



Issue 12
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Pastoral and prayer concerns

- Please pray for the congregation of Bribie Island Uniting Church and Rev Ron Holt as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Chaplains ministering to students and staff of tertiary and higher education facilities (particularly during the examination period).

Presbytery Notices and Events

QLD Community Alliance Training

Foundations of Community Organising:

This 2 day training institute will be held from 9am-4pm both days. It is necessary for all attendees to commit to attending both days. The training is based on the philosophy and practices developed by the Industrial Areas Foundation in over 65 years of successful organising experience.

Topics at the 2 Day Foundations training include:

- Community Organising: based on the history and tradition of our religious, union and community organisations
- Relational Organising: individual relational meetings, listening assemblies, research, negotiation and action
- Strengthening our Organisations: building a culture that is relational, action oriented and reflective/learning
- Using Relational Power in the public sphere to take collaborative action on common issues

There is no cost to attendees who are members of partner organisations in the Alliance, although we ask a \$10 donation for lunch each day.

WHEN

June 21, 2016 at 9am - June 22, 2016

WHERE

St Paul's Uniting Church, Stafford

7 Minimine St

Stafford, QLD 4115

[Register](#)

Commissioning Service: Pstr Wendy Keeble

All are welcome to attend the commissioning of Pastor Wendy Keeble as Pastor at Pine Rivers Uniting Church (30 Narangba Rd, Kallangar) on Sunday 3 July, 2pm.

Recognition/Induction Service: Rev Pierre Van Blommestein

All are welcome to attend the recognition/induction service of Rev Pierre Van Blommestein at Bribie Island Uniting Church (86 Webster St, Bongaree) on Sunday 10 July, 1:30pm.

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.

National Church Life Survey Orders

To order your congregational National Church Life Survey Forms please email [Bruce Mullan](#) with the following information:

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

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

September Camp 2016 Fundraiser Event – “Finding Dory”

Sunday 19th June 2016

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

For further information contact Jill Bow at

adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

Ph: 3366 0236



Invitation for Youth Leaders: Dinner with Jools!

You are invited to join a wee Irish man for dinner...

At The Grove Establishment

225 Waterworks Rd Ashgrove

Thursday June 23

6.30—9pm

Come along and enjoy dinner and conversation with

Jools Hamilton about avoiding burnout as leaders

This event is free to attend. We'll shout your first drink.

Pay own way for dinner and other drinks

RSVP to Alison on: 0407375121 or youthworker@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

[Flyer](#)



Day Camp 2016

Please pray for our young people and leaders as they prepare and participate at Day Camp this year. Registrations are now closed.

Growing Youth Ministry Training Days

Next Training Day – Thursday 18 August 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

Educating & Equipping

Learning for Living, 2nd Semester 2016

Ashgrove course will be "Talking about God (2)"

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm, Moreton Rivers Presbytery, 22 Ashgrove Avenue, Ashgrove



Talking about God (2) explores the areas: how we understand Jesus and salvation for us here-and-now; the Holy Spirit; the church and sacraments; mission and Christian hope. This builds on TaG1, but you can do TaG2 without having done TaG1 if you commit to some pre-reading.

Cost: \$125 including required text book. \$100 without textbook (eg if you can borrow from a previous participant or have it from "Talking about God (1)"). 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

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](#)

Aspley UC Life Forum 'The Environment Debate'

Professor Tor Hundloe AM from Bond University will lead the Forum.

Topics covered:

- Climate change: the debate for and against;
- the Pope's Encyclical on climate change;
- The Great Barrier Reef: how grave is the danger?
- Population growth and the Gold Coast: is its development in harmony with the environment?

WHERE: Aspley Uniting Church, 748 Robinson Road, Aspley, 4034

WHEN: Saturday July 9 2016, 8 am- 10 am

A light breakfast will be served from 8 am- 8.30 am followed by the Forum from 8.30 am - 10 am.
(Gold coin donation)

[Flyer](#)

Contact Rev Sandra Jebb: 0439289673 or minister@aspleyuc.org.au

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 - Companionship in Mental Health

This event is organised by a cross-denominational committee.

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

[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.

Hymn Singalong

Come and be blessed.

Sing some of your old favourite hymns.

July 27th, 10am

Emmanuel Uniting church, 92 Laurel St. Enoggera.

Stay for a cuppa and a bite to eat. You are all welcome.

Contact: Rev Paddi Mullan, 0419 027 484, pmullan1@optusnet.com.au

Important Conference Opportunity – 10th August 2016

This event, Winds of Change Bringing Revival and Transformation, will help us move forward in a proactive way to live out some of the priorities set by the 32nd Synod last month. Living Faith Uniting Church is hosting Rev Dr Alistair Petrie from Canada who has considerable experience in helping churches see transformation occur in the local church and community. This is timely for the Uniting Church. All are welcome to attend and each church is encouraged to bring a team so that you can explore the process of leading prayer, transformation, and connecting with your community. The Conference is being held at Living Faith Uniting Church, 330 Pine Mountain Road, Carina Heights, Brisbane on 10th August 2016. The event will commence at 9.30am and conclude with an Activation Dinner in the evening. This is an important opportunity for all of us.

[Brochure](#)

Notices

Position Vacant: Pastor (Dayboro Uniting Church)

Dayboro Uniting Church is seeking a pastor interested in leading a congregation which values community-focused mission. Deepening our love of God and strengthening caring relationships with others is at the heart of our church activities. The successful applicant will have demonstrated passion for, and experience in, leadership and working with groups; and an ability to be an effective team leader and team member to ensure that all aspects of Dayboro Uniting Church's Commitment Plan are progressed. This is a .25 position. Applications close on Friday 8th July, 2016

For more information contact:

Ann Turner, Secretary: Dayboro Uniting Church Council

email: dayborounitingchurch@gmail.com Phone: 0410328701



From the first week in June until the last week of November

All the monies raised will go to our three new patrols here in Queensland. We have just received word from Frontier Services about the new boundaries and new structure of our wonderful Service. These three new Patrols will all be within Queensland and are structured to cover as much of our isolated communities as possible. This is an exciting and absorbing time for our Patrol Ministers as ground-breaking new challenges are emerging. Therefore we ask you to support our three Qld Patrols. Kennedy beginning 2017, Mackay already emerging and Cunnamulla/Burke & Wills up and running!!

Let's be ready to assist our Patrol Ministers in any way possible. With your help once again by giving up a slice of "proverbial" cake we can be part of this new venture. Will you give a slice of love and help us take new steps in the care for those who live in isolated areas of this great state.

Last year we were able to forward \$10 000 for drought relief, now is the time for a new adventure.. Please use the information below to send your gifts:

- Postal: Frontier Services, Price of a Slice, GPO Box 2527, SYDNEY NSW 2001
- Electronic Funds Transfer: contact fsfundraising@frontierservices.org , marked POAS QLD

Calendar

July

4 – Resourcing Committee

5 – Standing Committee

5 – PRC

14 – Educating & Equipping

30 – Presbytery Meeting

August

9 – Standing Committee

9 – PRC

25 – Educating & Equipping