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Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Christy is back from leave and flew out to Brisbane for the Mission Collaboration and Coordination Committee meeting on Tuesday
- ◆ Presbytery budget meeting to be held in Cairns on Thur-Fri
- ◆ First PLT meeting for 2023 to be held on Tues, 7th Feb
- ◆ Please continue to prayerfully consider who could be someone to fill the role of Presbytery Secretary
- ◆ Commissioning and Induction Services in Feb (see date claimers)

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.

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Carpentaria News...

Pics from Commissioning of Tau William

Some pictures from Tau William's commissioning as Pastor in Mornington Island on Sunday, 29th Jan.



Date Claimers – Inductions and Commissionings

February 2023

Friday 10th 7pm - Pastor Andrew Hicks - Wulguru Uniting Church (moving from supply to placement)

Friday 17th 7pm - Rev Malia Mau - Burdekin Uniting Church

Presbytery Appeals

Bowen Appeal Update

Thank you to those who have generously donated to this appeal so far, and continue to pray for Bowen UCA. You are welcome to continue to donate to this appeal and we are grateful that across the Presbytery we have raised just over \$5000 so thank you and well done.

Grant Information / Workshops

2023 National Conference of Lay Preachers Sunshine Coast

The Queensland Synod is pleased to host on behalf of the National Lay Preacher Committee, the 2023 National Conference of Lay Preachers to be held **Friday 4th August to Monday 7th August 2023** at Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Sunshine Coast Queensland.

For Lay Preachers, prospective Lay Preachers and those interested in leading worship. Share in a wonderful few days and be encouraged, supported and challenged in your ministry.

Registration Cost \$299 (approx.) - includes; conference and conference meals; morning teas, lunches and dinners at the conference. Starting with dinner on Friday 4 August and finishing with lunch – Monday 7 August 2023.

Registrations will open on Tuesday 4th April 2023. All travel, transfers and accommodation are to be arranged and paid for by the attendee. For more information please go to the website page [click here](#)

Please note our website page will be continually updated with new information as it becomes available.

Qld Synod Events Team

Short Courses at Trinity

1. Mentoring short course – While this is for anyone to attend it is particularly important for POD Coordinators and POD mentors (current or future). The arvo session will have a specific focus on POD training
2. Church Council Essentials – This will be offered online over two evenings.
3. Pastor Core Competencies – the two UCA short courses are primarily aimed at equipping pastors in the areas of core competencies.

You can get more details on the website at <https://www.trinity.qld.edu.au/events/>

Nigel Rogers, Dean of Formation

Learning for Living Course

Moreton Rivers Presbytery invites in our Learning For Living Course. It is open to everyone who would like to explore the foundation of their faith. Learning for Living is also an accredited lay preachers course and through the support of participants congregations they can become recognised and accredited within the Uniting Church. It is offered online and a link will be sent to those who register. It is run on **Thursday evenings from 7pm - 9.15pm**, starting on the **16 February**.

Registrations are now open - <https://bit.ly/Learning4Living2023>

Moreton Rivers Presbytery

Communities Innovation Fund: Responses to Social Isolation and Loneliness

What funding is available?

Two separate grants rounds will open in early 2023:

Small grants

The small grants round is for short-term initiatives up to \$50,000. The total value of funding available for small initiatives is \$800,000 over the next four years (\$200,000 per year). The small grants will open each year for applications.

The small grants round will support projects like events, courses, innovative ways of creating connection and professional development opportunities.

The application form can be downloaded at <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/nextcloud/index.php/s/zBqHDj8PsnNEWoM>

INVITATION: Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) is building compassionate communities in North QLD and is accepting registration to attend our free health community connector's train-the-trainer workshop

Compassionate Communities is a globally recognised whole of community approach to improving the end-of-life experience for people by mobilising local networks, groups and services to be more conscious, aware and equipped to offer support.

At NQPHN, we are seeking expression of interest from people to become Health Community Connectors who are community-minded individuals passionate about engaging with community members on identifying and signposting vulnerable people to groups, services and other supports that either formally and informally address end of life care, grief and bereavement. Some examples of these services and supports may include palliative care, support groups, social clubs, community services and any other type of helpful supports. Health community connectors maybe retired professionals, health or community services professionals, caregivers amongst others.

If contributing to the community and planning well in the face of ageing or declining health and end of life is important to you, then REGISTER to attend our free health community connector's train-the-trainer workshop in locations near you!

