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UCA Queensland Synod Corona-virus Update

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

[Queensland Government 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. Peter & Christy Allen 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. Our Presbytery Meeting 5-7Nov
5. Rev Dennis Corowa & family in the passing of his mum.



Congratulations to one of the Seniors of the Year Richard Hosking

He was recognised for his extraordinary commitments to volunteering at today's Senior of the Year Awards.

Richard was awarded for his commitment to Stable on the Strand. Each month Richard spends many hours making sure Stable on the Strand goes off without a hitch for the 40,000 visitors it attracts at Christmastime.

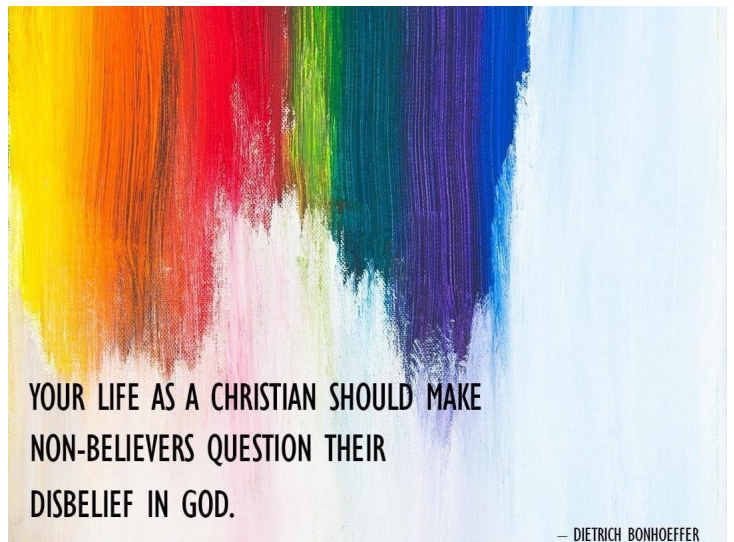
To read more, visit: <https://bitly.com/3B4D1cy>

#SeniorsWeek2021 #TownsvilleShines



SEVEN LIFE-CHANGING HABITS:

1. FOCUS ON THE TRUTH OF JESUS
2. KEEP SHORT ACCOUNTS
3. GET ACTIVELY INVOLVED
4. TRUST GOD IN DIFFICULT TIMES
5. WIN THE BATTLE OF THE MIND
6. SOAK YOURSELF IN THE WORD OF GOD
7. KEEP PRAYING



YOUR LIFE AS A CHRISTIAN SHOULD MAKE
NON-BELIEVERS QUESTION THEIR
DISBELIEF IN GOD.

— DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

THE AROMA OF CHRIST(2 Corinthians 2:12-17)

15. For we are the aroma of Messiah to God, among those who are being saved and those who are perishing—

Paul is speaking of the believer's witness as "to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing" (2 CO. 2: 15). Believers have been "sent from God" for this task (2 CO.2:17). This commissioning is part of the stewardship legacy of our calling as "servants of Christ and those entrusted with the secret things of God." (1 CO.4 :1). John Stott elaborates, "Mission arises from the heart of God himself and is communicated from his heart to ours . Mission is the global outreach of the global people of a global God. If then , we have resisted the missionary dimension of the church's life , or dismissed it as if it were dispensable , or patronised it reluctantly with a few perfunctory prayers and grudging coins , or become preoccupied with our own narrow- minded , parochial concerns , we need to repent, that is to change our mind and attitude. Do we profess to believe in God? He is a missionary God. Do we say we are committed to Christ ? He is a missionary Christ . Do we claim to be filled with the Spirit? He is a missionary Spirit. Do we delight in belonging to the church? It is a missionary society. Do we hope to go to heaven when we die? It's a heaven filled with the fruits of missionary enterprise. It is not possible to avoid these things.

