashion Swap to raise funds and awareness on human trafficking. All proceeds go to Stop the Traffik. More information can be found on the Merthyr Road Uniting Church Website and the Merthyr Road Uniting Church Facebook Events page: [Merthyr Rd Website](#)

Contact Helen Prior 0401 911 124 or enquiries@mruc.org.au

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