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## Pastoral and prayer concerns

- Please pray for the congregation of Bald Hills Uniting Church and Rev Pierre Van Blommestein as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Synod as the meeting commences Friday 20 – 24 May.
- Please pray for Chaplains ministering to those in Tourism.

## Presbytery Notices and Events

### **Presbytery Report to Synod**

To view the MRP report to Synod, please click [here](#)!

### **Healthy Ministry Lunch**

Ministry Agents and partners are invited to the  
Healthy Ministry Lunch  
Thursday 9 June 2016, 12-2pm  
At the MRP Office

RSVP by Friday 3 June  
Click [here](#) to RSVP

### **Presbytery Ministry Agents' Retreat**

**Monday 31 October – Wednesday 2 November 2016**

Check in from 10am. Retreat commences with lunch at midday.  
RSVP and payment due by Friday 23rd September 2016.

[Flyer](#)  
[Registration](#)

### **Nominations for Presbytery Chair & Presbytery Secretary**

Nominations are now open for the roles of Presbytery Chair and Presbytery Secretary. Nomination forms are now available on the [website](#). Please note that nominations close 30 June, 2016.

### **NCLS: Orders now open**

You can place your orders for the [National Church Life Survey \(NCLS\) 2016 survey forms](#) for your congregation with just the click of a button. Email the following information to [Bruce Mullan](#):

1. Congregation name
2. Number of English language survey forms required (15 years and older)
3. Number of survey forms in other languages required (specify language and **numbers**)
4. Children's survey forms (8–14 years) if required.

For more information about NCLS and how it will help your local congregation and the church as a whole, download the [invitational brochure](#).

[Scott Guyatt](#)

Mission engagement project officer, Queensland Synod

## **Safe Ministry with Children Training (Bremer Brisbane Presbytery)**

If you have been unable to attend the recent training opportunities the please see below:

- Safe Ministry with Children Training: 17 May, 6:30pm  
10 Macquarie St, Boonah  
RSVP: Meredith Stone (0438 748 994 or [meredith@stoneretailgroup.com.au](mailto:meredith@stoneretailgroup.com.au))
- Safe Ministry with Children Training: EITHER 18 or 19 May, 7pm – 8:30pm  
Paperwork Training!!  
Oxley UC, 14 Oxley Station Rd, Oxley  
RSVP: Melloney [admin@bremerbrisbane.org.au](mailto:admin@bremerbrisbane.org.au)  
This training is for Church Councillors and administrators – compliance and filling in forms etc

### **Do you have an event you would like others to know about?**

To share any items for the MRP Newsletter, please [click here](#)

This is the preferred method of communicating events/notices for the newsletter.

## **Youth & Children**

### **Young Adults Group - YAG**

#### *Dessert Picnic*

Come and hang out over dessert and indoor lawn bowls!

21 May

7:30-9:30pm

Arana Hills UC

Bring a dessert to share!

[Brochure](#)

### **Growing Ministry Training Days**

To grow the ministry with Children and Young People in the Moreton Rivers Presbytery through leadership - existing ministry staff development, encouraging and equipping next generation of ministry staff.

[Click here for flyer \(right click\)](#)

[Click here to register \(right click\)](#)

For further information contact Jill Bow at [adminsUPPORT@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:adminsUPPORT@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) or  
Ph: 3366 0236

### **Safe Ministry with Children Training**

Thank you to all those who have participated in our Safe Ministry with Children Training so far this year. A big congratulations to **St Paul's Stafford** and **Dayboro/Mt Mee** congregations with large numbers of congregational members already trained !

### **Day Camp 2016 – Registrations now open!**

For information and online registration [click here](#)  
(right click). For further information contact Jill Bow at  
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**Craft items for day camp – if you have any spare paper towel/cling wrap cardboard rolls (not toilet rolls) or old stockings ,we would be most grateful if you could please drop them into our presbytery office (22 Ashgrove Av, Ashgrove, Mon – Fri 9 am – 2pm)**



## **September Camp 2016 Fundraiser Event – “Finding Dory”**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

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

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### **Intergenerational Resources!**

Click on the [link](#) for ideas!

## **Educating & Equipping**

### **Learning for Living, 1st semester 2016**

**North Lakes mid-year 2016 course will be “Exploring the New Testament”**

9.00-5.00, on three Saturdays at The Lakes College, 2 College St, North Lakes:

- 11 June: Jesus and the Gospels
- 16 July: Paul’s Life & Letters
- 13 August: The Finished Product and Beyond



The text is W Loader “The New Testament with Imagination” (Eerdmans, 2007).

Cost: \$125 including required text book. \$100 without textbook (eg if you can borrow from a previous participant). Discounts for multiple people attending from the same congregation, faith community or agency.

[For brochure and enrolment form click here \(right click\)](#)

### **Reimagining Faith Formation + Formation & Mission in a Digital World**

#### **Two events with John Roberto in Sydney**

This is a fantastic opportunity to hear a major world figure, as well as participate in a bunch of supporting electives. From the website:

“John Roberto will be in Sydney 23-28 August for two events about Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century. John is well-known internationally as a speaker, forward-thinker and author in faith formation, intergenerational ministry, and learning in a digital world.”

