

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

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Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting
Innisfail 5th - 7th November

Ministry Agents- COE Training Friday 5th (time to be advised)

Please remember only one lay rep & the ministry agent from each congregation attends. Pray for God's wisdom & discernment.

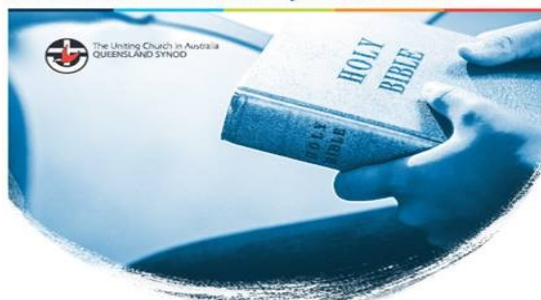
3rd September**Townsville**

Safe Ministry with Children Training @ Aitkenvale UC 7-8:30pm , for anyone involved in children's ministry.

Please register with the Marie 4068 8131 or office@ucacarpentaria.com.au so we can print materials needed. I need – Name / Congregation / Email

11 & 12 September**National Conference of Lay Preachers Online**

2021 National Conference of Lay Preachers Online



The Conference will be provided in a shortened timeframe on 11 and 12 September only (10am to approx. 4.30pm each day) and will allow for ample breaks.

We have taken into account the different time zones across the country and are now working with the presenters to modify the program, make the sessions dynamic and as interactive as possible.

REGISTER NOW: The new registration site can be found [here](#) and the revised program is also attached.

Additional information can be found on the NCLP website [National Conference of Lay Preachers 2021 - Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod \(ucaqld.com.au\)](http://National Conference of Lay Preachers 2021 - Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod (ucaqld.com.au)) We would encourage you to register as soon as possible so that we may make provision on the online platform to accommodate the number of participants.

Neil Ballment & Geoff Hill -National Conference of Lay Preachers Convenors

24-27th September 2021**Presbytery Youth Camp****Northern Madness****24th -27th September 2021****Cost :** for Camp \$40 High School -21yrs

Activities include: time at a local beach, mini golf & cinema along with games, activities, worship, meals and small group sessions

For more information contact : Pastor Ian Ness 4786 2857 (Burdekin UC) or Rev Greg Rankin 0413 787 626 (Ingham UC).

Registration Closes 3rd September

Click on the link to Register

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

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.

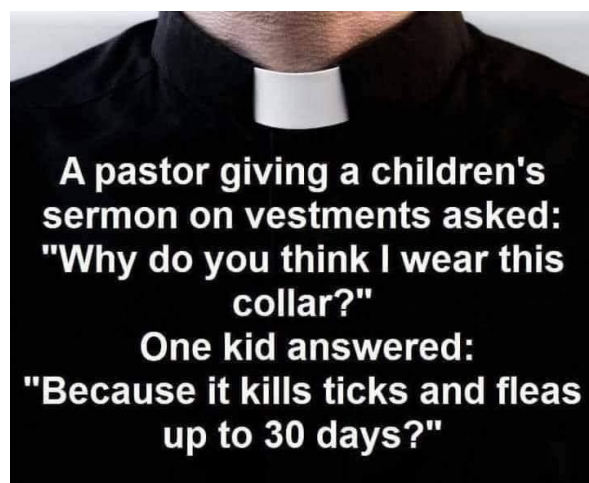


EverythingInCommon, ethical gifts that change lives, will be available through UnitingWorld for Christmas 2021.

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:

Sylvia 0498264254 or Don 0498264255 and at sylviaawright@hotmail.com



Christy's Thoughts

I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world, you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world! John 16:33

Last week, I came across this verse more than once and as is often the case it was very relevant to my life. I have been pondering over the last few weeks after watching news report after news report on Covid and then the unfolding story of Afghanistan the very profound question... what is going on?

It is hard to keep watching or listening to the news when all one hears is sorrow, tragedy, and suffering. It would be simply fixed of course if I just tuned the world out, but I can't, no matter how hard I try. Even if I could disconnect from media and news reports, I hear about it in the conversations of those around me. People are becoming more anxious or so fatigued they just can't cope.

So, as I was pondering, thinking about everything that is going on and wondering where the message of the gospel which is one of profound hope amongst many things fits, I came across this verse, and it was a light bulb moment. Not the words themselves or even the meaning so much as the gentle but the none too subtle way that God speaks into our lives.

Jesus knew what it was going to be like, he understood better than any of us just how hard it was to live in the world and not be drowned by wave after wave of pain and suffering. He knew what it was like to be challenged and attacked on every level. He knew what it was to want the suffering to end, to be able to walk away free from all responsibilities. Jesus knew and experienced it all.

Getting lost in what is all around us is easy. Feeling overwhelmed by our own fears and those of others can become our view of the world. OR... we can rest with confidence in the knowledge that it is for our sake that Jesus stood up to the world. It is for our sake that Jesus overcame death. It is for our sake that Jesus suffered so that we might know peace.

