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## Pastoral and prayer concerns

- Please pray for the congregation of Deception Bay Uniting Church and Rev Peter Lyne as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Chaplains ministering to those in the Defence Forces.
- Please pray for the following congregations as they enter into a time of reflection with a Congregational Consultation (13 – 16 October) – The Gap Uniting Church, Morayfield Uniting Church and Sandgate Uniting Church.

## Presbytery Notices and Events

### **School Holiday Office Hours**

Please note that the office hours for the school holidays (Monday 19 Sept – Friday 30 Sept) will be 9am – 12pm (Monday to Friday).

John (Presbytery Minister) will be on leave from 14 – 21 September and then leading a UnitingWorld team to Sri Lanka until 4 October. For general enquiries please contact the Presbytery Office (3366 0236 or [office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)). For emergencies, please contact Rev Yvonne McRostie (Presbytery Chair) on 0408 710 789 or [chair@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:chair@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) )

Please note that John Ruhle's (Presbytery Minister) day off is Friday.

### **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](#)

### **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) )

### **Consultation Training**

The Presbytery is offering a training opportunity for anyone (lay or ordained) interested in learning the skills required to be a team member for congregational consultations. Those who have participated in the past have reported that the skills acquired have not only allowed them to be involved in the exciting work of consultations but have also proven extremely useful for other ministry contexts.

Training will be held at the Presbytery Office on Friday 23 September, 9 am to 8 pm and Saturday 24 September, 9 am to 5 pm.

An opportunity for Refresher Training, Team Formation and Coaching during a consultation process will be available Thursday 13 October.

Please RSVP to the Presbytery office (3366 0236 or [adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) ) by 16 September.

## Presbytery Consultation

Spirited Consulting has been invited by the Synod of Queensland to undertake a review of the Qld Presbyteries.

The Review will specifically look at each Presbytery's role of "responsibility for such pastoral and administrative oversight as is necessary to the life and mission of the Church within the bounds and to stimulate and encourage congregations within the bounds, in their strengthening and assistance of one another and in their participation in the wider aspects of the work of the Church" (regulation 3.4.4). The purpose of our review will be to create an overview of our current practices, establish key priorities and actions for the next 3-5 years and to possibly look at recommendations to go to Presbytery, Synod (it's boards and agencies) and Assembly.

As part of the review process, Carolyn Kitto, will be meeting with ministers and church councils of congregations within our presbytery at various locations between Saturday 15th and Monday 24th October and your prayers for these conversations would be appreciated. Conversations will revolve around key aspects of our Presbytery: Inner City Congregations, our Northern Congregations, our larger congregations, our Youth and our suburban congregations. The meetings will be specifically looking at how the Presbytery is supporting, overseeing, stimulating and encouraging it's congregations, how they are overseeing the life and mission of the church within its bounds, how they are best utilising, deploying and developing the people who lead the life and mission of the Church within the bounds and how effective are they in the processes required of them by congregations, Synod and Assembly.

If anyone has any queries regarding the Presbytery Consultation, please contact Rev John Ruhle ([presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)) or Rev Yvonne McRostie ([chair@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:chair@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au))

## Next Newsletter Issue

As Kerry will be on leave during the September School Holidays, the next Presbytery Newsletter will be issued on Wednesday 5 October. If you have a notice/item that needs to be promoted please email it to the office ([office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)) and Kathy will forward it to the relevant people.

## 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

### 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.

## **Educating & Equipping**

### **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**

### **Drug Arm Pop Up Book Shop**

8 September to 2 December

You are invited to take your pick from over 20,000 titles at the *Pop Up Book Shop* in the Ipswich City Square.

Best quality. Best prices.

Drug ARM's Pop Up Shop will be open September 8 to December 2, 2016 from 10am – 4pm, Monday to Friday and at the Ipswich Farmers Markets every Saturday.

All books \$2 with proceeds going towards local programs.

### **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 Everal Compton.

21 September 2016

5:30pm – 7pm

@ Uniting Church Centre Chapel

[Details](#)

If you are unable to attend but are keen to purchase Everal'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.**

### **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/>

### **Conversations from the Heart: Resources for Congregations**

In light of the proposed plebiscite and the Uniting Church in Australia's commitment to holding a respectful space for our conversations about marriage equality, the Assembly has provided a conversational space and resources that may be helpful in conversations across the Church.

[Resources](#)

### **Christmas Post Cards**

Registration for Christmas postcards and posters is now [open](#), until **30 September**. We sought feedback from a number of different stakeholders and have taken all the suggestions on board. The resounding theme winner was: *Hope has a name*.

As usual, one of the delivery options for **congregations in the south east corner** is to collect their postcards/posters at the November presbytery meeting. We will make sure the boxes are clearly labelled and delivered to your presbytery meeting. We will also alert people that they need to collect them. Please let me know if you need assistance with this.

There are some free resources on the [Synod website](#) now and there will be closer to Christmas. We will also be running a social media campaign that you can share on your social media page/s as a way to encourage people to connect with the hope of Christmas through the local Uniting Church this Christmas.

Feel free to call or email if you have any questions or need more information.

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## Calendar

### October

4 – PRC

20 – EEC (NB changed from 13 Oct)

### November

7 – Resourcing

8 – PRC

15 – Standing Committee

23 – Presbytery Meeting