Event 1:

#### **23-25 August – Learning Intensive: Engaging All Ages and Generations**

An intensive teaching event with John Roberto with a focus on

- How formation and education are changing in today’s mission context

- Promising approaches to faith formation
- Thinking beyond the gathered congregation
- Learning within and across generations

Tues 23rd 2.00pm-9.00pm; Wed 24th 9.30am-5.00pm; Thu 25th 9.30am-5.00pm

Event 2:

### **26-28 August – National Conference: Formation and Mission in a Digital World**

A three-day event with John Roberto as keynote speaker, plus electives, a multimedia expo, panel discussion, interest group conversations, resource displays, and a short film festival.

- The impact of digital technology in a social world
- Blended faith formation in a digital world
- Curating learning experiences
- Resources and tools for faith formation

Fri 26th 2.00pm-9.00pm; Sat 27th 9.30am-9.00pm; Sun 28th 1.00pm-4.00pm

For more details, go to:

<https://assembly.uca.org.au/fed/news/item/1856-reimagining-faith-formation-with-john-roberto>

### ***Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry Course***

***Wednesday 5 October – Friday 7 October 2016, 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 click here](#) (right click)

[For online registration click here](#) (right click)

### **Worship & Preaching Day**

**Saturday, 22 October 2016**

*Save the date!*

#### **Focus on Community Engagement in Worship.**

- How do we bring worship to the wider community in public events, such as ANZAC Day, times of major disasters, Christmas?
- How can we engage the wider community in our Sunday gatherings?

Further experiences of **contemporary music** and other workshops:

- **Story-telling in worship**
- **Podcast/streaming/phone app for sharing worship**

**Lay Preacher candidates** will have a special stream, focusing on the worship elements of intercessory prayer and sending out.

[Contact Rob McFarlane](#) with **suggestions for workshops** you would like on the day. Feel free to suggest presenters or to volunteer!

### **Other Events**

#### ***Bald Hills UC Market, Book Clearance and Car Boot Sale***

28th May, 8am - 1pm

2131 Gympie Rd, Bald Hills

Come and enjoy the well-known plant stall; home-made cakes; good bric a brac including some larger items; and plenty of good books.

Sausage sizzle and even free tea and coffee.

Car Boot spaces \$15 each.

Contact: Geoff Webber (3261 4539) or

Margaret Buchanan (3882 1677 or [margb@bigblue.net.au](mailto:margb@bigblue.net.au) )

### **Restoration Rally**

The "Restoration" Christian Gospel Rally calls for Church leaders and Community from all walks of life to join together as one in a process of reconciliation and restoration of the Australia's First Nations people and non Indigenous nation of Australia.

28 & 29 May  
Koobara Kindy (421 Beams Rd, Zillmere)  
Saturday 4:30pm till late  
Sunday 10am till late  
All welcome  
Free entry  
Meals and entertainment provided  
Contact: Sammy on 0458 281 464  
[Flyer](#)

### **St Luke's Uniting Church Invites You...**

To Sunday morning worship on Sunday 29 May, 8:15am in the spirit of reconciliation and sharing in light of Reconciliation Week (26 May – 3 June).  
A delicious morning tea will follow the service.  
[Flyer](#)

### **Want to know what it's like to study at a theological college?**

#### **Trinity College Queensland Open Night**

You are invited to TCQ's Open Night for Semester Two.  
When: Tuesday, 31st May 2016 7pm -8.30pm,  
Where: Trinity College Queensland, 60 Bayliss Street, Auchenflower

Meet lecturers and current students, learn about Fee-Help.  
Faculty and College staff will be available on the night to answer all your questions about full-time, part-time or intensive study options for diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate courses. We'll also discuss flexible study options for continuing education for ministry (CEM).

A light supper will be provided  
RSVP is required for catering purposes. Please email name, address and contact number to [ask@trinity.qld.edu.au](mailto:ask@trinity.qld.edu.au) or call (07) 3377 9950.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can participate in the Open Evening webinar online. Please email [ask@trinity.qld.edu.au](mailto:ask@trinity.qld.edu.au) to register for the webinar.  
<http://trinity.qld.edu.au/open>

### **Bulimba Uniting Church: 150th Anniversary**

Sunday 12 June, 10am  
Bulimba Uniting Church  
(216 Oxford St, Bulimba)  
All are welcome  
RSVP by 3 June to assist with catering  
[bulimbauc@gmail.com](mailto:bulimbauc@gmail.com)  
[Flyer](#)

### **Lifeline Bookfest**

25 June – 3 July  
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre  
[Flyer](#)

## Notices

### ***Vacant positions Bulimba Uniting Church***

Paid positions vacant:

- 1) Playgroup Coordinator 8 hours p/w
- 2) Administration & Support Officer 6 hours p/w.

Position descriptions can be found on our [website](#).

For more information call Caitlin on 0423 235 015 or Marnix on 0467 807 562.

Both positions can be combined for the right applicant.

Applications close Friday 27 May.

### ***Alcorn Fellowship Trust***

The aim of the Alcorn Fellowship Trust is to provide grants to assist **those in specified ministries** of the UCA and other committed **lay persons** to engage in approved short or long term study or research programmes in Australia or overseas whereby such applicants will be better equipped to fulfil their particular vocations in the mission of the Christian Church.

For more information click [here](#).

## Calendar

### **May**

20 – 25 Synod

### **June**

7 – PRC

9 – Healthy Ministry Lunch