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Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

Please Pray For

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham as they are on leave; for Rest & restoration.

Let's honour this time of rest.

Please do not phone Garry.

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.

Northern MADness

Presbytery Youth Camp

23-26th September at the grounds of **Mt Louisa Community Church Townsville**

Due to closures of local ANZ bank, **please send all cheques directly to Robyn,** contact Robyn directly for the mailing address.

Changes for the Presbytery Office

As some of you know, I will be finishing up at the end of June in my current role. It's been an honour to serve the Presbytery in this way, who would have thought I'd still be here 10yrs later.

When Bruce Cornish approached me for this role, (I'm sure he didn't think I'd still be here 10yrs on). I certainly didn't think I would be, but God had other plans! It's been my privilege in getting to know different people from the congregations across our Presbytery. I'll still be around just not in this ministry.

It's been a pleasure to have served in this role with the most awesome men & women of God, who care for the people of our Presbytery & want nothing but to see God glorified in our Presbytery.

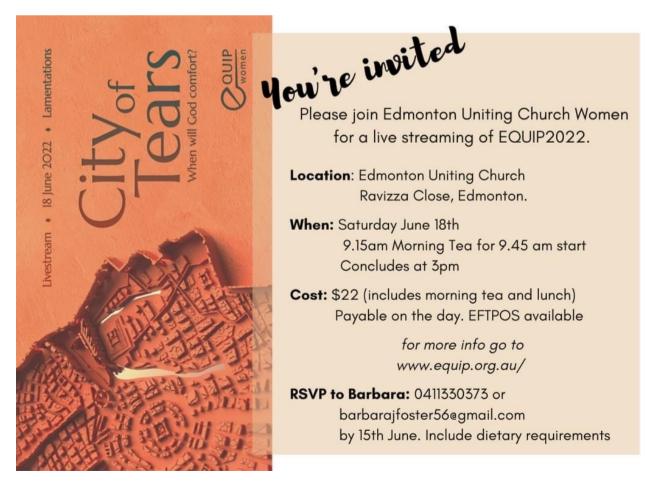
I look forward to what the Lord has for me, as I wait on him for in this new season (there might be some Netflix, coffee & walks on the beach, *I feel like I should include World peace*, while I wait, lol).

I pray for Ana Mila as she commences in this role.

So thank you Bruce Cornish, Garry Hardingham, Barry Cox, Christy Allen & Robyn Cooley, it's been an honour & pleasure working with you all, over the years.

Blessings, Marie

Edmonton UC



Update from Ps John & Maima Fifita

Seasonal Tongan Ministry- please pray for this new ministry

Fellowship & prayer



Mareeba Faith Community – Worship in the Park



Synod News & Info.

Reflection

Can you think of a moment in your life when hope was all you had left? Was there a catalyst for you to dive deeper into your faith and ask the Lord to grant you what seemed too far away? I like to think that the Lord works in mysterious ways and that His methods are rarely noticeable. Yet here we are on a blue planet, surrounded by infinite space in a cosmos that, for planetary life to exist, is greater than one in a million million (yes, thats a real number), according to astronomer and astrophysicist Frank Drake.

Our faith will indeed be tested through moments we feel we have been thrust into against our will, which is when we can ask ourselves if our prayers will be answered (*is God even listening?*). When I feel that all hope is lost, I remember that God created the conditions for life to flourish on a planet against all odds in a universe in which there are billions of galaxies. We are so significant that He has chosen us to exist. He has given us an opportunity to create our earthly life with the promise of salvation and everlasting life in His kingdom hereafter.

May your daring hope be to believe that God is always listening; allow His presence to be felt as you navigate the sometimes treacherous waters of life. Whatever your journey, allow the power of faith to be your guiding light. God is always with us.



Andrew McKaysmith - Uniting Early Learning, content creator.

National Sorry Day - May 26



The Uniting Church in Australia Qld Synod would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the many lands across Queensland.

We extend our respects to elders past, present and future and recognise their continued connection to Country and culture.

This National Sorry Day, we remember and hold in our hearts the stolen generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were forcibly removed from their families, culture and country and acknowledge the deep pain and sorrow they and their families have endured.

We also acknowledge the great strength of stolen generations survivors and hold them in our prayers.

Today we say sorry and we ask each member of the church to consider the role they can play in understanding and supporting First Peoples in achieving justice, equity and wellness.

For information regarding the National Stolen Generation Redress Scheme initiative <u>click</u>here.

<u>News from the life of the church</u> Rev Bruce Moore is the Moderator-elect of the 37th Synod



UnitingCare Queensland Director of Mission, Rev Bruce Moore, has been elected as Moderator-elect of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod. Rev Moore will be inducted at the 37th Synod in October 2023.

Speaking about his hope for the Synod, Rev Moore said we are uniquely placed as the Uniting Church here in Queensland.

"We are connected to our far-reaching relationships, lives and communities, and diverse landscapes like no one else are. My daring hope is that we will not be complacent, will not rest in the comfort of what we've done in the past, what we've inherited," he said.

Read more of what Rev Moore had to say at Journey Online.

The Queensland Synod would like to commission an artwork to represent the experiences of abused children.

The Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod has long acknowledged that children entrusted to the care of the Church and its predecessor Churches did not always receive the care they deserved. One way that we would like to recognise the wrongs of the past, and have a visual reminder of our commitment to the safety of children in the future, is to establish a memorial site. The memorial will consist of a garden and plaque, and artwork, with a place to sit for visitors to the memorial.

We invite artists, particularly those with lived experience of being in the care of the state or an institution or with family connections, to those with lived experience to put forward an expression of interest. Click <u>here</u> for more details.