

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

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UCA Queensland Synod Corona-virus Update

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

Presbytery Office

Please remember that
MONDAYS are Garry & Christy's day off.

Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

Please Pray For

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, simple solutions to difficult issues & safety as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Christy & Peter Allen & family, for wisdom, discernment, simple solutions to difficult issues & safety as she travels around our Presbytery.
3. Robyn & Gavin Cooley, as she deals with the property & financial matters across our Presb.
4. Presbytery Youth Camp

Attention Ministry Agents

When taking holidays please go through the payroll portal & fill in the leave form, & please send an email to office@ucacarpentaria.com.au so we don't call while you are on holidays.

Thanks,
Marie

Presbytery Youth Camp Northern Madness 24-27th September 2021

Cost for Camp \$40 High School -21yrs

Click on the link to Register

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event44.php>

Position Vacant in Townsville

Early childhood teacher Kirwan Uniting Child Care

Permanent Full-time

The Kirwan Uniting Church Child Care Centre are a not-for-profit centre providing a high quality of care to our children, families and community. Our focus is to provide quality learning opportunities through play-based learning.

More info: <https://ucaqld.com.au/synod-services/people-and-culture/vacancies/employee-vacancies/early-childhood-teacher-kirwan-uniting-church-child-care-center/>

19th August -End September UnitingWorld visits Carpentaria Presbytery

Don and Sylvia Wright (who have taken over from Jenny Guyatt,) will be visiting churches in Carpentaria (from Cooktown) as of 19 August to the end of September.

We are UnitingWorld volunteer ambassadors from Hervey Bay and are looking forward to bringing news of the work of the Uniting Church in Australia, through UnitingWorld, with overseas partner church's needs.



EverythingInCommon, ethical gifts that change lives, will be available through UnitingWorld for Christmas 2021.

Earlier this year we visited churches in Cloncurry, Mt Isa and Charters Towers. We would love an opportunity to share (10mins) with your congregation .

Please contact us:

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Friday 3rd September

Townsville

Minister's and Leadership Team Breakfast



Friday 3rd September 2021, from 7am - 8:30am
at Northreach Baptist Church.

Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/BTPCZ> by 6pm on Monday 30th August, for catering purposes. No cost, it's Free!

Would love to see you there!!

Sunday 22 August 2021



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER –
THE CHURCH TOGETHER



'LORD HAVE MERCY'

But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth." Psalm 86:15.

Across all our services on Sunday 22 August, Australia's Churches are invited to pray for our local, national and global communities experiencing great need and distress caused by COVID-19. We encourage our member Churches to join in this National Prayer Day.

Bishop Philip Huggins, NCCA President has written an article Jesus Have Mercy Prayer that speaks to the need for prayerful support for all those who seek comfort and hope at this time. He also sees the National Prayer Day as the start of weekly prayers on Sundays to December.

There is great power in unified prayer and during this time we are invited to pray together 'JESUS HAVE MERCY', a prayer of compassion, the prayer of the heart.

The World Council of Churches (WCC) website - COVID Prayer resources has liturgy and prayer resources and we will put more from Australia on the NCCA website this week and let you know.

In addition to praying in our liturgies and worship services across Sunday 22 August, NCCA has been asked to host a ZOOM prayer service and more details will be available later in the week.

Invitation to further participation:

For those wanting to go deeper and commit additional time or individual participation:

- Nightly prayer calls from 16 to 21 August will take place with input from a different church leader each night. Register using link below.
- Daily devotions will be sent out to those who register. Each Daily Devotion will include a prayer from a different Church leader. Register using link below.
- All day online prayer service on Sunday 22 August 2021. Register using link below.

Sunday 22 August - join all day prayers online

You are invited to join a National virtual Prayer Service featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Participate as an individual through online prayer for part or all of the prayers.

When: 22 August 2021 9 AM - 9 PM (AEST)

Register: For more information on the National Day of Prayer visit <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

We look forward to your worship communities joining this day when Australia prays as 'The Church Together'. More information will be provided over the coming week so that you can communicate across your Church.

In grace and peace.

Yours faithfully,

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A Thought

From [Steve Backlund](https://ignitinghope.com/igniting-hope/thermostats-vs-thermometers/) <https://ignitinghope.com/igniting-hope/thermostats-vs-thermometers/>

Thermostats vs. Thermometers

Thermometers are important for successful living. It is an instrument that measures the temperature of something. Without thermometers, we would not have an accurate reading on how things are.

Healthy “thermometer people” are important. They are able to give needed feedback on what the true temperature is in a relationship, organization, course, workplace, or elsewhere. They also make great counselors because they help people truly understand where they are at (and it is difficult to get to a new destination if we don’t know where we are now).

