



Issue 17  
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### Pastoral and prayer concerns

- Please pray for the congregations of Dayboro and Mt Mee congregations. Pray for Danny Nugent and the congregations as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Chaplains ministering in hospitals. For the patients, families and staff.

### Presbytery Notices and Events

#### **Healthy Ministry Agents' Lunch: Spring Picnic!!**

Wednesday 7 September  
@ the Presbytery Office  
12 – 2pm

[Flyer](#)  
[RSVP](#)

RSVP closes Friday 2 September

#### **Safe Ministry with Children: Annual Congregational Audit**

Please note that all congregations have been asked to complete the documents for the audit and return them to the Presbytery Office (office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au or PO Box 193, Ashgrove Q 4060) by no later than **Friday 9 September**.

Please contact the office for information or assistance (3366 0236)

#### **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.

#### **Fair Trade Resource**

Rev John Martin attended the recent Presbytery Meeting and shared his passion for Fair Trade. John is more than happy to visit congregations to encourage shopping with a discerning nature and to consider becoming a Fair Trade Faith Group. If you are interested in having [John](#) visit please feel free to contact him.

[Website Resource](#)

#### **Minister Appreciation Pack for Congregations**

Uploaded to our website is a [Minister Appreciation pack](#) for Congregations to start thinking about Minister/Pastor Appreciation day on **Sunday 9th October**.

Contact: Kathy/Kerry (3366 0236 or [office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) )

## September Camp – Registrations are now open!



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

Registrations close: 12 Sept

**NCYC 2017**  
**7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
**Stanwell Tops, Sydney**



[For all information click here](#) (right click)

## Easter Madness 2017

It's on again!!  
7-10 April, 2017

[Details](#)

[Register](#)



## Safe Ministry with Children Training Opportunities

There are opportunities for training through Bremer Brisbane to complete the Safe Ministry with Children training. Click [here](#) for details.

Contact [Melloney](#) for further information.

**Worship & Preaching Day**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Pine Rivers Uniting Church**  
**“Community Engagement in Worship”**



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

**Learning for Living, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 2016 (cont'd)**

**North Lakes course: “Talking about God (1)”**

**Faith & Reason, Creation & Trinity**

9.00 am – 5.00 pm over three Saturdays:

15 Oct & 5 Nov - Pine Rivers UC, 30 Narangba Road, Kallangur

26 Nov – The Lakes College, College Road, North Lakes



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)

**Professional Development Opportunity: Paediatric Palliative Care Service**  
**Workshop**

Single Day Workshop

Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital

16 September

[Flyer](#)

**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.

**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!

## ***Transforming Worship: A national conference on worship in the UCA***

27-30 July, 2017, Burnside City UC, Adelaide SA

- Worship as transformation and formation in the presence of God
- Interplay between worship, learning & mission
- Shaping intergenerational worship
- Worship in multicultural communities
- Preaching: making Gospel sense
- Crafting music and imagery for worship
- Worship 'outside the box'

<http://transformingworship.com.au/>

## **Other Events**

### ***Australian Christian Mentoring Network's Training Event Conflict Competent Workshop***

This workshop will delve into mentoring skills for times of conflict and tension. In this day seminar, participants will explore three elements of conflict and how mentors can help those they work with to act with wisdom and integrity when they find themselves in tension.

Keynote speaker: Tim Dyer

Date: Monday 5 September

Venue: Gateway Baptist Church (1052 Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Rd, Mackenzie)

[Brochure](#)

### ***Fashion parade and afternoon tea***

1.30pm on Saturday 10 September

Chermside Kedron Community Church, cnr Rode and Gympie Roads

cost \$20 per person, reservations required

a parade of garments from Portofino, with opportunity to purchase clothes and accessories from a full range of sizes and styles, followed by a delicious afternoon tea

RSVP Monday 5 September

[www.ckcc.org.au](http://www.ckcc.org.au)

Contact [Shirley](#) (3350 4302)

### ***Lockyer Valley Quilt and Craft Expo at Laidley***

The Quilt and Craft Expo is an activity of the Laidley and Hatton Vale Uniting Churches and will have displays of Quilts, Craft, Patchwork, Stitch work, Needlework and Fine Arts. Demonstrations of various crafts are a valued feature. Outside displays will include vintage trucks, tractors, cars and engines. Refreshments are available all day in the Courtyard Café.

