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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.



Pastor Euan McDonald's

funeral will be held on

Saturday 23rd April 2022
at

Iona West Uniting Church at 10:00am.

Northern Madness

Presbytery Youth Camp

23-26th September

Watch this space!!!!

Part-time Cooks (Early Learning) - Kirwan Uniting Church Childcare Centre and Mount Louisa Childcare Centre

We are currently looking for 2 energetic Early Childhood Cooks to join our within our Townsville Child Care Child Care Centres:

- Kirwan Uniting Church Child Care Centre working part-time, 25 hours per week.
- Mount Louisa Child Care Centre working part-time, 25 hours per week

Your role will involve planning and preparing nutritiously balanced meals and snacks at the centre, for the children attending the childcare centre. It is anticipated that applicants will be able to commence work as soon as possible. If you are passionate about providing nutritious meals and working with a great Education and Care team, we encourage you to [apply!](#)

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

From Garry

Presbytery Minister Rural and Indigenous Engagement Report March 2022

While it has only been 5 months since our last Presbytery meeting, there has been a lot happening in the rural, remote and indigenous areas of the Presbytery.

A few Farewells

I want to start by thanking Pastor Leonard Paul for the commitment he showed in his service to the church in Aurukun. Aurukun is a tough gig and while the road was not always smooth, Leonard helped guide the congregation through many community upheavals while working with them in dealing with some internal struggles and divisions. While he and Jocelyn have returned to Mornington Island, we look forward to continuing to work with Leonard and give thanks to God for his ministry and commitment. And thank you Craig Mischewski for jumping into the cauldron we call Aurukun to continue to support them.

I also want to publicly give thanks to Jan Bryde and for her commitment to the mission of God in this Presbytery and to the PLT where she served as secretary for a number of years. Jan has always been willing to go where God and the church has called her and she and Colin will be sorely missed from our Presbytery. Happy retirement Jan!!

Finally, I want to also thank Chris Guise for the ministry he has undertaken in Edmonton and in the Kennedy Bush Chaplaincy. While neither of these placements were necessarily smooth sailing for all sorts of reasons, Chris maintained his integrity throughout and was always committed to the work of God. The connections he has made within the Kennedy Bush Chaplaincy will flow through to those who follow as we continue to build on what has gone before and dream of what will come in this vital ministry. We wish Chris and Sarah all of God's blessings into the future.

Establishing new partnerships of Hope

Over the past 40 days, I have written a series of daily devotions as a way of drawing our Presbytery together around the themes of Hope and Dreaming. As we come slowly into a post-covid world, it is time for all of us to take stock of the past two years and to dream of where we are going over the next few years.

I have spent a large part of my time lately looking at our Presbytery's missional and financial future. In this, I have been engaged with a number of our rambunctious allies in the Synod office and in the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) in developing a number of community partnerships so that we can better utilise our property assets in our remote placements as well as ask three important questions:

1. Do we need to be here?
2. If we are meant to be here, how should we be present?
3. What assets of church, agency, community and government can we bring together in order to achieve holistic outcomes for the people God calls us to serve.

These questions are behind the establishment of the Southern Corridor Chaplaincy in Cairns, in partnership with Uniting Care, our conversations over the future of indigenous ministry in Townsville, the establishment of a co-operating congregation in Cloncurry with the Anglican church, the establishment of a childcare centre in Weipa and how we utilise our land assets on Thursday Island.

But, I think these are questions that all of our congregations should be asking. Project Plenty reminds us that we are indeed a rich church, blessed by both material and human assets and multiple ministry strengths, particularly in our community services. I wonder what Jesus would do with these assets?

Working in the wider Synod

While there is a lot to chew on in our own Presbytery, the wider work of the Synod and how we, as one part of a number of Presbyteries, work and engage with each other is vitally important. We have something special in this Synod. And that is the Presbytery Synod Interface (PSI) and the monthly gathering of the Presbytery Ministers to encourage each other and to work on how we can best utilise our assets across the Synod. This is unique within the Uniting Church. For instance, in NSW, each Presbytery basically looks after itself. And so the rich city Presbyteries have enormous potential, while the remote Presbyteries, like Riverina, have almost none.

In contrast in Queensland, much of the ministry we do in this Presbytery is both supported and funded by the other Presbyteries, particularly Moreton Rivers, South Moreton and Bremer Brisbane whose generosity continues to make me so thankful to be in the Qld Synod.

So working together is not just a “fun” thing Christy and I do every month, but vital to the outcomes of many of our rural and remote ministries.

Personal notes

I feel like I’m living in a catch-22 scenario when it comes to getting plane back in the air and am kind of regretting I didn’t just recondition the motor I had instead of embarking on a major overhaul. The plane is almost back in the air (I’m awaiting some engine sensors from the US). The problem is that because I can’t fly the plane, I am doing an extraordinary number of driving days. Because I am away driving so much, I don’t get time to work on the plane. And because I can’t work on the plane, I can’t fly and so I drive...a lot.

