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### Pastoral and prayer concerns

- Please pray for the congregation of Chermside Kedron Community Church. Pray for Rev Glenn Mulcahy, Rev Fa Matangi and the congregation as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Chaplains ministering to those in the Police Force (including families).

### Presbytery Notices and Events

#### **Presbytery Meeting this Saturday**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July

9am – 3pm

Caboolture Uniting Church

(Cnr King St and Smith Rd, Caboolture)

Morning Tea and Lunch - \$12 per person

**RSVP has closed.**

#### **Position Vacant: Period of Discernment Coordinator**

The purpose of the position is to promote and manage the Period of Discernment amongst the congregations and people of Moreton Rivers Presbytery, as a vehicle for discipleship. The position is for four hours per week. For more information please see the [Position Description](#). Please send expressions of interest to [John Ruhle](#) by 5<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **Code of Ethics Training**

**Bremer Brisbane**

Code of Ethics – Friday 5 August 2016 (9:00am – 12:30pm followed by Subway lunch, \$10)

RSVP: [admin@bremerbrisbane.org.au](mailto:admin@bremerbrisbane.org.au)

Location: Oxley Uniting Church, 114 Oxley Station Rd, Oxley

#### **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.

## 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 more information and flyer](#) (right click)

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



Day Camp Reunion Services

Click [here](#) for details

## September Camp – Registrations are now open!



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

## Easter Madness 2017

It's on again!!

7-10 April, 2017

[Details](#)

[Register](#)



### **Learning for Living, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \(right click\)](#)

### **Reminder: Leadership development scholarship applications – closing on Friday!**

The Synod is offering scholarships to assist Uniting Church ministry agents in Queensland to participate in a four-unit postgraduate level program commencing October 2016. Anybody exercising a ministry function in an approved placement of the church is eligible to apply.

The course focuses on developing leaders for a healthy, missional church and is taught by lecturers with extensive experience in ministry leadership. It will run in a combination of intensive (in Brisbane) and online modes over approximately 15 months.

Information about the course and scholarships is available from strategy officer Ken Hyndman:

[Ken.Hyndman@ucaqlld.com.au](mailto:Ken.Hyndman@ucaqlld.com.au)

Applications close 29 July.

### **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**  
***Course is now full (wait list available)***

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.

**This course is now full.** If you wish to go on a wait list please contact Jill Bow at [adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) or Ph: (07) 3366 0236.

There will also be another FTM course in Brisbane next year (29 – 31 March 2017). If you are interested in this course please contact Jill Bow as per above details.

***Insights into mission with Gen Y***

Here is a link to a really helpful and insightful article about how Millennials, whom we normally call Gen Y in Australia (19-35 yo in 2016), meet and express their search for spiritual meaning. While American, what it says is directly relevant to Australia.

<https://caspertk.wordpress.com/2015/04/18/how-we-gather-a-new-report-on-non-religious-community/>

***President's National Ministry Conferences 2017***

Please mark your 2017 calendars for Assembly President Stuart McMillan's two National Ministerial Conferences. The Conferences will be held in **Darwin 29 June - 2 July** and on the **Gold Coast 29 August - 1 September**.

Previous President's three-yearly conferences have been incredibly effective as times of renewal of call and strengthening ministers' sense of connection to colleagues and the UCA as a whole.

More details soon but please save those dates!

**Other Events**

**Hymn Singalong**

*Come and be blessed.*

*Sing some of your old favourite hymns.*

*July 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:pmullan1@optusnet.com.au)

[Flyer](#)

## **Fashion Parade Friday 5 August**

You are invited to attend a fashion show at St Paul's Uniting Church, Stafford on Friday 5 August at 7.30pm featuring clothes from Style Me Luxe, Stafford Heights. Admission costs \$15 (includes supper) and you will have the opportunity to purchase clothes after the show - credit card facilities will be available. For catering purposes if you are attending can you please let Bev Ross know on 3353 2452 or [db.ross@telstra.com](mailto:db.ross@telstra.com)

[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](#)

## **Parenting Breakfast**

Saturday 6 August, 7:30am – 9:30am

Free event

If you spend time looking after children, you are invited to attend our special morning designed to give you the "morning off" parenting duties for an hour or two to enjoy a delicious breakfast. After breakfast, acclaimed speaker, author Dr Brenda Heyworth, will speak on her book *"It's a Jungle - A Parent's Guide to Emotions and Behaviour"*.

[Details](#)

## **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](#)

## **Bible & Ecology: Reading Scripture through Theological Eyes – 19 September 2016**

Biblical scholars have been working to move beyond human-focused perspectives and read the Bible with a deliberate sympathy for the wider Earth community. In this full-day webinar, we will hear from scholars around the country about reading the Bible through "ecological eyes", and will practise applying such lenses to scripture.

National multi-centre live online event. Gather at Trinity College 10.30-5.30 as a face-to-face "hub" for this event. More information:

<http://unitingearthweb.org.au/events/159-bible-ecology.html>

## Notices

### **Recognition that previous people lived on our land**

I am a member of the Chermside Kedron Community Church congregation. I am interested to hear from congregations of Moreton Rivers Presbytery who have developed a means by which the congregation recognises that indigenous tribal, clan or family members lived on the land which is now church property.

Particularly if such recognition has involved a plaque or some other form of public statement, and a ceremony instituting or dedicating such a plaque or public statement.

Howard Thomas: (07) 33592758 or [howard.thomas@optusnet.com.au](mailto:howard.thomas@optusnet.com.au)

### **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](#)

### **FOR SALE - Study Guide to CHRISTIAN ETHICS TEXT BOOK**

Following our recent "Bible and Christian Ethics" short course, we have some surplus text books available. If you would like to purchase one for \$30, contact The Gap Uniting Church office ([office@thegapuca.org.au](mailto:office@thegapuca.org.au) or 3300 2712 ) or email Faye Holmes on [holmesfamily@optusnet.com.au](mailto:holmesfamily@optusnet.com.au)

The book, Study Guide to Christian Ethics by Neil Messer, covers the major areas of ethical theory & methodology and also covers a wide range of topics in practical Christian ethics, introduced by case studies, ranging from abortion, euthanasia, human genetic manipulation, health care rationing, divorce & remarriage, homosexuality, capital punishment, just war and "humanitarian intervention" GM crops, the environment, employment and globalisation.

### **Christian Digital Radio Resource**

Karana Downs Uniting Church recently had a visit from The Vision Christian Radio Network and it has been recommended to us. If you are interested, check it out:

[Vision Christian Radio](#)

## Calendar

### **July**

30 – Presbytery Meeting

### **August**

9 – Standing Committee

9 – PRC

25 – Educating & Equipping

### **September**

5 – Resourcing Committee

6 – PRC