

# Link



## Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Pray for Presbytery Meeting on 5-7 May at Mission Beach and Retreat on 7-10 May at Cardwell
- ◆ Calvary Zone meeting held on 4 May
- ◆ Pray for all delegates travelling near and far to Mission Beach for the Presbytery Meeting

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## 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](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.

# Carpentaria News...

## Date Claimers

May 2023

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Calvary Zone meeting in Cairns

Fri-Sun 5<sup>th</sup>-7 – Presbytery meeting at Mission Beach

Sun-Wed 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> – Ministry Agent and spouse retreat at Cardwell

## Pic from Commissioning Service of Pastor Nadia Abraham at Mossman UCA on 28<sup>th</sup> May



## Presbytery Secretary

Di Chapman stepped down as Presbytery Secretary in December 2022. Ana Mila has been filling in as the monthly meeting Secretary since that time. This will not continue. The Presbytery is seeking a new Presbytery Secretary, who is to be elected at our Presbytery Meeting in May. If you want more information about what is involved in this position, please contact Rev Christy Allen. The UCA Regulations gives an overview of this position (Reg 3.6.2 (f), (g), (h)). The person who takes up this position, will work with the Presbytery Admin team.

## Safe Ministry with Children Training

In preparation for the Safe Ministry Training to be held at the Presbytery meeting, all **Ministry Agents** are required to be able to access their EDUCATE login. You will have been sent a link in recent times from the Synod office. If you are not able to logon to this, please contact Steve and Angela from the learning and development section of the synod office. Their email is [learning@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:learning@ucaqld.com.au). Once you have successfully logged into this platform, you are required to complete Module 1. Module 2 is to be conducted at Presbytery. If you have any problems with this or have any further questions, please contact the Presbytery office.

## UnitingCare Prayer Points for May

### RAFS – Remote Area Family Services

- If you would like to see what the Team do, their story is about 28mins in: <https://iview.abc.net.au/video/RF2304Q007S00>
- Prayer for Staff- safety on the roads and a sense of God's presence as they interact with families.
- Pray for Families- that the children enjoy their learning as well as their fun times: that Mums and Dads find rest and enjoy meaningful time together without the children.

*Christine Herman, Cairns Region Community Chaplain*

## From The Word for Today...

### Use your God-given creativity

**'He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work.'** Exodus 35:35 NKJV

The Bible says God *'filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver – those who do every work and those who design artistic works'* (Exodus 35:35 NKJV).

When God calls you to do something, He has already placed within you the ability to accomplish it. Satan hopes you never discover that. He wants you to remain trapped in the status quo, believing that the way things are is how they will *always* be. Not so! When you change your thinking, your life begins to change. *'For as he thinks in his heart, so is he'* (Proverbs 23:7 NKJV). As long as you are content to remain as you are, you will never begin to think creatively. But when you decide you want your life to change for the better, you become teachable and open yourself to becoming creative. Like anything else in life, creativity begins with one idea. Then those ideas multiply! And each creative idea you have increases your ability to become a creative thinker. Poet Maya Angelou observed: *'You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have. Sadly, too often, creativity is smothered rather than nurtured. There has to be a climate in which new ways of thinking, perceiving, and questioning are encouraged.'* If you cultivate creative thinking, there is no telling what kind of ideas you will come up with or how far you will go in life. Are you ready to start? Ask your Creator for a creative idea, then step out in faith and act on it.

*(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 4 May 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass*

# Synod News...

## General Secretary Position

Exciting news! The Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod, is searching for a passionate and driven General Secretary to lead the organisation and help achieve its goals. The Synod is seeking someone who is enthusiastic and can work collaboratively with a team to make a positive impact. In this role, you'll build strong relationships with local churches and community groups and create long-lasting change.

For more information, [click here](#), and if you have any questions, you can reach out to Suzanne Grant or Lucy Webster at [07 3305 5800](tel:0733055800).

## Save the date: Join Blue Care Sunday: Celebrate 70 years of Faithful Service!

Blue Care Sunday is a special day to reflect on the origin of Blue Care. It honours the story of the Rev Arthur Preston, superintendent minister of the West End Methodist Mission, and Sister Olive Crombie, the first nurse for the Blue Nursing Service in 1953. The Blue Care Sunday service is happening on Sunday, August 20. Join us to celebrate the staff, volunteers, carers, and community; continue to celebrate 70 years of faithful service to the community.

## REGISTER NOW: 2023 Conference of National Lay Preachers 4th - 7th August 2023

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.

On behalf of The National Lay Preachers Committee, Uniting Church in Australia and the Queensland Synod Office, I would like to invite you to attend the 2023 Conference of National Lay Preachers. Please find the program attached.

**Venue:** Alexandra Park Conference Centre – 13 Mari St, Alexandra Headland QLD 4572

**Dates/Times:** Fri 4 Aug 4:30pm – 8:30pm  
 Sat 5 Aug 8:30am – 8:30pm  
 Sun 6 Aug 8:30am – 8:30pm  
 Mon 7 Aug 8:30am – 12:00pm (approx.)

**Cost:** \$299\* per person includes all conference costs and meals

**You can now register for this event here** - <https://www.trybooking.com/CENVA> Please RSVP via the registration link **by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Additional information can be found on the NCLP website [National Conference of Lay Preachers 2023 - Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod \(ucaqld.com.au\)](https://www.nclp.org.au/national-conference-of-lay-preachers-2023) We would encourage you to register as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding registration, please reach out to Vanessa Van Der Rhede by email on [events@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:events@ucaqld.com.au)

We look forward to you joining this National Conference.

*Neil Ballment & Geoff Hill*  
 National Conference of Lay Preachers Convenors