In December we welcomed our eldest daughter, Catherine, her partner, Craig, and their two-year old, Elise to Malanda from Weipa. Now Teresa has three grandchildren within striking distance and a fourth due in early June. Having been separated by huge distances from most of our family for many years (almost 20 all up), it is wonderful to be so close and see the joy that grand-parenting brings to Teresa. We are so thankful to God for this season.

All in all, I am excited by what the next few years is going to bring. While ministry is always challenging, I feel blessed to be in this Presbytery, surrounded by many who pray for us and support us, including our moderator who, when he starts a conversation with “Now Garry...” I know is looking out for my best interests. Thanks Andrew.

But mostly, thank God!!

Blessings
Garry

Synod News & Info.

Date Claimer :

FTML Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry:

The Work of the Leader (FTML), is a three-day course designed to upskill and equip ministers and those in lay ministry with the skills to support congregations in times of transition or change as a community. The dates for the next course will be **Wednesday 8 June till Friday 10 June and will be run at Trinity College. Further details and registration form to follow.**

Brian

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m: 0435 24 2000 (Rev. Brian Hoole; Minister :Emmanuel Uniting Church Enoggera)**Raymont**

Raymont College Open Day – Saturday 23 April

We have an Open Day coming up quickly on Saturday 23 April. The Open Day will include a tour of facilities and lunch. We'll be accepting registrations for the mid-year intake and the new uni year in 2023.

Do you know anyone applying for mid-year uni offers this year or planning to go to uni in Brisbane next year? Now's the time for them to think about student accommodation.

At Raymont Residential College they'll find a real, down to earth community, great academic and tutoring support, and facilities that will help them balance their uni life.

If you know any young people at the right age and stage of life who would benefit from the Raymont difference, please share our Open Day details with them.

Link: <https://raymont.com.au/openday>

Seventy Times Seven - the challenge and miracle of forgiveness

Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven" - Matthew 18:22

We need to forgive, and recognise what we have been forgiven. It is not easy, but it is extraordinary.

Prayer from the Moderator

Gracious God, as we move forward as a people of the resurrection you bless us with your wondrous gift of forgiveness. A gift given out of your great love for the world. A gift given out of the costly sacrifice of one man.

May we your forgiven people, never take this gift for granted but reflect with wonder that you our God should love us so much that you would continue to forgive us over and over again.

May we your forgiven people, constantly live out of this gift and offer this gift of forgiveness to those people whom we come into contact with, in our families, our friends and our communities.

May we your forgiven people, remind our fractured world that your costly gift of forgiveness, is so that the whole world may find peace and work out ways to be

reconciled to each other as we are first reconciled to you through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Rev Andrew Gunton, Moderator.

[Plenty Update](#)

Expressions of interest - Plenty Working Groups

The Plenty 'Shared Life, Flourishing Communities' working groups for each of the Plenty commitments are moving into the implementation phase. We are looking to add new voices from any part of the Synod, to the current working groups, particularly in the commitments of Discipleship, Mental Health and Well-being, Environment and Sustainability, Leadership Development, Missional Presence Health and Vitality, and Life Together.

If you haven't been part of the Plenty work to this point, and you are passionate and interested in contributing to the Plenty work, then we'd love you to put your hand up and step into the fun! Have a look at the progress report and find the parts that spark you the most, then email the Plenty team. For more information contact Rev Kath Behan, Kathryn.behan@ucaqld.com.au, 0425221217.

[Stand Up Speak Out](#)

Alinta Energy Community Grants

Grants worth up to \$20 000 are available for projects in Queensland that will have a positive impact on either:

- Social disadvantage (e.g. projects that assist members of the community in need); or
- Environmental sustainability (e.g. projects that restore natural ecosystems, reduce the consumption of natural resources and/or reduce waste).

Applications close soon, **on May 31, 2022**. Apply [Here](#).

ANZ Seeds of Renewal Small Grants

The 2022 grants program will **open in early July**. The ANZ Seeds of Renewal program is focused upon supporting projects that align to one of ANZ's three focus areas:

1. Improving environmental sustainability
2. Improving financial wellbeing within the community
3. Improving access to housing

Grants are awarded across remote, rural and regional Australia. More information is available [here](#)

Investing in Queensland Women Grants

Round 2 of the grants program will **open in July 2022**. The Queensland Government provides these one-off grants for one-off events and projects that address the unique issues faced by women and girls. Funding of up to \$15,000 is available for initiatives with a duration of up to 6 months that align with the purpose of the grant program. More information is available [here](#).

[Principle 8 of the Ten Principles for a Child Safe UCA](#)

The Uniting Church acknowledges that physical environments and online behavior can impact on the safety of anyone who is vulnerable, including children. We will be intentional in our assessment of risks and take steps to mitigate risk as much as possible by considering physical environments, evaluating high risk activities and making online behavioural expectations of our

people very clear. Information about keeping online ministry safe can be obtained from the [Safe Ministry with Children webpage](#) - [Guidance Notes for Using Digital Media](#) and [Digital and Social Media Age Guidelines](#) contact Lynde Davy for more information about online safety