



Commissioning Service

Mr Paula Hukehuke will be commissioned as a Pastor at Bracken Ridge Uniting Church on Sunday the 30th of April at 9:30am

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**



Educating and Equipping

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.](#)

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](#).

Bridge the Gap: Zimbabwe

Following fantastic Bridge the Gap treks to North India, East Timor and Sri Lanka over the past few years, Bridge the Gap - Zimbabwe is now taking shape. The opportunity to 'trek for change' in some of the most amazing parts of the earth is happening again and if previous trips are anything to go by then it promises to be a very rewarding time.

Over the past few years, we have raised money to help support students in North India, people with disabilities in Sri Lanka, and health clinics in East Timor, while at the same time trekking the Himalayas, through central Sri Lanka, and up Mt Ramelau in East Timor. All of these trips have taken place using the model of partnerships, project awareness, and trekking.

For more information contact Rev John Ruhle at presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au



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.

- **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 Conference of Lay Preachers

The National Conference of Lay Preachers provides a meeting place for Lay Preachers, Candidates, Worship Leaders and other interested people to share a few days of fellowship, mutual support and encouragement as we engage with our calling to lead God's people in worship. One of the highlights is always meeting friends from other Synods and sharing with them.

[More information](#)

[Registration form](#)

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/>



Educating and Equipping

National Church Life Survey (NCLS) results

Congregations who participated in last year's NCLS will be receiving their packages in the coming week. There are some great new resources, including a workbook to help you do some creative mission planning. The workbook includes short session options as well as extended processes.

Rob McFarlane will organise a gathering of congregational leaders with Scott Guyatt (Synod Mission Engagement) to explore the best ways to use this fabulous missional resource.

Congregations who didn't participate: GREAT NEWS! You can still do the survey and get the resources to help engage with your community and transform your congregations.

For more information: <http://www.2016ncls.org.au/> or contact Rob McFarlane

edofficer@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

Gospel Yarning

Gospel Yarning is a cross-cultural gathering on evangelism in the Uniting Church. A great strength of the Uniting Church is our cultural diversity, so we will hear and build up one another in new wisdom for faith-sharing in many different ways. We seek to establish the Uniting Church as a servant of the Gospel for our next forty years.

First Aid Training

The Caboolture Region have some members interested in undertaking their First Aid training. If we find twelve people, a session can be run just for us. If there are other people from the congregations in Moreton Rivers Presbytery who are interested, please contact Rhona Collinson at rcoll@nlrr.com.au If we can get the numbers, we will organise a date and a venue, possibly a little more central to the whole Presbytery.



Community 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.



Partners in Ministry Retreat

5th - 7th May 2017
Alexandra Park
Conference Centre

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Quilting Display

8 April 9am-2pm. Deception Bay Uniting Church 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. \$7 incl entry and morning tea.



Community Notices

Position vacant

WMQ is seeking to appoint a fulltime Pastoral and Spiritual Care team member.

We are looking for a person who will take initiative in providing pastoral and spiritual care to those in our care, as well as staff, and who has the capability to lead meaningful worship, and enable people to celebrate life in appropriate ways.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate an ability to work within the WMQ Pastoral and Spiritual Care Team and to work flexibly, with creativity and spontaneity, in a Person Centred Care context.

This is a placement within the UCA.

Closing date: **Tuesday, 11th April.**

For further information click here: <https://www.wmq.org.au/services/albert-street-uniting-church/job-opportunity>

All applications are to be sent to placements@ucaqld.com.au

Timor Children's Foundation Annual Luncheon

Saturday 13th May 2017, 12 noon-2pm

Indooroopilly Uniting Church, 74 Station Road, Indooroopilly

Tickets cost \$25 at the door. All proceeds will be donated to the Scholarships Project and to support the Samaria Children's Home. For catering purposes please RSVP to Ruth Grieve on mobile ph: 0429474383 or email: admin@timorchildren.com by Wed 10th May.

Aspley Uniting Church Life Forum: "Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse"

WHEN: Saturday April 8 2017

WHERE: Aspley Uniting Church, 748 Robinson Road, Aspley, 4034

TIME: 8 am-10 am

Ian Walker MP Shadow-Attorney General and Minister for Justice will lead a discussion on the prevalence of domestic violence and elder abuse and how we can reduce it. Saturday April 8 2017 at Aspley Uniting Church. A light breakfast will be served at 8 am followed by the forum from 8.30 am-10.00 am. Gold coin donation. For more information contact Rev Sandra Jebb on 0439289673.



Community Notices

Autumn Fair

The Gap Uniting Church is having its Autumn Fair (previously the April Fair) on Saturday April 22nd, 10am till 3pm at the Church (1050 Waterworks Road). Come along and help to celebrate 50 years of Fun at the Fair! There will be Face Painting, a Jumping Castle, 2nd Hand Toys and Games for the kids. For adults we have 2nd Hand Clothes, Books, Puzzles, Gifts and Fantastic Plants! Don't forget to grab one of our wonderful hamburgers or some of the home made cakes, pies, sweets and biscuits.

For more info contact The Gap UC Office on 3300 2712 or check the website – <http://thegapuca.org.au/activities-and-events/local-community/autumn-fair/>

Next Gen Arise

Next Gen Arise is QLD 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 a place of leadership in the church and beyond, and fearlessly change the world.

We would like to invite you to our next combined worship event where all cross-cultural young people from QLD Uniting Churches and other denominations are welcome.

This event will be held at Logan Uniting Church (129 Dennis Rd, Springwood, Brisbane), 6:00pm on Sunday 30th April

If you need more information, please contact Noah on noah.kim@ucqld.com.au or go to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/nextgenarise.

Handel's "The Passion of Christ"

St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Good Friday, 9:30am. The St. Andrew's Sanctuary Choir will present the Oratorio as part of Good Friday worship

Conducted by Ms Adele Nisbet.



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.

Day Camp 2017

Tuesday 27 June - Friday 30 June
Triple C Campgrounds

Registrations are now open !

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



Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for the congregation of Morningside Uniting Church and for Rev David Kim as they seek to minister to their community.

Please pray for Ps Richard Lance and for the Wesley Mission QLD chaplaincy team.

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.