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UCA Queensland Synod

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

[Queensland Government website](#)

Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

Please Pray For

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, Godly solutions to difficult issues & safety as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Peter & Christy Allen as they relocate to Townsville.

Date Claimers 2021

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting

25th -27th March – Mission Beach Resort

Synod 13th -17th May- Alexandra Park

Ministry Agents & Spouse retreat

2nd -5th August - Cardwell

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting

4th -6th Nov



Tonga Tsunami Disaster

A crisis has struck our neighbours in Tonga

Your support will help our partner the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga (FWCT), who will be providing emergency assistance and supplies to people affected by the disaster.

In the longer term, your gift will support recovery and rebuilding once the full extent of the disaster is known.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible in Australia. Please give generously.

Note: *UnitingWorld works directly with our church partners on community-wide relief and development activities. We do not direct money to particular people or families.*

Donate now to provide urgent support to affected communities.

<https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/tonga>

Position Vacant Early childhood Teacher- Kirwan UC Child Care Centre

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

Further Details

Please click here to view the [position description](#).

For further information about the position, please contact our Director, Vicky Tudehope on (07) 4773 6499.

To apply, send a completed [application cover sheet](#), resume and cover letter addressing the selection criteria to careers@ucaqld.com.au.



Nicky Gumbel 

@nickygumbel

Look back and thank God.
Look forward and trust God.
Look around and serve God.
Look up and seek God.

A Thought

Just wanted to share this with you from a friend of ours Ps Larry Taylor:

“Who we are in Christ changes everything”

**It matters that we have a right understanding of who we are
because of whose we are.**

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus...And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

Galatians 3:26; 4:6-7 NKJV

Jesus was not a servant who aspired to be a son, He is the Son who chose to serve. Jesus was not a servant working His way up the ladder. In the incarnation, Jesus is fully God. Pre-existent, eternal, the one by whom and for whom all things were created. He is the King of Glory. Which makes it all the more remarkable that He chose to be a servant. He was not in a position of weakness trying to earn the Father’s favour, it was already His.

The implications for us are liberating. He has decreed that all who follow Jesus in faith are also sons (& daughters), children of the most high. We don’t have to earn that position, we couldn’t if we tried. Our hearts have been indwelt with the same Spirit that was in Christ. Therefore, His Spirit within cries out in all accuracy and honesty, ABBA, Father. It is the spirit of man that draws back in unworthy self-loathing, it is the Spirit of God that says, “NO, you are a son (you are a daughter)!”

The change was brought about by God’s initiative not our own. It is not simply an act of false humility to resist our inheritance, it is unbelief. On the cross the price was paid and issue settled. “For you are all sons (and daughters) of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

That changes everything - if we let it! No need to try and earn the Father’s love - it is ours unconditionally - all we have to do is love God and do all we can to protect that love.

adapted from a blog by Ps Larry Taylor

Synod News & Info.

Prayer from the General Secretary

Loving God,

At this time of challenge and concern, we thank you for the gifts of kindness and compassion. We see the compassion in those whose life is dedicated for the care and welfare of others, and we are so thankful that we are part of the church whose role it is to support the healthy and transforming power of your love in this way.

At the start of this year, let us remind ourselves to have compassion for ourselves, so that we may rest in the gentleness and wisdom of your spirit.

May we be open to the refreshing breath of your spirit, the openness of your liberating love for ourselves and others, and the restoration of the whole of creation in your name.

Loving God, let us not be afraid of what tomorrow brings. Ease our troubled minds, soothe our ragged souls, allow gentleness to pervade our spirits, let us ask for help when we need it.

For it is in humility and obedience to you we will find our way.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Rev Heather den Houting
General Secretary

Queensland Churches Together

Please find attached a flyer for the next set of **zoom** workshops on Domestic Family violence Awareness from the Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Project. (A commission of Queensland Churches Together).

The workshops will take place on three consecutive Wednesday evenings in March: 2nd, 9th & 16th March at 7pm.

Booking is via Trybooking using this link. <https://www.trybooking.com/860411>

There will be a charge of \$45 pp for the workshop series. The charge allows us to continue providing and developing Domestic Family Violence resources and training to be used in churches and by pastoral carers/chaplains.



The Good, the Bad and the Ugly:

Questions Women ask about Relationships
and Christian Beliefs"

Because Church communities are not immune from
Domestic Family violence

Book available from admin@qct.org.au \$5 plus postage

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Flourishing Creation feedback



Environmental sustainability is one of the key commitments discerned during the Plenty engagement process throughout the Queensland Synod. It is a core part of the **Shared life. Flourishing communities** strategic vision. The initiative outlined the need to “develop and promote a care for creation Position Statement and Action Plan”.

[This document](#) has been developed in consultation with many people and groups across the whole church. We would like you to be involved in the next round of consultation by responding to the questions at the beginning of the document. A survey has been created [here](#), or you can send your responses to projectplenty@ucaqld.com or by mail to Plenty Team, GPO Box 674, Brisbane, Queensland, 4001.

Flourishing Creation information Zoom meeting

We are also hosting four Zoom meetings at various times during February to give everyone the chance to talk through the document and to ask any questions. See the [events calendar](#) for dates and times. Please pass these meetings and the document on to anyone you think will be interested in providing feedback. We would love to hear from you.

Skills For pastoral care course (Learning the Language of Healing - Formerly LAB1)

[Learning the Language of Healing](#) is an interactive course which will develop your general skills in pastoral care, help you understand how people relate to faith communities in times of stress, and encourage you to be a better listener, particularly in being less defensive in dealing with negativity. The course will be from 25-27 March and 1-3 April at “Old Bishopsbourne” St Francis College, 233 Milton Road, Milton.

If you want to know more about the course there will be a special introductory Zoom meeting on 17 February from 7pm. [Register for the introductory meeting](#).