If some of us need to repent , all of us need to take action. The authentic Christianity of the Bible is not a safe, smug, cozy , selfish , escapist little religion. On the contrary , it is deeply disturbing to our sheltered security. It is an explosive , centrifugal force, which pulls us out from our narrow self-centeredness and flings us into God 's world to witness and to serve. So we must find practical ways , individually and through our local church of expressing this commitment."

In fact, for us to be effective evangelists we need to understand that the Good News is not a human invention , hence it was revealed to us so that we could reveal it others. We are not only to witness in words but through actions as well, by our attitudes and our lives , which becomes a pleasing aroma of Christ (v.15). Also , the Good News is not something we can keep to ourselves , but something we need to share with others. It's not a choice but an obligation. And the same applies to us .Once we have been affected by the Good News, we feel obliged to share it with others. Through the work of the holy spirit , people's lives are going to be touched by our witnessing.

As we think about it, here are three questions you need to ponder upon.

Do you take "the aroma of Christ " with you as you go about your daily?

In what ways might your ideas of mission and missionaries be limited and limiting?

How much do you feel compelled to share the Good News with others?

Then pray about it, how God should reveal to you the ways in which you can fully express you to share the Good News.

Synod News & Info.

Hi all

We've had a request for some extra support in a few key Blue Care residential sites. Many sites are struggling at the moment, but some are in need of urgent support where these facilities are particularly stretched at the moment: Gracemere, Ingham, Yarrabee (Redland Bay), Nandeebie (Alexandra Hills), Maleny and Bli Bli.

We are wondering if we could put a call out to the local Congregations for support in these facilities. This would be "support for residents basically - talking, reading, supervising meal times ie ensuring the resident has their meal in front of them (for non complex residents), support for activities, COVID screening visitors. I think the list is probably longer but anything they can assist with would be greatly appreciated. "

This is an urgent need and any help, even one visit, would be greatly appreciated. The only requirement is to have a flu vaccination certificate, as per government requirements to visit an aged care facility.

If anyone is able to help, they can contact the local facility directly, or their local Blue Care Chaplain:

- Gracemere: Donna Muston (until 27/10, and then Ann Hewson from mid-November)
- Ingham: Jan Bryde
- Yarrabee and Nandeebie: David Savage and Sally Smith
- Maleny; Kate Grieve and Natalie Roy
- Bli Bli: Narelle Cramb

Thank you for any help you may be able to give our Blue Care residents and staff at this time

Kind regards

Andrea Hogg

Chaplaincy Coordinator

Mission Group

Peacemaking in everyday relationships

With UnitingCare's DV alert program—a program for frontline workers which focuses on how to recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence—we examine the dynamics of a relationship where abuse is present.

In a relationship where there is domestic and family violence, a pattern of repeated behaviours are evident and a power imbalance exists between the two partners.

Key elements of trust and respect—which are essential foundations of a healthy relationship—do not exist; this is incredibly damaging to the relationship and means the person subjected to violence does not feel safe, accepted or secure.

[Read](#) this reflection by Karen Prestidge, is the State wide Manager Lifeline Community Recovery and Corporate Training.

Gospel peace flows



Gospel peace flows from the headwaters or fountain of God's life, finally and fully revealed in Jesus.

I know a couple of songs about the flow of God's peace: "Peace Is Flowing Like A River" ... *flowing out through you and me* ... and "It Is Well With My Soul" ... *when peace like a river attendeth my way*.

God's Peace flows like a river. God's Peace flows like a river through you and me. God's Peace attends us, unexpectedly, right in the middle of troubled waters.

[Read](#) this reflection by Rev Shane Kammermann.

Presbytery and congregation news

Spread hope this Christmas

This Christmas, the Synod Office is inviting you to make a contribution around our theme of hope. Join us for a month of joy and celebration over the course of December!

Send us a prayer, a reflection, a video or a recipe so we can share them from the beginning of December for Christmas 2021.

Contributions should be sent to the [Synod Office communications team](#) by no later than 19 November 2021. For any questions or further information, please contact the [Synod Office communications team](#).

