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## Pastoral and prayer concerns

- Please pray for the congregation of Elimbah Uniting Church as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Chaplains ministering to those in the Tourism Industry.
- 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

### **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) )

### **Nominations for Presbytery Meeting**

Nominations are now open for the Chair of Resourcing Committee and Chair of Pastoral Relations Committee in preparation for the upcoming Presbytery Meeting on Wednesday 23 November.

Nomination Forms: [Resourcing Chair](#)  
[PRC Chair](#)

For further details please see the [Moreton Rivers Presbytery Website](#)  
Please note that nominations close **2 November 2016**.

### **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))

### **Synod Contact Details: Ministry Agents and Church Council Executive**

To update contact details with Synod please click on the following links:

[Ministry Agents](#)

[Church Council Executive](#)

### **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](#)



## 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 \(right click\)](#)

### **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**

### **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](#)

### ***Mental Health Morning Tea***

St Paul's Uniting Church Stafford (Cnr Webster Rd & Minimine St) is hosting a High Tea during Mental Health Week.

Wednesday 12 October 2016

10.00-11.30am

[Flyer](#)

### ***Pingpongathon - St Paul's Uniting Church, Stafford***

Commit to a minimum three hours of table tennis fun. Join Aussie blokes across Australia to raise funds to help end human trafficking and sexual exploitation of young people. 6pm Friday 14 Oct to 6pm Saturday 15 Oct at St Paul's Uniting Church Stafford, 242 Webster Road, Stafford. Contact Isaak or John Cox (0439 828 728). Come and join the fun or support the team in their fundraising.

[Details](#)

### ***Music on the Range***

A Benefit Concert for the Cunnamulla Frontier Services Patrol

Sunday 27 November, 3pm

Middle Ridge Uniting Church (Toowoomba)

[Flyer](#)

## **Notices**

### ***POSITION VACANT: Volunteer Prison Chaplain***

UnitingCare Community Prison Ministry is seeking applications for the position of Volunteer Prison Chaplains to the Woodford Correctional Centres.

Applicants should have:

- experience in pastoral care
- ability to work as part of an ecumenical team inclusive of a variety of faiths
- ability to work in a multidisciplinary environment
- a demonstrated commitment to the ethos and values of the Uniting Church

This is a volunteer position with a travel allowance of \$40.00 per visit available. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a criminal and child protection check.

For more information please contact:

Senior Chaplain/State Coordinator UCA/ UnitingCare Community Prison Ministry

PO Box 2376 Chermside Central Qld 4032

Enquiries: Tricia 0409 269 678 or Gerda 0409 080 251.

## ***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](#)

### **Calendar**

#### **October**

11 – PRC (NB changed from 4 Oct)

20 – EEC (NB changed from 13 Oct)

SC Date TBC

#### **November**

7 – Resourcing

8 – PRC

15 – Standing Committee

23 – Presbytery Meeting