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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 & protection as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Peter & Christy Allen for wisdom, discernment, Godly solutions to difficult issues & protection 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 25-27 March & safety for those travelling.

Townsville

9th April

Lay SMC Training (Face to face)

Venue: Aitkenvale UC

Unit 1: 9am- 11:30am

Unit 2: 1-3:30pm

Come for one or both Units

BYO food

Cuppa available

Register: office@ucacarpentaria.com.au

Or Ph 4068 8131 (for printing of booklets)

LIP BALM FUNDRAISER

COST \$2/tube

SUPPORTING YOUTH, CHAPLAINS AND TRAVEL ACROSS THE PRESBYTERY

GREAT FOR EVERYDAY SUN PROTECTION

GREAT FOR SMALL GIFTS



HANDMADE IN MACKAY by Robyn

CONTAINS: *Candelilla Wax, Bees Wax, Fractionated Coconut Oil, Castor Oil, Cocoa Butter*

Flavours: ***Chocolate** * **Coconut Natural** ***Pineapple** ***Strawberry**
***Hubba Bubba** * **Watermelon**

Triples - 1-#LOL Hubba Bubba, chocolate, musk
2-Tropical (Pineapple, coconut, strawberry)
3-Tutti Frutti (Strawberry, Apple, Orange)

Can be ordered via contacting Robyn Cooley (Presbytery Admin) 0429 195 506

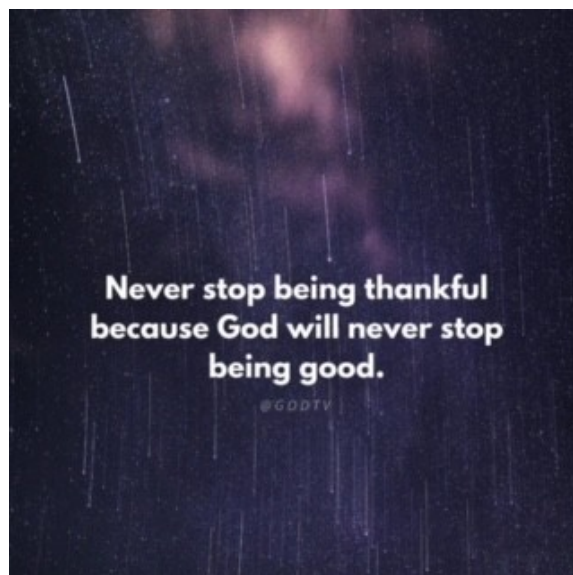
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Nicky Gumbel ✓
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‘The truth does not mind being questioned.
A lie does not like being challenged.’



40 Days of Hope & Renewal

A daily devotional by Rev Garry Hardingham

Day 39 – Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 – It all makes sense!!

Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back.
Divide your means seven ways, or even eight, for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth.

When clouds are full, they empty rain on the earth;
whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.
Whoever observes the wind will not sow; and whoever regards the clouds will not reap.
Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything. In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.
Eccl 11:1-6

Wait a minute...what happened to Ecclesiastes 10? Why have I skipped a whole chapter? Well, simply put, chapter 10 appears, at least to me, as a strange insert into the book of Ecclesiastes. Its like someone had some proverbs left over and needed to stick them somewhere. And so chapter 10 provides a list of miscellaneous observations. While I encourage you to read them, I feel they add nothing more to the overarching themes of Ecclesiastes.

But Ecclesiastes 11 begins with a small narrative that reminds us that while we can't understand the ways of God, there is no excuse to throw up your hands in despair and give up. "do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good."

We began our journey through Ecclesiastes way back on Day 12 with the Teacher declaring that "All is vanity!!" Now, here in chapter 11 we are seeing that while the Teacher still believes that all is vanity, it is only so when we disregard the intimate and necessary existence of God. From casting your bread onto the water or checking the weather before you reap or sow, we are reminded that we can never know how God operates. Yet we can be assured that God does because it is He alone who even puts breath into the bones of the unborn in the mother's womb.

Despite all of our human scientific discoveries, here we are in the 21st century and we still don't understand how life truly comes forth. The complexity of life is beyond us. And this is because life is not just a bunch of chemicals put through a blender or baked in a pool of hot mud. It is formed only by the one who breathes his Spirit into lifeless forms.

So there is great hope here!! And that hope rests on the promise of God not to abandon His creation, but to be actively engaged even in the most menial aspects of the lives and work of those of us who toil under the sun.

Prayer:

All knowing God,
How I search for You?
How I long to see You?
To explore the depths of Your love for me.
For I am nothing – a mere blink of your eyes.
And yet you choose to prosper the work of my hands.
You choose to consider my ways and walk alongside me
Even when I feel lost and unsure of where to even place my next step.
Satisfy me God of your care.
That my life of vanities, of vapour,
Has real meaning and substance
For you are with me and cherish me
Every day that you give breath to my bones.
And so I am blessed in You!! Amen.

Synod News & Info.

Reflection- Until we are all free, we are none of us free

'Until we are all free, we are none of us free.'- Emma Lazarus



The poetry of Emma Lazarus was immortalised on a bronze plaque on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty in 1903. In her sonnet, The New Colossus, Lazarus inspired a generation with her well-known call:

'Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free'.

For Lazarus, the invitation for those others seeking freedom was not simply a romance of patriotism but rather the heart of freedom for all. Or, as she famously phrased it, 'Until we are all free, we are none of us free'. Drawing from the Hebrew bible and her Jewish ancestry, Lazarus would express this sentiment again and again throughout her literary works and through her activism, reflecting the story of God's liberation for the Jewish people as profoundly and always communal.

[Read more](#) of the reflection from **Janice Mcrandal, Director - The Cooperative, Wesley House.**

[Plenty Update](#)

Lenten Materials

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation".

Thanks to the **Plenty** Discipleship working group who brought resources together to inspire and encourage. Week 4 is available [here](#).

Plentiful Mentoring Leadership Program 2022

A reminder that applications are open for prospective participants interested in participating in the upcoming Plentiful Mentoring Leadership Program. This initiative is one of the key actions reflecting the synod's commitment to creating opportunities for interrelationships and developing a mentoring and leadership culture as part of the 'Shared Life, Flourishing Communities' ambition.

The 2022 Plentiful Mentoring Leadership Program is open to anyone in a paid or voluntary leadership role in any part of the Synod. The information sheet with a link to all the dates for this 12-month, fully funded program is [available here](#). Applications can be accessed via [this link](#) and are open until 15th April 2022. There will be a Q&A session for prospective participants this Wednesday 23rd March, 4.30-5.30pm, accessed [here](#). And there will be a Q&A session for prospective managers and key support leaders, who are keen to identify and support prospective participants within your oversight, on Thursday 24th March, 4.30-5.30pm, accessed [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Rev Kath Behan, Kathryn.behan@ucaqld.com.au, 0425 221 217.

[Stand Up Speak Out](#)

Do you want to shape change for people with disability?

People with lived experience of disability can now nominate to be a member of the Queensland Disability Advisory Council. The council plays a vital role in providing expert advice on matters that shape disability policy in Queensland and promote a more inclusive state for all Queenslanders.

For more information about the council and how to apply, click the [link](#). Nominations close on Monday 11 April 2022.

Federal Election 2022 Resource

Ahead of the 2022 Federal Election, the Uniting Church Assembly has released a resource which expresses our hope for Australia to become a nation where all people and the whole creation can flourish. We encourage Uniting Church members and congregations to use the resource to learn more about some of the key issues facing Australia ahead of the election and to generate conversations in their community and with their local candidates.

The resource is available [here](#).