Update from the Moderatorial Candidature Task Group

After deep and prayerful consideration, the Moderator Rev Andrew Gunton has decided not to accept a nomination for a second term as Moderator. We thank God for his leadership and pray every blessing on him for the rest of his term as moderator.

The Moderator Elect Task Group has continued to engage with members of the church in the nominee discernment process and has extended the closing date for nominations from congregations and presbyteries until 25 November due to two presbyteries meeting in that week.

The Nomination form, which includes information on the Key Selection Criteria, is available [here](#). Nominations are to be sent to the General Secretary of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod via [email](#).

Once nominations are completed, the Task Group will work with the nominees to prepare profiles and information for the discernment of the 36th Synod.

Plentiful conversations - Life Together - Redress and safe church

“I thought I was just coming to tell my story, but if any information I’ve given does go towards that bigger picture, which is so important ... “[It] doesn’t matter which institution’s in the spotlight really, it’s changed all of them ... It’s a different society now, because of the Royal Commission,” (Melissa, survivor of institutional abuse).

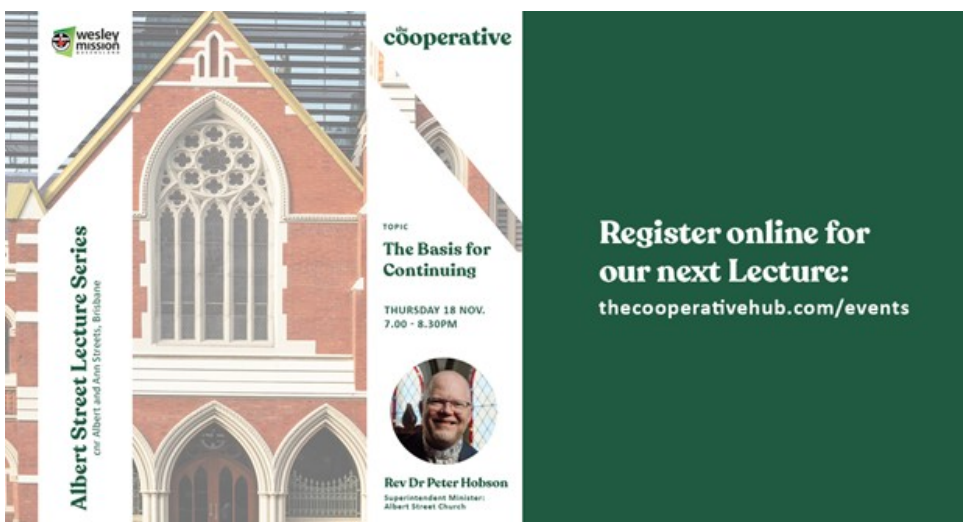
In the latest Plentiful Conversation video, we explore the topic of redress, safe church and how the Uniting Church in Queensland is making peace with events of the past. <https://vimeo.com/638925500>

For the love of God, we must act now

Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis has jointly signed an open letter from church leaders to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, expressing a shared concern that we must act on climate change before it is too late.

The letter comes as Uniting Church members across the country [took part in two major events for climate action](#) ahead of COP26 and [Uniting Church leaders shared messages of support](#) expressing why care for creation is so important.

Albert Street Lecture Series with Rev Dr Peter Hobson



The cooperative’s *Albert Street Lecture Series* presents quarterly lectures held and recorded from the Albert Street Church. These lectures serve the Queensland community of the Uniting Church in Australia and allow space for

public theological reflection as we think together about the past and future of the Uniting Church and critical issues of our time.

The next lecture will be presented by Rev Dr Peter Hobson, Superintendent Minister of Albert Street Uniting Church on Thursday 18 November from 7pm.

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

Act2 - Considering Afresh our life together

The next phase of the Act2 conversation about where God is calling the Uniting Church into the future has begun.

National President Rev Sharon Hollis and Assembly General Secretary Colleen Geyer [have launched](#) a new report **Act2: Considering Afresh Our Life Together**. The report brings together all the feedback and insights collected thus far and points to some conclusions about what we have heard.

Join the biggest conversation in the Uniting Church right now [here](#).