

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

Link



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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 Presbytery.

Carpentaria Link Weekly Reflection

Sign Up and Share Your Reflection

Here is your opportunity to contribute to Carpentaria Link by offering a reflection. You can choose the date from the calendar found at https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/link_roster/link_roster_calendar.php

We would love to hear how God is working in and through you all.

Date Claimers

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting – 4-6 Nov 2022

The November Presbytery meeting will be held at Mission Beach Resort, Mission Beach from **Fri, 4 Nov to Sun, 6 Nov beginning at 1.00pm on Fri** with training. More details to come and registration information will be sent out at the beginning of October.

Northern MADness 2022 – Cancelled

On Wednesday, 14th September at 5:00pm, registration of campers had not reached the required number for camp to proceed. Unfortunately Northern MADness 2022 has been cancelled. This is a sad decision, but necessary. While we feel disappointed for those who registered, the group of leaders who have been behind Northern MADness are keen to explore how gathering youth across the Presbytery may look in the future.

A huge, huge thank you to all of you who have been involved in planning and preparing the 2022 camp, especially Greg who has willingly and passionately expended much time and energy in promoting, encouraging and organising the program and campers and even trying to get transport for those travelling from the north. Thanks Kate for your support role and thanks Michelle and Mount Louisa for your offer of a venue. A special thanks to Margaret Taylor for being willing to be camp cook and her menu plan.

For those who have already paid their camp registration fee, please send me an email: admin@ucacarpentaria.com.au or text (0429 195 506) with your bank details, so that I can organise a refund for you. Blessings as you go about the rest of your week and may your passion for youth ministry continue.

Robyn Cooley

Appeals

Bush Chaplaincy Appeal

Due to rising fuels costs the Presbytery is holding an appeal to help the Kennedy Bush Chaplaincy and the Carpentaria Remote Bush Chaplaincy, with their ministry. If you would like to support these important ministries, please send donations to accounts below:

Kennedy Bush Chaplain

Acct Name: UCA Kennedy Patrol
Acct # 412172554
BSB: 014-503

Carpentaria Remote Bush Chaplain

Acct Name: UCA McKay Patrol
Acct # 169408
BSB: 034-173

Transylvania Appeal

We can respond to a need that I believe we can do something practically and urgently for a congregation that has been devastated by Covid and is now caught in both the Ukrainian refugee crisis and energy prices that are doubling every single month. This is an extremely poor community and we can do a little in order for them to receive much. If you would like to help in this urgent need, please make donations via the Carpentaria Presbytery.

Bank: ANZ Bank Ltd
Account Name: UCA - Carpentaria Presbytery
BSB: 014 676
Account No.: 474906525
Reference: Transylvania

Southern Zone Gathering – Mundingburra

An opportunity to gather for a BYO picnic at some time on Saturday, 8 October 2022 between 2pm and 6pm. You can come when you want and leave when you need to however John Dansie and his children will be there from 2pm until 6pm (we'll have a BBQ tea around 5pm). You can participate by showing up at some point in the afternoon and either bringing all your own stuff or making arrangements within your group or congregation. Picnic will be held at Sherriff Park, Love Lane, Mundingburra <https://www.soe-townsville.org/parks/sherriff.html>

Invitation is open to anyone who has a connection with the Southern Zone (congregations, Blue Care, ministry agents, lay people).

John Dansie

Northern Zone Gathering

Northern Zone gathering is approaching fast so details are listed below:

Date: 29th October 2022

Venue: Sugarworld Parklands, Hambleton Drive, Edmonton (not the swimming area)

Time: 11.30am

What to Bring: A plate of food and drinks to share or meat to bbq. (BBQs are towards the back of the playground) and Outdoor/ Camping Chairs

This gathering is open to all the Northern Zone Congregations and their members.

All enquiries can be made to Dinah John, Northern Zone Secretary on email: dinahtourangi@live.com.au

Dinah John



More pics from General Secretary Visit around Carpentaria Presbytery with Garry & Teresa Hardingham



Sharing a meal with folks on Thursday Island



General Secretary's Thoughts

Reflection – Refreshment of the Spirit

Over the last few months, I have been on the road. To the Kimberly, on the Ghan, then out Western Queensland including Thargomindah and Yowah, and then just this week up and around the Western Cape up to Thursday Island and then back to Cloncurry.

