



Moreton Rivers Presbytery News

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Upcoming Services

Commissioning

Mr Neil Storey will be commissioned as a Pastor at Moreton Faith Community (Strathpine State School) Wirraway St, Strathpine, Sunday 26 February at 5pm.

Commissioning

Ms Louisa Yu will be commissioned as a Pastor at Sinnamon Village on Sunday the 5th of March at 10am.

Commissioning

Ms Jill McNelley will be commissioned as a Pastor in her role as Blue Care Chaplain at Azure Blue, 99 Anzac Ave, Redcliffe on Monday March 6 at 9am

Commissioning

Ms Kemerli Liévano will be commissioned as a Pastor in her role as a Wesley Mission Queensland Chaplain on Wednesday the 8th of March at 4pm (immediately prior to the Presbytery Meeting)

Presbytery Meeting

The next Presbytery meeting will be on Wednesday the 8th of March at Wesley Mission Queensland Wheller on the Park at 25 The Boulevard, Chermside.

Worship will commence at 4.30pm

The Presbytery Meeting will conclude with a closure of ministry liturgy for Rev. Alison Cox.

Dinner will be catered at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

Please RSVP by clicking [here](#) or visiting the Moreton Rivers Presbytery website.

Code of Ethics and Supervision

Issues for multicultural ministry

A seminar for ministry agents who are from multicultural backgrounds, or who serve in multicultural ministry contexts.

Tuesday 7 March 2017, 9:30-1:00

Yeronga Uniting Church

A time of information and discussion about how the Uniting Church's code of Ethics may apply in multicultural contexts. The session on supervision is for those ministry agents who do not yet have a regular supervision arrangement in place.

2017 Presbytery Ministry Agents' Retreat

**29-31 May
Woodlands of Marburg
174 Seminary Rd
Marburg**



Slowing down to catch up to God

At our 2016 Synod we were reminded of the importance of the 'contemplative disciplines' in the life and ministry of a 'Christ-centre disciple', e.g., silence, stillness, solitude, listening and contemplative prayer and living. Our 2017 Presbytery retreat will give us the opportunity to learn and use some of these contemplative skills, practices and disciplines. It will also provide us with space and time to slow down to keep pace with and be present with God.

**Join us for a time of enrichment and refreshment
at the beautiful Woodlands Estate.**

Our retreat facilitators are Johanna and Jeff Lawrence, who have both trained as spiritual directors and both facilitate reflection days and retreats. Johanna is actively involved in the Christian Meditation Community, she leads the team teaching others to meditate and lead meditation groups, she also co-facilitates a 'renewal retreat group'. Johanna has a BA and Masters in Gestalt Therapy. Jeff is a Biblical storyteller, pastor, spiritual director, 'pastors renewal retreat group facilitator', mentor in a pastors Professional and Personal Development program, men's group facilitator, a leader of a men's contemplative bushwalking retreat.

**Register online at the Moreton Rivers Presbytery Website or
by clicking [here](#). Price is \$295 per person including meals and
accommodation. Registration is now open and should be
completed by Monday the 8th of May**



Youth and Children



Growing Youth Ministry Training Days 2017

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. For all information [click here](#)
For registration [click here](#)

IGNITE

Children's Ministry Conference and Expo Saturday
March 4

This is the best opportunity to connect with other Children's Ministry leaders and gain training, resources a fantastic start to the year.



IGNITE
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE & EXPO

RI Conference "Fired Up"

Religious Instructors have their own 'mini' conference as part of the IGNITE children's Ministry conference happening in our Presbytery. Our own Paul Clark from Redcliffe is the Key Note speaker at this conference. He is the Chair of the Qld Christian Religious Instruction Network and has been advocating for RI in State Schools in Qld and NSW in the media. Come and hear what exciting developments are happening in RI to help us thrive in a secular world.

For info and to register go to <http://igniteexpo.org.au/>

**CONFERENCE FOR RI INSTRUCTORS**

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 2017
MUELLER COLLEGE, ROTHWELL

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: PAUL CLARK**

ARE YOU A RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTOR IN SCHOOLS?
The FIRED UP Conference is the premier RI conference in Qld. Run in conjunction with the IGNITE Conference, the program includes specific RI workshops, a special keynote speaker, and encouraging stories from RI instructors promoting best practice and practical skills.
Join all the delegates in the opening Keynote Session then choose from a range of specifically chosen electives designed for RI instructors. Electives will cater for the experienced, and for those just beginning in the classroom. RI Keynote Session speaker: Paul Clark, Chair of the Qld Christian Religious Instruction Network, will speak about "RI in a secular world."

