



Code of Ethics Training

The next Presbytery Code of ethics refresher training day will be held on Friday the 5th of May at Kenani Community Church, Earnshaw Rd, Banyo.

9:00am to 12:30pm, followed by lunch

Please RSVP by clicking [here](#)

After lunch Seminar: Leading in Times of Transition: An introduction

(led by Rev Dr Rob McFarlane)

These afternoon sessions will introduce you to some of the key insights and practices for leading congregations and agencies effectively in times of transition. Isn't that every congregation and agency, nowadays? The introductory sessions are adapted from the internationally accredited Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry program and will give you an enhanced depth to your ministry as well as a taste of the full program.

Lent Event

With Lent now upon us, UnitingWorld's Lent Event resources are still 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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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-centred 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

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.

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.

Make sure your young people don't miss out on **Easter Madness 2017**.

For more information and registration please visit

eastermadness.com.au



Farewell to Alison

Moreton Rivers Presbytery is sad to bid farewell to Rev Alison Cox, who is leaving the role of Youth, Children and Families Coordinator after more than eleven years.

Alison's last day in the office will be Friday the 31st of March.

We're sad to see Alison go, but delighted to welcome Rev Fa Matangi, who will be taking on the role full time from the 10th of July.



Educating and Equipping

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.](#)

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. North Lakes starts on Saturday, 20 May. Register now!

[For more information and registrations please click 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, 25 March, 8a to 9:30am

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

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](#).



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/>



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.

Sacrament Training for Lay Preachers

A training day run by South Moreton Presbytery for lay members interested in learning how to preside over baptisms and Holy Communion.

Saturday, 1 April 2017, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Beenleigh Uniting Church

Presbyteries give approval for lay persons under certain circumstances to conduct these sacraments. Completing this course does not automatically authorise a person to preside. Participants who seek permission to preside will need to complete some assessment tasks following this training and must apply through their presbytery

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.

Our mission is to develop leaders who can inspire a movement of cross cultural young people to passionately follow Jesus, selflessly build each other up, faithfully take places of leadership in the church and beyond, and fearlessly change the world.

We would like to invite you to our 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 "Servant Heart Leadership", and Ps. Michael Hands from Newlife UC will be our guest speaker.

The event will be held at Kangaroo Point Uniting Church (40-46 Linton Street, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane) on Saturday 25th March 2-4 pm.

if you need more information, please contact Noah on noah.kim@ucaqld.com.au or go to our Facebook webpage: <https://www.facebook.com/nextgenarise>.



Other Notices

Queensland Community Alliance Discernment Assembly

On this night, we will decide on the pressures that we will respond to together as we move to Founding. The night will be energetic, as people from South East Queensland and beyond will commit to work together.

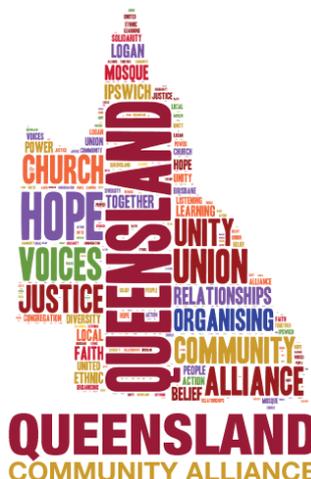
Be a part of a night that will shape the future of Queensland's civil society.

Date: Wednesday 29 March 2017

Time: 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start - 8:15pm close.

Location: Coorparoo Secondary College

Refreshments to be provided. Parking available on site.



Partners in Ministry Retreat

5th - 7th May 2017
Alexandra Park
Conference Centre

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Quilting Display

Deception Bay UC are displaying quilts made by our Helping Hands quilting group. These quilts are made from preloved fabrics and sent to those in need. There will be stalls, Men's Shed display and trade displays. 8 April 9am-2pm. \$7 incl entry and morning tea.



Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for the congregation of Moreton Faith Community and for Neil Storey as they seek to minister to their community.

Please pray for the John Dansie and the work of the military chaplains.

Calendar

March

28 PRC

April

7-10 Easter Madness



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.