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Pastoral and prayer concerns

- Please pray for the congregation of Bulimba Uniting Church as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Chaplains ministering to those in prisons (inmates and staff) and their families.
- DAY CAMP is underway! This year this camp will minister to over 250 primary school aged children and Fusion Leaders (training leaders), Leaders, Helpers and Directors! So please pray!!!
- Pray for our nation as the Election approaches.

Presbytery Notices and Events

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 Meeting

Saturday 30th July

9am – 3pm

Caboolture Uniting Church

(Crnr King St and Smith Rd, Caboolture)

Morning Tea and Lunch - \$12 per person

RSVP closes Monday 25 July

To RSVP right click [here](#)

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

NCLS 2016 orders closing

A big thanks to those who have placed their order for the 2016 National Church Life Survey. If you haven't yet, orders are still open – please sign by the end of this week if possible. Late orders will be accepted, but may run on a later timeline.

NCLS 2016 will give your congregation's leadership wonderful insights into strengths, gifts, skills, hopes and aspirations of your people. It's a great deal, the Synod is paying the \$250 participation fee for each congregation and you pay just \$1.50 for each survey form ordered (no charge if you have less than 30 worshipping attenders).

Here is how to place your order: <http://ucaqld.com.au/ncls2016> or email bruce.mullan@ucaqld.com.au with your congregation name, number of English language survey forms (15 years and older), number of survey forms in other languages (specify language and numbers), and children's survey forms (8 – 14 years) if required. Any questions call Bruce Mullan or Scott Guyatt at the Synod Office 07 3377 9777.

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

Code of Ethics Training (The Downs Presbytery)

The Downs are holding Code of Ethics & Ministry Practice training at St Stephen's UCA in Toowoomba from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm on Friday 22 July. RSVP is Monday 18 July to tdpresb@gmail.com

Call to prayer.... West Papua

A call to prayer has been received by the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia, to pray for the people of West Papua and the Evangelical Christian Church. UnitingWorld has posted a story on their website:

<http://www.unitingworld.org.au/call-pray-brothers-sisters-west-papua/>

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](#)

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 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

Safe Ministry with Children Training

Monday 11 July, 2-5pm, Trinity Ipswich UC (Jacaranda St), Register through Melloney:

admin@bremerbrisbane.org.au

Or
Thursday 14 July, 7-10pm, Toowong UC, Register through Melloney:
admin@bremerbrisbane.org.au

Educating & Equipping

Learning for Living, 2nd Semester 2016

Ashgrove course: "Talking about God (2)"

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm over ten Thursdays, commencing 21 July
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.

North Lakes course: "Talking about God (1)"

Faith & Reason, Creation & Trinity

9.00 am – 5.00 pm over three Saturdays: 15 Oct, 5 Nov, 26 Nov
Pine Rivers UC, 30 Narangba Road, Kallangur

Talking about God (1) explores the areas: how we think and talk about God; understanding the Trinity; practical implications of God as Creator, such as why people suffer and how we understand the environment.

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.
Registrations almost full!

[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

MUSICAL MORNING With Light Lunch

Where: ARANA HILLS UNITING CHURCH Cycas & Alstonia Street ARANA HILLS

When: WEDNESDAY JULY 13 2016 10am

Programme presented by the following artists:

Vintage Voice Toowoomba Vocal Duettists. Judith Jerrard and Barbara Broom

Humorous Verse Gwen Smith

Piano Duettists Joan Dale and Joyce Skelton

TO SUPPORT CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMME Cost \$15

RSVP 33511354 (Carolyn) or 33516595 (Lorelle)

[Flyer](#)

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.

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

[Flyer](#)

Aunty Jean's Annual Christian Leadership Dinner

Saturday 6 August, 6:30pm

St Andrew's Anglican Church

160 Vulture St, South Brisbane

Variety of foods, music and interesting interviews

Come and enjoy the friendship and fellowship

Auction to be held and donation upon entry

For more information please see the

[Flyer](#)

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

Lectionary Calendars

Limited copies of the Lectionary Calendar are available from the Presbytery Office for \$3.40 each (plus postage).

For bulk orders please order from MediaCom.

Please click on the link:

[Lectionary Calendar Order](#)

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

RI in Schools

You may have heard about RI hitting the headlines recently. Rest assured the Qld Heads of Churches, ably led by David Baker, is consulting with Government to assure things are business as usual. As Churches and Ministers, please ensure your area is up to date with all Cooperative agreements with schools. Your Instructors have a letter of support from yourself, and you have a positive relationship with the school. There is a particular lobby group working to remove RI, and parental choice, from state schools. Make sure you are up-to-date on the FACTS about RI [I can help there] and perhaps encourage people to write brief, non-religious language, positive e-mails of support for RI to your State Member or Education Minister.

www.qcrin.org

Rev Paul Clark (404856778 or paul_bec@dovenetq.net.au)

Grevillia E-Magazine

[Grevillea](#) an e-magazine to stimulate your thinking!

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