ELECTIVES DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR RI INSTRUCTORS (visit igniteexpo.org.au for more options)

10:30-11:30	11:45-12:45	2:00-3:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Talking about Jesus so kids really listenInternet resources for RIClassroom Management 101Engaging Children with different learning styles, includes Special needsCreative ways to present Scripture to children of all agesBuilding Positive Relationships the key to a successful RI programPractically Engaging Children with the BibleCreative Teaching Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Inviting Kids into the Adventure of God's Big StoryInternet resources for RIScientific Scientific Experiments revealing the Christian messageRI - Moving Forward - For CoordinatorsLearning to tell Bible Stories by HeartLesson Planning - Maximizing your timeManaging Behaviour and Maintaining ControlSimple Ideas for Planning Engaging, Fun Meaningful lessons using your Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The BIG QuestionsClassroom Management 101Once Upon a Time... Creative Biblical StorytellingEngaging Children with different learning styles, includes Special needsCreative ways to Pray with ChildrenThe Art of Questioning - engaging childrenPractically Engaging Children with the BibleSimple Ideas for Planning Engaging, Fun Meaningful lessons using your Curriculum

VISIT THE 35 BOOTHS PACKED WITH RESOURCES TO FIND EXTRA SUPPORT FOR YOUR CLASSES

SPECIAL OFFERS: CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL THE DETAILS (CONDITIONS APPLY)
✓ FREE FOR COUNTRY DELEGATES ✓ TRAVEL SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE
✓ \$500 IGNITE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR REMOTE LEADERS

\$65 (\$55 for Govt. Seniors) 8:45am - 4:30pm
for a full conference day including morning tea and lunch

FOR ALL THE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER VISIT:
www.igniteexpo.org.au



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE & EXPO

IGNITE IS A PROJECT OF THE QUEENSLAND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NETWORK JOINING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Qld BIBLELAND



Youth and Children

Messy Church Training

Beth Nicholls from South Moreton Presbytery is a regional coordinator of Messy Church across Brisbane. She has generously offered to conduct Messy Church training with any congregations who are interested in exploring this significant ministry opportunity.

Beach Volleyball and Futsal Night



Moreton Rivers combined Youth Event.

Friday 10 March, 7pm

Beach Volleyball Mania—72 Pickering St, Enoggera.

Cost is \$8 RSVP by Friday March 3 to AI - 0407375121 youthwork-

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Friday March 3 is a great day for all leaders of children's ministry leaders to gather together at Gateway Baptist for training, networking and encouragement. This truly is a day worth engaging in. Please see more details or register here: <http://igniteexpo.org.au/twenty4-retreat/>

Easter Madness 2017

It's on again!!

7-10 April, 2017

One week before Easter we'll break open the life-changing story and uncover the **TRUE** meaning of Easter! Young people (high school to 25yrs) across Queensland will have the chance to come together and explore what '*real world faith*' means.

Easter Madness 2017 is going to be filled with lots of fun activities, worship and much more

[For more information and registration please visit eastermadness.com.au](http://eastermadness.com.au)





Educating and Equipping

Safe Ministry with Children Training

Caboolture Uniting Church

Saturday 18th March 2017, 9am – 12 noon

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



Worship & Preaching Day

The next Worship and Preaching Day is Saturday 25th February 2017 at Pine Rivers Uniting Church. The Theme will be "Community Engagement in Worship"

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



Learning for Living Courses



Learning for Living is a course in spirituality, focussing on enrichment of self, mission to the world and ministry to the church. Ashgrove sessions start tomorrow night (23 Feb). North Lakes starts on Saturday, 18 March. Register now!

[For more information and registrations please click here.](#)

The "Sole to Soul" One Day Contemplative Bushwalking

Saturday 18 March 2017, Thylogale Track from Jollys Lookout. For more information contact:

Jeff Lawrence on Ph: 0421 337 431 or email: jeffrlawrence@optusnet.com.au

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry Course 2017

Enhance your ability to lead congregations and organisations in times of transition. This internationally-accredited course is also the first stage of Intentional Interim Ministry training.

Wednesday 29th March 2016 – Friday 31st March 2017, Queensland Synod Centre.

