

# CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

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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 & 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.

## Townsville

9<sup>th</sup> 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

**Registrations ESSENTIAL:**  
[office@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:office@ucacarpentaria.com.au)

**Or Ph 4068 8131** (for printing of booklets)

Date Claimer

**Northern Madness**  
**Presbytery Youth Camp**  
**23-26th September**  
Watch this space!!!!

36<sup>th</sup> Synod



If you have given your name to the Presbytery office to register for Synod you should have received your registration link.

**If you have not please contact Marie asap.**

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### *Some highlights from our Presbytery*

Induction service of Rev Christine Herman



Worship



And a few laughs



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

**Pay via Direct deposit:**

**Bank:** ANZ;

**Account Name:** UCA Carpentaria Presbytery; **BSB:** 014-676; **Account #:** 4749 06 525

## Encouragement

**From the Word for today:** How To Lower Your Anxiety Level

'Cast your cares on the Lord.' Psalm 55:22 NIV

When we're stressed, the surge of negative emotions can be overwhelming. And unless you unburden your soul before God, it's easy to make wrong decisions, succumb to wrong impulses, move in the wrong direction, and explode at the wrong people.

The psalmist addresses this: 'Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.' The extent to which you consciously lean on God, drawing strength from Him, is the extent to which you will lower your anxiety level. It's no coincidence that many of the psalms start with David crying out to God for help and end with him rejoicing because he vented his frustrations to the right person—God!

The truth is, life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you respond to it. Your job, your finances, your marriage, your children, your health, and your future are all sources of anxiety, so you will never be totally free from angst. But you can lower your anxiety level by following Paul's advice: 'All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with His comfort through Christ.' (2 Corinthians 1:3–5 NLT)

Often we give our worries to God, only to snatch them back. We don't like to give over control. But if you pray more, you'll worry less.

Bless you,

Marie Dewar

# Synod News & Info.

## Reflection - Human Freedom

Our thinking about human freedom is critical to our engagement with a range of ethical issues including end of life issues. From a theological perspective, the argument is often put that God created human beings to make their own decisions, to have capacity for self-determination and to accept responsibility for themselves, including decisions regarding life and death.

How might we understand human freedom to make decisions about a range of ethical issues?

Although God is at work everywhere, God is at work in a way that does not set aside the decisions of human beings. In the Biblical witness, God creates human beings with freedom. Love requires freedom. Love is never compelled or forced. Freedom is the necessary condition of the love of God, and the love of neighbour.



[Read more](#) of the reflection from **Adam McIntosh, Associate Director of Mission: Pastoral care (UnitingCare)**

## Pastoral message from the Moderator

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I write to you all today about Sunnybank Uniting Church.

Last Saturday, 26 March, a special meeting of the South Moreton Presbytery voted to dissolve the Congregation of Sunnybank UC based on their discernment that the Congregation was incapable and unwilling to fulfil the responsibilities of a Congregation, specifically in relation to following the requirements for calling a minister, meeting to transact the business that belongs to the Congregation, and maintaining necessary and appropriate relationships with the Presbytery and Synod.

I acknowledge this cherished church community and their long and Spirit-filled history, whose people love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. I write to join with you in prayer for everyone who has been hurt, saddened, aggrieved or confused by these events. And I write with determined hope that God has set a path forward for every one of us, and we must only prayerfully and humbly walk it, step by step.

Dissolving a Congregation does not cancel people's UCA membership, and we hope and encourage every member to transfer their membership to another Congregation. The Presbytery is offering pastoral support to them, and will work with them to transfer their membership to other congregations.

It is our prayer that all members of the church prosper in their life and witness of faithfulness, love, and service within the fellowship of the Queensland Synod. The Uniting Church is committed to and proud of the diversity of our Congregations, of holding space for differences and valuing and celebrating our worship, witness, and service together.

This long-running situation and the decision taken last Saturday, has left many people, at Sunnybank and beyond, hurt, sad and very weary. Please uphold them in your prayers. Let us remember Proverbs 3:5-6 and trust in the Lord to make the path straight and clear. Let us look to Isaiah 40:31 to know that God gives us the energy, momentum, and freedom to walk onward.