**Opening hours:** 9am to 4.30pm Thursday and Friday, 9am to 3pm Saturday.

**Contact details:** Rhonda Heathwood [telephone 07 54657659 mobile 0428850100]

This is a wonderful opportunity for our city cousins to "ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY" for a day.

Visit <http://www.luvyalockyer.com.au/events> for more information.

2016 Expo will be held on **8th, 9th, & 10th September**.

The **venue** is the Uniting Church Complex at 45 Patrick Street Laidley in the Lockyer Valley.

**Admission Charges:** Adults - \$5.00, Children 50 cents.

### ***Common Dream Conference***

COME TO COMMON DREAMS CONFERENCE to hear DR VAL WEBB, 7:45 pm Friday 16th September at Somerville House Girls School. Val is an Australian author, speaker and teacher of religious studies and world religions at universities in USA and Australia. She will speak on the topic Always Progressing and

Evolving: but from where and how and why? For more information about registering for the whole conference or for just the evening lecture, go to [www.commondreams.org.au](http://www.commondreams.org.au). Register for this single event at the website - Cost \$33. [Flyer](#)

## **Women of Faith Multicultural Australia Conference**

16-18 September 2016

Venue: Kangaroo Point Uniting Church,  
please email Lis on [kpuchurch48@gmail.com](mailto:kpuchurch48@gmail.com) for registration

Lis Mobile: 0478096973

### **Men's Breakfast**

Redcliffe Uniting have Peter Janetzki coming to speak to their next Men's Breakfast on Saturday 17th Sept, 7:30am, on the Topic - 'Becoming a Champion Father.' This breakfast is part of their Parenting Series in conjunction with UnitingCare Communities Redcliffe. As such it is FREE, but you must RSVP!

[www.redcliffe.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.redcliffe.unitingchurch.org.au)

[Flyer](#)

### **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>

### **Celebration of the life of Rev John Flynn**

The Uniting Church Foundation cordially invites you to celebrate the life of Rev John Flynn and the launch of the book “The Man on the \$20 Notes” by Everald Compton.

21 September 2016

5:30pm – 7pm

@ Uniting Church Centre Chapel

[Details](#)

If you are unable to attend but are keen to purchase Everald’s book, *The Man on the \$20 Notes*, The cost is \$25 and \$10 from every sale goes to the Uniting Church Foundation’s \$10 for 10 Appeal. The cost of delivery is \$5 per book or \$8 for two or more books. Payment can be done via cheque/EFT/credit card over the phone.

[Details](#)

### **Inclusive Prosperity: Bridging the gap between Rich and Poor Forum**

Aspley Uniting Church Forum

Wayne Swan federal member for Lilley will outline 4 essential steps to achieve inclusive prosperity and will invite questions on each step.

Saturday 24 September 8 am - 10 am

at Aspley Uniting Church, 748 Robinson Road, Aspley 4034.

A light breakfast will be served at 8 am followed by the forum at 8.30 am (gold coin donation).

For more information contact Rev Sandra Jebb on 0439289673

[Flyer](#)

### **Retreat Opportunity: Centering Prayer**

Encountering the silent loving God through the practice of centering prayer.

7 – 9 October, 2016

Santa Theresa Spirituality Centre

[Details](#)

## **Music on the Hillside**

The Karana Downs Uniting Church presents: Music on the Hillside 2016.

A Benefit Concert for the Cunnamulla Frontier Services Patrol and featuring the beautiful voices of Nick Kirkup (tenor), Laura Fanshawe (soprano), Jon Maskell (baritone) and Linda Weatherhead (soprano) and performances by members of the Kholo Ensemble with Zoe Brecht (viola), Allan Hall (cello), Jonathon Farquhar (clarinet) and Bruce Ramm (piano) in a concert of sublime musical delights.

All profits from the concert will be directed to once again supporting The Cunnamulla Uniting Church. The profits from last year's concert was enough to replace all the bad concert stumps of the church. This year we want to raise enough money to build ramps for people with wheel chairs so they can use the Church.

Sunday 6th November, 2pm

[Tickets](#)

For further information contact [Ray](#)

[Background Information](#)

## **Notices**

### **Position Vacant: Minister of the Word/Pastor, Moreton Faith Community**

Moreton Faith Community is seeking a Minister of the Word/Pastor interested in leading a faith community focused on community engagement and growth. Fulfilling God's work through a passion for community outreach and the equipping of his disciples in missional context.

This is a 0.4 FTE position. Applications close on **28 September**. For more information, or to submit your application, please contact the Secretary of Placements by emailing [placements@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:placements@ucaqld.com.au).