Numbers limited to 20 participants. Registrations filling quickly!

[For information, brochure and enrolment form click here \(right click\)](#)

Study Tour to Israel & Jordan, 8-27 April, 2018

Our experienced tour leader, Biblical scholar and educator, Rob McFarlane, is leading a group to Israel & Jordan. The tour will focus on Biblical studies, Byzantine Christianity, as well as Islam, Judaism and Christianity. A full brochure with itinerary and costings for this tour is available. Information evening 7.00 pm, Fri, 14 July, Presbytery office. [For the brochure and booking form, click here.](#)



Educating and Equipping

Mission Shaped Ministry

You are invited to share a learning journey in a supportive community to be equipped for a lifetime of good practice and learning in growing fresh expressions of church. Whether you want to start a new fresh expression of church, or find a missional edge for your congregation, mission shaped ministry will encourage, equip and inspire.

- **10-11 March (MSM Introduction)**
- *Forest Lake Uniting Church. Fri 6.30 pm –9.30 pm (Dinner included) & Sat 9.00 am - 4.00 pm*
- **Saturday 3 June (MSM—Leading Missional Communities)**
- *Southport Church of Christ. 9.00 am—4.00 pm*
- **Saturday 26 August (MSM—Young Adult Mission)**
- *Queensland Synod. 9.00 am—4.00 pm*
- **Saturday 25 November (MSM—Discipleship & Spirituality in Missional Communities)**
- *Highfields Cultural Centre. 9.00 am—4.00 pm*

For more information and online registration [click here](#). For further information please contact Jill Bow: adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

National Mission Pioneer Gathering – taking MSM further!

25-27 May 2017, in Sydney. This gathering seeks to develop a community of innovators and experimenters with a passion for mission and birthing new forms of contextual church. It's especially useful as the next stage in MSM training. [For more information please click here](#)

President's National Ministry Conferences 2017

Assembly President Stuart McMillan's two National Ministerial Conferences will be held in **Darwin 29 June - 2 July** and **Adelaide 22-25 August**. The Darwin conference theme is "Honouring First Peoples as Sovereign". The Adelaide conference is combined with the UL17 Conference "Growing Leaders to Grow the Church". [For more information please click here.](#)

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'

For more information please visit <http://transformingworship.com.au/>



Lent

Lenten studies for 2017

Based on the lectionary readings

Great for helping the congregation to wrestle with Matthew's gospel!

Anyone can lead.

Includes, an introduction to the gospel plus six 90 minute sessions.

Prayers, contemporary stories, background to the passage, life related, thought and discussion provoking questions, further reading.

Order from Mediacom, 1800 811 311,

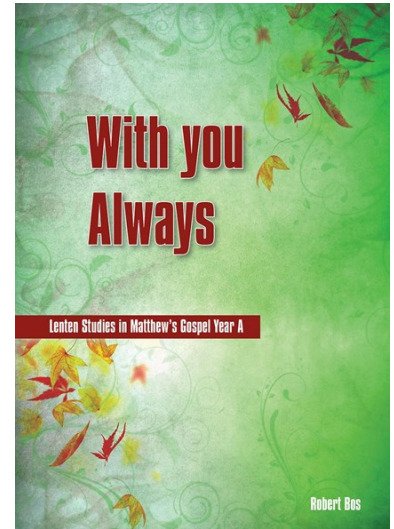
admin@mediacom.org.au,

PO Box 610, Unley 5061, SA

\$11.75 each, but discounts are available for bulk orders.

For more Lent & Easter resources go to Mediacom's latest catalogue:

<http://www.mediacom.org.au/pdf/le2017.pdf>



Lent Event

With Lent just around the corner, UnitingWorld's Lent Event resources are now available. Visit the Lent Event website at www.lentevent.com to see how you can engage with the Lent Event programs.



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Give up something from your daily life and donate what you save to life-giving projects for Lent.

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Other Notices

Next Gen Arise Leadership Gathering

Next Gen Arise is Queensland Synod's initiative to support cross cultural young people to develop their leadership, connect with each other and corporately worship Jesus.

We would like to invite you to our first monthly leadership gathering where all cross cultural young leaders and emerging leaders of the Uniting Church and other denominations are welcome. The aim of this monthly leadership gathering is to support cross-cultural leaders and anyone who is interested in leadership to develop their leadership skills and build networks with each other. This month's workshop topic is "Developing self-confidence & healthy identity as young leader", and Rev. Fa Matangi will be our guest speaker.

