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UCA Queensland Synod Corona-virus Update

For the latest COVID-19 updates and resources, visit the [Synod website](#).

Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

Please Pray For:

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, easy solutions to difficult issues & safety as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Christy & Peter Allen & family, for wisdom, discernment, easy solutions to difficult issues & safety as she travels around our Presbytery.
3. Ps Lorne Anderson, Rev Viliami Mila, Rev Michelle Cullen, & their families, as they begin their new placements
4. Ps Gewa & Cynthia as she recovers from surgery

Monday Prayer:

God of all wisdom, help us today to take the time & make the space for your voice to be heard amidst the noise of the world around us. Amen

Moderator Rev Andrew Gunton

Induction Services

Friday 19th Feb- Rev Viliami Mila -Mossman 7pm at Mossman town hall

Saturday 20th Feb- Rev Michelle Cullen- Mt Louisa 7pm

All ministry agents please bring Stoles/ Albs

Free Community Training March

An invitation to any ministry related people in the Townsville District :
Charters Towers, Townsville & Ingham - Community Disaster Recovery Training.
Registration as per poster below. **(limited numbers)**



Lifeline
Corporate Training

www.unitingcareqld.com.au/lifeline/corporate-training

FREE COMMUNITY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

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DAY ONE - Strengthening Connections

- Recognise signs of emotional/psychological distress
- Respond to the person's immediate needs with care and support
- Refer confidently to appropriate services

DAY TWO - Pastoral Care

- Provide pastoral presence and support to people and communities following disasters.
- Participate in recovery activities.
- Provide resources, training and support to local ministry agents as they, in turn, support their communities in recovery.

For further information, please see our Eventbrite

Who should attend?

Two packages in one:

One-day workshop for Community members
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Two-day workshop for Pastoral Carers and Mission Team
Attend both day 1 and day 2 - Strengthening Connections and Pastoral Care

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| Charters Towers | 16-17 March 2021, 9am - 5pm | Register: https://lifelinecharters Towers.eventbrite.com.au |
| Townsville | 17-18 March 2021, 9am - 5pm | Register: https://lifelinetownsville.eventbrite.com.au |
| Ingham | 18-19 March 2021, 9am - 5pm | Register: https://lifelineingham.eventbrite.com.au |

Delivered in partnership by Lifeline Corporate Training (provided by UnitingCare in Queensland) and the Uniting Church, and jointly

Free Community Training April

Great opportunity for vital training in **Cairns / Innisfail / Port Douglas-Mossman** for Community Disaster Recovery . *Registration as per poster below.* **(limited numbers)**



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Cairns **20-21 April 2021, 9am - 5pm**

Register: <https://lifelinecairns.eventbrite.com.au>

Innisfail **21-22 April 2021, 9am - 5pm**

Register: <https://lifelineinnisfail.eventbrite.com.au>

Port Douglas **22-23 April 2021, 9am - 5pm**

Register: <https://lifelineportdouglas.eventbrite.com.au>

Right Living or Right Believing?

The following is an excerpt from Steve Backlund's regular blog. Steve and Wendy Backlund head up Igniting Hope Ministries which host a Lent 'Negativity Fast and Positivity Feast' go to ignitinghope.com for information.

Is it more important to preach about right living or right believing? The Old Testament answer was right living, but the New Testament answer is clearly right believing – and right believing actually creates right living: “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2). When we are focused on **right living** we are focused on our own efforts to “do” righteous. When we are focused on **right believing**, we place our trust in the finished work of Jesus that He has “made” us righteous.

Abraham, an Old Covenant person, is held up to us as the example of how to live in the New Covenant. “For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression” (Romans 4:13-15).

Unfortunately, many in the New Covenant start in faith but go back to an Old Covenant mindset of focusing more on performance than on beliefs. “O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? . . . Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?” (Galatians 3:1-3). We are living in the flesh (placing our trust in the flesh) if we are focused more on what we are doing than what we are believing.

Do you know what the opposite of faith is? It is not fear, it is works. There are two ways to approach God – faith and works. One “works” while the other does not. Those who would preach and emphasize holiness and good conduct *apart* from a heavy diet of emphasizing that we are righteous by faith will actually increase sin in the people they are trying to influence positively. “Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more” (Romans 5:20).

Blessings,
Mark Dewar
(Cassowary Coast)

Synod News & Info.

Plenty mission priority: Transforming communities

Our Church is blessed to be present in so many communities across Queensland. Every one is different. *Transforming communities* calls us to be active partners in things that matter in our local communities, shaping new community hubs and empowering the Church to connect within the community and the world we live.



Director of Mission Strategy Scott Guyatt explores *Transforming communities*. If this theme speaks to you, we would love to have you as part of the conversation. [Register your interest](#).

Other news

Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture

The Uniting Church wholeheartedly and publicly commits to being a child safe organisation. This commitment influences our decision-making and guides our practice.

Our leaders and our volunteers commit to safe church principles by completing and signing a Statement of Personal Commitment: "I will put the safety and well-being of children and vulnerable people first, and I will encourage others to do the same."

We document the standards of behaviour we expect from leaders, staff and volunteers as shared guardians responsible for the safety of children and vulnerable adults in contact with the Church.

All volunteers are required to sign a Statement of Personal Commitment each year. The [Statement of Personal Commitment](#) template, along with other resources, are located on the Safe Ministry with Children [web page](#).

To obtain a free "Safe Church For All Poster" for your congregation, contact [Lynde Davy](#).