To register your interest, please complete the form at this link: [Health Community Connector Registration Form](#) and/or register via the QR code below or call 0475 747 489 and speak to Maria Callaghan, Older Persons' Health & Palliative Care Manager for more information.

Maria Callaghan
Older Person's Health and Palliative Care Manager

From the Word for Today...

Scriptural coping skills

'Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks...' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 KJV

In order to succeed in life, you need good coping skills.

The salesperson has a quota. The performer has rehearsals. The therapist counsels one depressed soul after another. The pilot has to sit in the cockpit for hours. The preacher is never free of sermon preparation. Then there is the parent with tiny children facing fourteen hours a day of making decisions, competing with strong wills, and trying to be everything to everybody.

How do you develop the coping skills required to live the abundant life Jesus promised? (See John 10:10.)

Paul tells us, 'Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks ...'

Rejoice in the things that never change, can't fail, and won't let you down (like God's promises!). And when you feel like you can't cope, pray. Better yet, live with a prayerful heart! With every breath, say, 'I trust You, Lord; I turn it over to You, for I know You have everything under control.' And don't forget to give thanks.

Remember the old adage: 'I grumbled because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet.' Instead of complaining, start counting your blessings. Do you remember what life was like before you met Jesus? Weren't there days when you thought you wouldn't make it? Now, look where you are!

On the other side of the Red Sea, looking back, the Israelites declared that the Lord was their *strength*, their *song*, and their *salvation* (see Exodus 15:2). And isn't that what He has been to you, too? Come on, praise God!

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 1 February 2023)

The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass



Synod News & Info.

Resources / Training / Workshops / Camps / Celebrations

Reminder: Easter Madness 2023 (1-4 April)

Our annual high school camp for Uniting Churches across Queensland, Easter Madness will take place 1-4 April, 2023 at QCCC Mt Tamborine. Easter Madness is a 4 day camp for young people in high school to evolve in their faith and discipleship, build community and develop leadership skills.

Our theme this year is "REDEFINED". God is the great redefiner and through the person and work of Christ Jesus everything should be redefined, how we look, act, behave and see ourselves, others and the world around us. In discovering who God meant for us to always be, our purpose is redefined. Easter Madness will look at, what it means to live in freedom as a disciple, redefined.

If you head to our website www.eastermadness.com.au you can download the church kit and sponsorship links.

Please if you have any questions or want more information email Mia at adminsupport@mrpres.org.au or call (07) 3366 0236.

Sign up for Lent 2023 materials and resources

We are planning for Lent in 2023 and have created a Lent website for you to bookmark. We've also included a link that you can use to enter your email and sign up for Lent materials and resources. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us by responding to this email.

[Click here to sign up for Lent!](#)

Journey with Jesus during Lent

Each week there is a reflection, discussion questions, and challenges to help you and your community consider practices that form people who become lifelong followers of Jesus' way. Following this year's Lectionary readings, this material will explore parts of Jesus' recorded ministry and discover some of the templates he set for his disciples when he invited them to "follow me".

[Click here](#) to 'Journey with Jesus' during Lent and sign up for updates [here](#)

UnitingWorld's Lent Event - 40 days of prayer, simplicity and generosity for our hurting world

UnitingWorld's Lent Event seeks to help us refocus our lives through prayer, simplicity and generosity.

- Pray - Use our prayer guide to pray alongside our partners as they address the challenges facing their communities.
- Live simply - Give up something in solidarity with people who have less.
- Give - Donate or fundraise to help our partners fight poverty and injustice.

Head to <http://www.lentevent.com.au> today to get started. In 2023, Lent is from February 22 to April 6.

One-day workshop to reflect, re-imagine, connect and be encouraged, with mission researcher Phil McCredden

The workshop aims to give ministry agents and mission leaders a bigger, deeper picture of currents of change in the world which we serve, help us re-imagine the church's missional task and opportunities, and consider refocusing or sharpening their Congregation's purpose and place in the community. As churches face challenges of relevance, community connection and even viability, this workshop may be a catalyst - not necessarily to do more but to think and do in new ways.

Visit the [website](#) and click on Events. Select your preferred workshop and complete the online registration. [Click here](#) for more information.

Building A Culture Of Discipleship Workshop

Want to attend the Building A Culture Of Discipleship Workshop on Saturday, February 11, 2023?
[Register here](#)

Contact adminsupport@mpres.org.au if you have any questions or would like more information.