The event will be held at Beenleigh Region Uniting Church (32-50 Mt Warren Boulevard, Mouth Warren) on Saturday 25th February 2-4 pm.

For more information, please click [here](#).

or contact Noah on noah.kim@ucaqld.com.au

or go to our Facebook webpage: <https://www.facebook.com/nextgenarise>.

Footsteps of Paul - Greece Study Tour

Sun 17th Sep - Sun 1st Oct 2017.

This tour begins in the place Paul and his companions landed after his vision of being called to Macedonia, and then follows his ministry throughout Greece. Spend several days exploring unique and incredible sites, all with amazing historical, cultural and religious significance, both for the ancient world, and for the church today. Join us for two weeks of learning and laughter, as we encounter the world of the New Testament, and rediscover what it means to be people of mission.

Contact Rev. Rod Fisher ASAP for more information - rfisher@thegapuca.org.au or click [here](#).

Registration forms can be found [here](#).

Biblical Storytelling Workshop & Biblical Storytelling Presentation

Presented by Jeff Lawrence

Saturday, 1st April 2017, 8.45 am for 9.00 am to 3.00 pm, Sandgate Uniting Church.

For more information please [click here](#)

Hannah Boland - The Best Medicine

Come and enjoy a free breakfast at Redcliffe Uniting Church with special guest, comedian and mother Hannah Boland.

Bookings are essential, so please contact Redcliffe UC on 32834066 or officeassist@dovenetq.net.au

Child care is available at a cost of \$5, but must be pre-arranged



Other Notices

Spiritual Care Australia Conference, 7-10 May 2017

Engaging a Mosaic of Care

Nourish yourself in mind, body and soul on Queensland's beautiful Gold Coast and grow in your knowledge and ability as a spiritual care worker/pastoral care worker/chaplain. Whatever your spiritual tradition or your level of expertise, there will be something for you! Come to Surfers Paradise in May 2017 and dive deep with outstanding speakers helping us to explore the mosaic that is each individual we encounter.

Spiritual Care Australia is the professional association for practitioners in chaplaincy, pastoral care and spiritual services. As a national organisation we seek to unify, consolidate, support, promote & encourage the development of chaplaincy, religious, pastoral & spiritual care within contemporary multi-faith Australia.

Two New Children's Books

Our very own Paul Clark has had two picture books recently released. Both are excellent resources for Ministry. Karen Fox [wife of Rev Andrew Fox]

illustrated "The Unhappy Star" which tells the Christmas story from the point of view of the Christmas Star. All about being comfortable in our own skin and finding our purpose.

"Beautiful Australia" is a real Australiana book that looks at perfection through the eyes of a kookaburra, kangaroo and koala! [Don't mention the crocodile.]



You can purchase both from <http://carparkparables.org/product-category/others/>

Hymn Sing-along

As part of the Uniting Church's 40th birthday celebrations, Emmanuel Uniting Church are hosting a hymn sing-along on Wednesday the 15th of March, beginning at 10:00am. Entry is by a \$5 donation, a light lunch is provided. All are welcome.

Further Faster

Newlife Uniting Church is hosting a Willow-sponsored church health and leadership conference March 20-21). It will feature three key leaders from Northpoint Church in the US (Andy Stanley's church), as well as some exclusive video teaching from Andy Stanley.

For more information visit furtherfaster2017.com



Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for the congregation of Merthyr Road Uniting Church and for Rev Murray Fysh as they seek to minister to their community.

Please pray for the Ministry of the Uniting Care chaplaincy services.

Day of Prayer and Fasting for Refugees and Asylum Seekers Sunday 5 March

On Sunday 5 March leaders of churches throughout Australia invite all people to join in prayer for refugees and asylum seekers. Not only are we invited to pray, but also to fast. Religious fasting invites us to stand before God, empty, placing our trust in God, ready to receive God's blessings. In fasting we join in one simple way with those who have fled their homes and seek safety for themselves and their families. Let us all pray together.

Calendar

February

28 - Pastoral Relations Committee

March

8 - Presbytery Meeting

21 - Resource Committee

23 - EEC meeting



Submit a notice

Have you got an item that needs to be advertised in the Presbytery Newsletter?

Submit an item by clicking [here](#) and filling out the submission form.