With this said, we must also be thermostatic because nothing will change if we are only a thermometer (just reporting on how things are). Thermometers diagnose the temperature, while thermostats set the temperature. Influencers are thermostatic people who create a higher level of experience for those connected to them. I want to help you become more thermostatic today.

Here are five things to activate the thermostat within you:

1. **Know the faith walk is first to believe, and then to see** – I used to only believe something was true after I had experienced it through circumstances. For instance, I would not believe I was an influencer of nations until I actually saw that I was influencing nations. God told me, “That is not how all this works. You must believe to see, not see to believe.” Faith is believing something is true even before we see it in our experience.
2. **Know things don’t immediately change when you set a new temperature on your thermostat** – It would be foolish to say, “This is not working!” only thirty seconds after you set a new temperature on the thermostat. It takes time for the environment to catch up to the new setting. Likewise, our experiences will catch up to our beliefs and the waiting time is called “faith.”
3. **Know we cannot get our beliefs from our feelings or our past experiences** – We do not deny these the past or our feelings, but we cannot get our beliefs from them. We acknowledge the facts (temperature) of what is happening and are emotions resulting from it, but we believe in truths higher than the facts of our experiences.
4. **Know that what we renew our minds with today radically influences what we will experience tomorrow** – Romans 12:2 says to “be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” How we renew our minds now creates future experiences. If we only renew our minds with what has happened, we will repeat what has happened. Thermostatic people intentionally meditate on and believe the promises of God, even when their experiences are saying something totally different.
5. **Know “life is in the power of the tongue”** – “God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not” (Romans 4:17). Those who don’t upgrade their language will have more difficulty being thermostatic. Our words create atmospheres of life or death (Proverbs 18:21), and they become a directing force in our lives (James 3:2-5). Speaking faith declarations is a main way to set a new temperature in our lives.

Which of the above five is the most important for you to focus on now? What practical steps can you take to increase this thermostatic igniter in your life? As you focus on this, you will become more intentional (which is what being a thermostat is all about).

Marie

Synod News & Info.

Uniting in diversity - Moving into the intercultural space



Labels are a funny thing. During my time in ministry I have seen us go from Multicultural ministry to Cross-cultural ministry – calling them Multicultural communities, and then moving to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities and now we find the latest label – INTER-cultural. But what does this mean? For me, this is the closest expression of what we see in the New Testament, speaking of inclusive community where a person’s culture was recognised but not judged.

“Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.’” Romans 10:12-13 [NLT]

[Read this reflection](#) by Rev Esteban Lievano, Outreach Minister at Southside Uniting Church.

Singing from the same governance song sheet

Plenty working groups have been meeting in person and online to discuss and create plans to respond to each of the commitments. Find out what members of the Fit for purpose – Governance Reform working group thought during their recent [workshop in the video](#).

Agency and service provider news

Connect with UnitingCare

Connect 100 is a new initiative of UnitingCare Queensland, building and supporting local mission partnerships with Uniting Church congregations and presbyteries across Queensland. Through each local partnership, we'll work closely together, develop new mission initiatives and build supportive and caring relationships. Each local initiative is designed together, focusing on community needs, congregational vision and might involve a range of UnitingCare services including Blue Care or Family and Disability Services. Connect 100 partnerships are already under development with congregations right across the state. If you'd like to know more contact Connect 100 coordinator [Scott Guyatt](#).

Great Outback BBQ for Frontier Services



There is a mental health crisis in remote Australia, as our Bush Chaplains are continuing to experience firsthand. Their reports are telling us of the crisis increasing over recent years. Understandably, our farmers and those living remotely have experienced an incredible amount of issues that they have had to remain resilient through. They have been faced with drought, bushfires, floods, mouse plagues, and COVID-19. Frontier Services has a critical role to play in supporting our Bush Chaplains, companion who turns up out of the blue to lend an ear, give a helping hand, and be of service.

The upcoming Great Outback BBQ initiative represents a great fundraising opportunity for congregations. Watch the [video](#) to find out more.

National Lay Preachers Conference

Due to the uncertainty caused by recurring outbreaks of the COVID-19, it has been necessary to pivot our delivery of the National Conference of Lay Preachers (NCLP), scheduled to be held on 11 and 12 September from a face-to-face conference to a virtual conference.

The new registration site can be found [here](#) and more information can be found on the [National Lay Preachers Conference website](#).

Blue Care Sunday resources

Blue Care Sunday 2021, officially 22 August, is fast approaching. Rev Dr Adam McIntosh has prepared some resources for congregations to use in their Blue Care Sunday service if they wish: a service liturgy, accompanying PowerPoint slides and a video of Rev Noel Preston. For those who weren't aware, Rev Noel's father, Rev Arthur, was Minister at West End when the Blue Nurses (now Blue Care) started. Click [here](#) to access the resources.

For further queries, contact Andrea Hogg via [email](#) or phone 0436 522 636.