### **Position Vacant: Pastor- Outreach Focus, Caboolture Region UC**

Caboolture Region Uniting Church is seeking to appoint a Pastor- Outreach Focus (Part time up to 0.25) to work in a team situation with the Minister in placement and Church Council. The ability to provide spiritual and pastoral care as well as lead some worship services.

For the position description and more information contact: Rose Joyner Ph 5496 0157 or [rejoyner@tpg.com.au](mailto:rejoyner@tpg.com.au)

**Applications close 30 September 2016.**

### **Piano Needed**

St Lukes Hamilton Uniting Church is trying to help Hamilton SS look for a piano. If anyone has a piano they no longer need, please contact Annette Lynn on 0410 668 636.

### **Interfaith September**

Interfaith September is an opportunity to build understanding and friendship with people of other faiths.

As Christians, we believe diversity is a part of God's creation. Our faith in Christ calls us to live together in peace and love and to engage in genuine dialogue with people of other faiths.

In Australia today, there is much work to do healing divisions caused by ignorance and fear. But by reaching out to people of other faiths, we can make a difference.

On behalf of the Assembly Relations with Other Faiths Working Group, I extend a personal invitation to your congregation to take part in Interfaith September this year. You can participate in any way that suits you. You may follow the worship resource each week, theme a sermon, use a suggested hymn or host an event. You may choose another time of year that is more suitable. It is up to you.

This year we have produced four resources

- **Lectionary Guide** A week-by-week reflection on the gospels contained in the Lectionary for September with four different interfaith themes.
- **Worship Resource** Alongside the Lectionary Guide, the worship resource includes sermon starters, links to other resources, an Order of Service and other ideas.
- **Videos** Six videos sharing stories of interfaith friendship. These are matched with the four weekly themes of the Lectionary Guide and could be shared during worship or community gatherings.
- **Interfaith Action** Ideas and tips for how you can reach out to people of other faiths and build on understanding and friendship

They can be downloaded now at <https://assembly.uca.org.au/interfaithseptember2016/> to help you and your congregation prepare for September.

Please get in touch and tell us how you plan to participate on email [rof@nat.uca.org.au](mailto:rof@nat.uca.org.au).

*Rev Michael Barnes*

### **Cyber Safety Resource**

In light of recent events and the ever-growing issue of cyber safety for our young people, the following website may be of use:

<http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/site/>

### **UnitingWorld Project: Peacemakers in South Sudan**

UnitingWorld is launching a new project to support Peacemakers in the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan. Would you be able to put the following into the next Presbytery newsletter, please?

Reverend Paska has sat beside women and children who have lived all their lives at war. She's left her own family to be with mothers and daughters who have seen people cut down in front of them, their bodies left to lie in the streets. She's listened to the whispers of girls who can hardly speak of their abuse at the hands of soldiers. And she knows that the pathway to peace lies in hearing these voices, helping them speak to one another, learn hope, forgiveness, reconciliation and the practical skills to build a new life.

"Everyone in South Sudan has grown up with war, lived war, breathed war," Paska says. "But we have a vision for peace."

Reverend Paska is one of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan's Peacemakers- men and women of God who are helping women recover from the trauma of rape; rebuilding schools and training teachers; leading advocacy for the peace process and helping people from different tribal groups come together to reconcile.

After years of conflict, and in a situation where thousands of people feel unsafe to return to their own homes, this practical ministry of the Church is a powerful witness to God's love and redemption. Through UnitingWorld, the Uniting Church in Australia is standing beside these Peacemakers, offering our prayer, advocacy and financial support.

Throughout September, congregations and communities of faith will be joining together to pray for South Sudan, eat a meal together and hear about the work of our Peacemakers. Resources available online at [www.unitingworld.org.au/peacemaker](http://www.unitingworld.org.au/peacemaker). You can also contact UnitingWorld or Sharyn Robinson on 0403689765 to find out if a speaker is available to spend time with your congregation.

For women and children who have been victims of violence during the conflict; to see children returning to school; for the building up of ministry to reconcile and teach forgiveness, you can make a gift for the people of South Sudan at [www.unitingworld.org.au/peacemaker](http://www.unitingworld.org.au/peacemaker) or call UnitingWorld on 02 8267 4267.

## Calendar

### September

5 – Resourcing Committee

6 – PRC

### October

4 – PRC

20 – EEC (NB changed from 13 Oct)