May this be the message that you carry in your hearts as you walk through each day...

I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world, you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!

Blessings,
Christy

Synod News & Info.

The many meanings of unity



Morningside Uniting Church Minister **Rev David Kim** reflects on the theme of “Uniting in Diversity”, coinciding with Queensland Multicultural Month.

The word “unity” is generally translated into a Korean word 연합 (yeon harp, in Chinese 联合). Its literal meaning is to achieve a common goal together.

Partnership through MoU would be a good example. So, depending on what the common goal is and how long the goal lasts, unity may continue or discontinue. In other words, “unity” as 연합 can be temporary or permanent, also inclusive or exclusive as decided by members’ choice. Because it is different from uniformity, there may be multiple “unity”-ies based on members’ preferences and tendencies.

In this manner, “unity” as 연합 itself produces its own diversity with different directions.

There is another Korean word for “unity”; that is 합일 (harp ill, 合一). It is not about forming a group but about inviting people to join in a movement, regardless of who they are and where they are from, those in the movement do things together because they believe that they are one in doing such things. Watching the Olympic games is a good example because everyone cheers for their fellow countrymen and women. They do not need to know each other, but in the movement of cheering for the nation, they proudly join each other to become one. The second line of the Australian National Anthem has reflected the nation’s new face: “We are one and free”.

In this manner, “unity” as 합일 itself invites and embraces diversity to become one towards one direction.

The Uniting Church in Australia is another good example of “unity” 합일 as a movement because all work for the kingdom and the people of God towards the promised end. We do not need to be the same nor do the same things because we are more likely being riveted or welded rather than molded.

Luke’s Gospel 13:29 reflects upon the church in this movement, “People will come from east and west and north and south and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

[Read the full reflection.](#)

Transforming communities at Indooroopilly Uniting Church

In the latest part of the Plentiful Conversation series, the extraordinary work at the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Hub at Indooroopilly Uniting Church is profiled.

Through the initiative, refugees and asylum seekers are able to access a range of support services including legal aid, mental and health counselling, medical issues and providing connections.

Concerns about voluntary assisted dying legislation

The Parliamentary Health and Environment Committee has this month released a [report](#) after its inquiry into Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation.

The Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod has been advocating changes to the proposed legislation to align with the position discerned by all those who were involved in the consultation process that was undertaken in 2019 and affirmed by the 34th Synod in Session.

For those of you who would like to write to your members of parliament and add your voice we suggest these major points in response to the legislation as it stands:

- Our particular concern is that institutions should have the right to institutional objection at the administration stage of the VAD process, which includes a person self-administering or a practitioner administration of the voluntary assisted dying substance. This will allow for the unique contexts and environments of each facility, and the communities that make up a residential facility.
- Our position is that it is a compassionate and balanced approach if a person requests voluntary assisted dying and is residing in a facility where the entity operating the facility objects to participating in VAD, that the person be suitably transferred for the ending of their life, unless this would cause harm to them and it is not reasonable to transfer the person.
- The church recommends amending the Bill to include the requirement for an eligible witness to be present in the case of self-administration of the dying substance. This provides a safeguard for if the person requires urgent medical assistance if the substance does not work as planned.
- The church will continue to lobby and call for a focus on the provision of excellent and accessible palliative care. We will continue to provide high quality and accessible palliative care which honours and respects the individual and is responsive to the pastoral and spiritual needs of the people we serve.

Becoming the good news in Timor—a profile on Rev Dr Mery Kolimon

The Evangelical Church of Timor's first female Moderator, Rev Dr Mery Kolimon, has a vision for the church to be fully immersed in society and ensure the good news transforms the lives of those in the country. UnitingWorld's **Cath Taylor** profiles Rev Dr Mery Kolimon and explores the important work being done by the church in response to cyclones, COVID-19 and poverty. Rev Dr Mery Kolimon, West Timor: "We cannot just preach the good news. We must become it."

Even before she was conceived, Mery Kolimon had a calling.

Her parents—Timorese nationals from one of Indonesia's most beautiful archipelagos—dedicated their first child to God's work even before Mery's mother fell pregnant. It was a promise with a profound impact.

Read the article in full [here](#).



Uniting Church Child Safe Week 5 - 11 September

Join others across the church for the first Uniting Church Child Safe Week from 5-11 September and Child Safe Sunday on 5 September.

Child safe Sunday resources will be available, including a prayer and a children's activity. [Register your email](#) to receive them in your inbox.

Rev John Cox, Director of the National Safe Church Unit, and Sarah Lim, National Director of UCA Redress Ltd, will together host an online forum for ministry agents looking at what we are doing as a church to safeguard children and young people; trauma-informed response; and grooming. Wednesday 8 September, 12-1pm EST. [Email to register](#).

For more information, click [here](#).