How amazing is God who showed me in every place where the gracious and spacious work of the Trinity is apparent, with or without the Uniting Church.

How restoring it is to experience completely different communities, with different needs and different stories, all holding out for the new hope, the new way, the refreshment and healing of the Spirit.

How humbling it was to immerse myself in God's deep time. Sunrises and sunsets without a watch, days where the weather determined my plans, digging and fossicking for fossils and rocks formed millennia ago.

It was wonderful to experience God's complete and utter transformation of my life again. Behold, I shall show you a new thing! Release that which burdens you! Remember, it is not all about you! Be present with what I have for you today.

There were times I had to have my General Secretary hat on to see that which was unjust and unsafe, but for the most part, the warmth and care of those who journeyed with me in these communities provided buoyancy to all I saw and heard and felt. At all times, I felt safe and supported, knowing that I was working in God's time and for God's purposes.

One of the things that helped me find this state of grace was the experience of going up in small aircraft. The way the plane held us safely in the tumult of the sky, the incredible views of creation from 8500ft, and the navigation, patience and thoughtfulness of the pilots entrusted with my care (a shout out here to Garry and Theresa Hardingham). In all these things, small and large, the abundance of grace was evident.

Another thing was the arrival in communities where I walked and talked, shared a meal and stories and felt again the Spirit in each place, sometimes in prayer, at other times in quiet reflection. This is the way of the wise, to relinquish what absorbs you in its detail and to spend the time to listen and be present with others. In the community, God is always at work.

So my friends, welcome each day and the blessings it brings. Be prepared to relinquish all you know to follow the compulsion of mission. For in this, we know that we are held and will find in each day the support of our redeeming Lord. Praise be to God.

Rev Heather den Houting

General Secretary, Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod

(Reflection from Uniting News and Journey Online)

Synod News & Info.

36th Synod in Session Update

Minutes from the 36th Synod are now available

The 36th Synod in Session theme was "*a daring HOPE*". After the challenges of the last two years, it is easy to feel burdened or overwhelmed, and yet the writer of Hebrews calls us to 'hold unswervingly to the HOPE we profess, for he who promised is faithful'.

- *A daring HOPE* is based on our trust in an infinite God, who draws us to what is possible more than probable.
- *A daring HOPE* is a deliberate act of our will more than an expectant emotion.
- *A daring HOPE* is choosing to offer our finite efforts alongside the infinite resources of God so that all things might genuinely be reconciled in Christ.

Click here to read the [minutes](#).

Safe Ministry with Children

Principle 9 of the 10 Principles for a Child Safe UCA

Policies and procedures document child safety. Our commitment to a safe Church for everyone is documented in policy and [procedure](#) so that there is clarity, accountability and shared understanding. Each [Church Council](#) formally [adopts](#) the Safe Ministry with Children (SMC) [Policy](#) every year and commits to providing a Safe Church for [everyone](#). We put these policies and procedures in place to protect anyone vulnerable, including children. More information is available on the [website](#).

Please let us know how we can work together better to ensure everyone can connect, contribute and belong by contacting Lynde Davy, the Office of the Synod's Safe Church Assurance and Support Officer, at safechurch@ucaqld.com.au or call [07 3377 9983](tel:0733779983).

News from life of the church

Free webinar: Who's in the Pews? Who attends church in Australia today, and what does that mean for ministry and mission?

This webinar presents a demographic picture of Australian churchgoers based on the latest National Church Life Survey results. You'll discover:

- Gender, age, educational profile and cultural diversity of Australian churchgoers
- Practical ministry implications arising from the results, presented by a panel of experienced ministry practitioners

When: Thursday, Sept 29, 11 am AEST. **Click this [link](#) to register.**

Outdoor Worship Webinar

Explore how you can lead fun, engaging worship within the beauty of God's Creation. With Tanya Walker (Leader of Sharing the Journey) and Rev Mat Harry (Co-Leader Selah Walk), you will learn:

- A basic liturgical framework to springboard from
- 3 Distinct Approaches to Outdoor Worship
- How to plan for the Outdoors
- And be inspired to give it a go

A Workbook will be provided a few days before the event. Held over Zoom across two Thursday evenings:

- October 6, 7:30 – 9 pm (Part 1)
- October 13, 7:30 – 9 pm (Part 2)

Register for the Outdoor Worship Webinar [here](#).

