



Moderator
Rev David Baker

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The Uniting Church since its inception has committed itself to bringing the truth of the gospel to the situations of human life, both individually and socially. This commitment brings us into the challenging and difficult spaces of life, where we face the vulnerability, fragility and ambiguity of existence.

Last year the Queensland Government announced an inquiry into aged care, end-of-life and palliative care. As a result, I have requested an update of the Synod's current position regarding voluntary assisted dying. The attached Consultation Paper has been developed to assist the Synod in this task.

Psalm 85 is a prayer that acknowledges vulnerability and ambiguity. It expresses the hope of those who have faith:

"steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
Righteousness and peace will kiss each other"

As the community of faith that is the Qld Synod engages with this issue of voluntary assisted dying, I encourage you to engage with faith, hope and love; being open to one another and the Spirit, who brings the Word to us. You can engage in this consultation by attending one of the forums listed below and/or by a written submission to the Consultation Group by the 9th of March.

Consultation Dates and Locations

- 11th February 6.30-8.00pm: Goodna Uniting Church
- 18th of February 6.30-8.00pm, Chermside Kedron Uniting Church
- 22nd of February 11.30am-1.00pm, Middle Ridge Uniting Church, Toowoomba
- 22nd of February 3.00-4.30pm, Dalby Uniting Church.
- 26th of February 3.00-4.30pm, Broadwater Road Uniting Church, Mansfield
- 26th of February 6.00-7.30pm, NewLife Church Robina, Lakeside Lounges
- 4th of March 2.00-3.30pm, Emmanuel Uniting Church, Cairns
- 5th of March 11.30am -1.00pm, Aitkenvale Uniting Church, Townsville
- 9th of March, Longreach, Central Queensland Presbytery meeting. Time to be confirmed.
- 9th of March, Murgon Uniting Church, Mary Burnett Presbytery meeting. Time to be confirmed.

Every blessing,

Reverend David Baker
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