God Bless,

Rev. Andrew Gunton (Moderator)

## Plenty Update

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 5 is available [here](#).

## **Plentiful Mentoring Leadership Program 2022**

The 2022 Plentiful Mentoring Leadership Program is now open for applications from anyone in a leadership role in any part of the Synod. The Program is open to lay leaders, paid ministry agents and paid staff in congregations, Presbyteries, UnitingCare, Wesley Mission Qld, any of the Uniting Church's schools and residential colleges or the Office 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 15 April, 2022. Any questions, please contact Rev Kath Behan, [Kathryn.behan@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:Kathryn.behan@ucaqld.com.au), 0425221217.

## Stand Up Speak Out

### **Freedom in Christ**

The Moderator's Advocacy and Social Justice Team (MAST) collaborate to provide rapid response communication and advocacy around important issues and social justice. We asked the members what freedom means to them.

Freedom for me is best summed up in the words of Galatians 5:13-14

*"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself". Freedom in Christ is not the right to do whatever we want, whenever we want. Freedom is recognising that because Christ first sets us free from our sin, we have the responsibility to share that good news, the merciful love of Christ with all people. Paul goes so far as to say that through love we become slaves to one another. Therefore, in order to be truly free, we must first serve our neighbour for only in our love of the other can we know that freedom is not a right but a gift a gift that we must share with all - **Andrew Gunton***

*Real freedom is liberty and justice - living without oppression and restrictions, and treating all others with fairness and kindness - **Kellie Broderick***

*God creates human beings with freedom. Love requires freedom. Love is never compelled or forced. Freedom is the necessary condition of the love of God and the love of neighbour - **Adam MacIntosh***

*More and more freedom to me is about freedom from... freedom from fear, anger, violence and suffering. I look to God to help me find that freedom within myself and I seek to work in the world to find paths that lead to that freedom for others - **Rebecca Riggs***

*Freedom to me is self-determination that must always be negotiated and balanced with the Golden Rule: Treat others as you would like others to treat you - **Natalie Clements***

## Down to 10 days Campaign

The Queensland Synod has recently joined the Down to 10 days campaign. Australians with disability are waiting months to receive the funding they need from the NDIS to access appropriate housing. The campaign urges the federal government to end the bureaucratic delays and provide people with disability approval for the housing and support that they are entitled to.

To sign the petition and find out more information, please click on this [link](#).

## Have your say on residential aged care design

The Australian Government is developing new residential aged care accommodation design standards. Older people, their carers, and families are invited to contribute about what makes for good residential aged care design. You are invited to complete the online survey. It should take around 10-15 minutes to complete. The survey is open until 20 April 2022. Your responses will help to draft the residential aged care design standards.

Complete it [here](#).

## News from the life of the church



### **Partnering for best practice - Safe Ministry training opportunity**

Trauma informed practice 12-1.30pm, 6 April 2022

Safe Ministry with Children is partnering with UCA Redress as well as the National Safe Church Unit to offer additional training events. This training provides an overview of trauma informed practice and consideration for different contexts of the Church, particularly for those who may be working with survivors of abuse. This training is best suited to ministry agents. Contact [info@redress.uca.org.au](mailto:info@redress.uca.org.au) to register for this training session.

For more information about Safe Ministry or other training events, please contact Lynde Davy at [safeministrywithchildren@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:safeministrywithchildren@ucaqld.com.au) or 0491 491 227.

## **Ground Breaking Project at Wesley Medical Research**

Ataxia-telangiectasia (A-T) is a rare inherited disorder that affects the nervous, immune, respiratory and other body systems. Unfortunately, this is the reality for 40 Australian children who will most likely be in a wheelchair by the time they are 10.

In the hope of improving the prognosis and quality of life for these 40 young children and others affected by A-T, a team of physicians and scientists from Wesley Medical Research and The University of Queensland has recently discovered that a disruption in certain metabolic molecular mechanisms in patients can be targeted by a dietary fat supplement. This ground-breaking discovery will now be tested in a clinical trial made possible through financial support from Wesley Medical Research and a \$2.46 million federal government Medical Research Future Fund grant.

Find out more by watching this [7 News bulletin](#).