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Pastoral and prayer concerns

- Please pray for the congregation of Bracken Ridge Uniting Church and Rev Dr Amos Manoharan as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Chaplains ministering to children, parents and staff in schools.

Presbytery Notices and Events

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.

Commissioning Service: Pstr Richard Lance

All are welcome to attend the commissioning of Pastor Richard Lance as Chaplain at Wesley Mission Brisbane on Monday 13 June, 2pm at Wheller on the Park (Gympie Rd, Chermside).

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

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

Growing Youth Ministry Training Days

Next Training Day – Thursday 2 June 2016, 9.30 am

Venue: Mango Hill Coffee Club, Cnr Halpine Dr & Anzac Avenue, Mango Hill

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 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 adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au
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Craft and Other Items Required for Day Camp

If you are able to donate any of the below items we would be most grateful!

- Stockings
- Inner cardboard tubes from paper towels or cling wrap (NOT toilet rolls)
- Unwanted gardening or national geographic magazines
- Chocolate multi pack donations for leaders
- Home baking for leaders on their break during the week of Day Camp (that doesn't contain ANY nuts.)

All items can be dropped off at the Moreton Rivers Presbytery Office, 22 Ashgrove Avenue, Ashgrove (Monday – Friday 9 am – 2pm).

For further information contact Jill Bow at adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au
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September Camp 2016 Fundraiser Event – “Finding Dory”

Sunday 19th June 2016

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

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Interested in 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

"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."

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

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

For more details, go to the [website](#).

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 \(right click\)](#)

Other Events

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

[Flyer](#)

Lifeline Bookfest

25 June – 3 July

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

[Flyer](#)

Order of Jacob's Well Presents: "Christ the Healer" (A different way to pray...)

1-3 July

St Andrew's Uniting Church (Cnr Creek & Anne St)

Presented by Mrs Angela Mann

[Information Brochure](#)

[About the Order](#)

Orientation to Mental Health Pastoral Care - 20th July 2016

This workshop is for people who assist or advocate for others and who are interested in learning more about Mental Health and Pastoral Care.

A day For:

- demystifying and humanising mental health for pastoral care workers and chaplains;
- enabling members of the community to make a difference in the lives of people who face mental health difficulties;
- equipping members of the community to walk alongside those affected by mental ill-health;
- informing members of the community of the resources available to help people in dealing with Mental Health and Wellbeing;
- raising awareness of how the Mental Health System works.

Keynote Speaker - Rev. Linda MacWilliam - Companioning in Mental Health

This event is organised by a cross-denominational committee.

The registration process is under the auspices of A Place To Belong.

Phone: 3217 2522 | Fax: 3217 2274 | Email: Carlos@aplacetobelong.org.au

[Flyer](#)

Contemplative Praxis – On the road with Jesus..

Contemplative Praxis – On the road with Jesus will be held at Faith Works at Coorparoo this July – August. The program will explore contemplation in the context of life. A contemplative stance to life and faith involves prayerful attentiveness to all dimensions of our lives, including: our interior self, our relationships, creation, and to our God. This stance is present in the psalms, the life of Jesus, the desert fathers and mothers, and throughout church history.

Far more than a project of spiritual self-improvement, it is Jesus' radical invitation to...

- come into relationship,
- to find rest for our souls, and
- to participate in his radical kingdom agenda.

It is to be reminded that everything in life flows out from God and back into God; a remembering that comes through being still and coming again and again to "know that I am God." Anchored in God, our Personhood in-Christ, we become more alive, authentic and fully human, we awaken to our true identity and purposeful vocation, and we actively live God's presence in our world. The contemplative stance, with

its balance of solitude and action, can be nurtured through a heart of prayer, prayerful engagement with scripture, and participation in a community of faith, retreats, and spiritual direction. Spiritual direction is a centuries old practice dating back to the early church. It aims to encourage us as pilgrims to become more awake to the mystery of God's presence and action within our human experience and assisting us in making a fuller and freer response to it.

A contemplative praxis engages us in a continuing cycle of prayer – reflection – scripture – worship – accountability – and action.

The cost of Contemplative Praxis is \$480, including the retreat. See Irene Alexander on irenics@ozemail.com.au for more information.

Notices

Position Vacant: Part-time Cleaner (St Andrew's UC)

Part-time cleaner required at Saint Andrew's Uniting Church for 15 per week.

Work Days: Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Applicant must be dependable, self-motivated, honest and have good communication skills with the ability to organise, co-ordinate and schedule cleaning tasks for maximum efficiency.

For more information on duties click on link below, or contact Tammy at the church office (3221 2400 or admin@saintandrews.org.au).

<http://saintandrews.org.au/position-vacant-cleaner/>

[Position Details](#)

Applications close Friday 10 June

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 Monday 13 June.

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](#).

First Aid Training

If your congregation needs to run some First Aid training for leaders, please find below contact details of a First Aid Trainer:

Craig Stuart

CPR, Asthma, Anaphylaxis, First Aid Trainer

Email: craigstuart@live.com

Ph: 0415378245



Calendar

June

7 – PRC

9 – Healthy Ministry Lunch

July

4 – Resourcing Committee

5 – Standing Committee

5 – PRC

14 – Educating & Equipping

30 – Presbytery Meeting