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Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ *Blue Care 70th Celebration*
Congregations are encouraged to promote this event and look at how they join in the celebrations. For more information about local champions, please get in touch with Sheri Holland at Sheri.Holland@ucareqld.com.au
- ◆ *Christy is in Brisbane until Thursday*

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Date Claimers & Reminders

Northern Zone Meeting

* The next Northern Zone meeting will be held on **26 August**

Calvary Zone Meeting

* The next Calvary Zone meeting will be held on **2 November** in Cairns

November Presbytery Meeting – Change of Venue

* The next Presbytery meeting will be held on **3-5 November 2023** in Townsville at Mount Louisa Community Church.

37th Synod – Renewal: faith for a new season

* The 37th Synod will be held on **20-24 October 2023** at Alexandra Headlands and each delegate must be fully registered by **25 August**

Carpentaria News...

Date Claimers – Safe Ministry with Children Lay Training for Modules 1-5

SMC Training Day at Aitkenvale UC

- An SMC Lay Training day has been scheduled for **Sat, 30 September 2023 in Aitkenvale** – more info to be advised.

SMC Training Day at Edmonton UC

- An SMC Lay Training day has been scheduled for **Sat, 7 October 2023 in Edmonton** – more info to be advised.

Reminder re Registration for 37th Synod – Closes on 25 August

Delegates for the 37th Synod on 20-24 October 2023 who have not yet registered have been reminded by email as registrations close by **25 August**. Please REGISTER!

UnitingCare Prayer Points for August

BlueCare

- ➔ Give thanks for 70 years of caring.
- ➔ For clients both in their own homes or in care facilities. That they would feel loved, valued and cared for by the staff and volunteers. Pray that they may experience God's presence.
- ➔ For staff working in facilities that they may find fulfillment in their work and show compassion and joy in their workplaces.
- ➔ Pray for the staff who work in community settings. There are major restructures taking place in the Cairns region this month and for Townsville and other areas in due course. Pray for those leading this change, for all staff and their families who are impacted. That they would experience peace and patience, support one another and their clients during this time.

Christine Herman, Cairns Region Community Chaplain

Pic of Presentation of Stole to Pastor Andrew Hicks at Wulguru on Sunday 30 July

Christy presented UCA Stole to Andrew Hicks as stole was not available for his Commissioning.



Invite from Burdekin UC



Synod / Assembly / UnitingCare News...

Insurance Claims Lodgement Change

As part of our ongoing initiatives to improve the Synod Insurance Program, we will progressively move management of our insurance claims to a third-party administrator **Crawford TPA**.

Crawford TPA is a Brisbane-based, leading provider of claims management services with many years of experience with The Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod. Please note that with effect from August 1, new Property insurance claims should be notified to:

- Email: ucaclaims@crawco.com.au
- Phone: [07 3223 3155](tel:0732233155)

Please continue to lodge all other claims via the existing channels until advised otherwise.

Please email or call the Synod insurance team if you have any questions.

Employee Assistance Programme Name Change to TELUS Health

Our current Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) provider, Benestar, is undergoing a name change to TELUS Health. Rest assured, you will still receive the same support and have uninterrupted access to the existing services. This change is expected to bring about additional improvements to the products offered by TELUS, and we'll keep you informed as these enhancements roll out.

For more information on well-being and support, feel free to contact Synod's Work Health and Safety Team at [07 3377 9870](tel:0733779870) or via email at health.safety@ucaqld.com.au.

Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer for the Moderator's Community Service Medal

Know an incredible volunteer making a difference in the Uniting Church community? It's time to recognise their hard work! Nominations for the Moderator's Community Service Medal are now open. If they've shown outstanding service, nominate them!

- [Find out more and submit a nomination here](#)

Email mission@ucareqld.com.au for a printable form.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day was established on August 4, 1988, following protests during the bicentennial year. The day aims to celebrate and empower Indigenous children, ensuring they feel valued and included.

The date, August 4, holds historical significance as it was traditionally used to celebrate the unknown birthdates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children taken from their families during the Stolen Generations. Recognising and supporting these children is vital due to the challenges stemming from poverty and intergenerational trauma. Achieving equality requires a comprehensive approach focusing on their well-being and development.

Non-Indigenous individuals can contribute by appreciating and understanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, fostering mutual respect through shared cultural experiences.

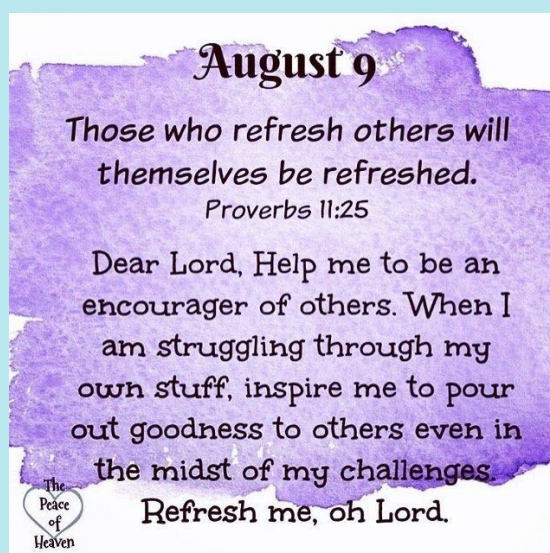
- [You can help by supporting dates of significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people](#)

We are Uniting in Reconciliation and dedicated to promoting unity among different cultural backgrounds.

Welcome Rev. Greg Rankin to Emerald Uniting Church

Join us in welcoming Rev. Greg Rankin to the Emerald Uniting Church at the corner of Borilla and Yamala Streets in Emerald. The Induction ceremony will be held on Friday night, August 11, from 7 pm. Help us give a warm welcome to Greg and Lizzie in Central Queensland!

For questions or to pass on well wishes, contact cqsecretary@centralqldpresbytery.org.au



From The Word for Today...

The Secret of Self-Control

'Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth.'

Colossians 3:2 NASB

To have a disciplined life, you must have a disciplined mind. Jesus said Satan's threefold purpose is to *'steal, and to kill, and to destroy'* (John 10:10 KJV). And you forget it at your own peril! In your own strength, you're no match for Satan, but God will give you the strength to overcome his strategies and exercise self-control. And the Bible tells us how: *'Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth.'* (Colossians 3:2 NASB)

Note the words *'set your minds'*. Many cars come with cruise control. Once you've reached the speed limit, you can easily activate the car's computer by pushing a lever or pressing a button, and the car will then maintain that speed without any further input from you. It won't go above it or drop beneath it. Similarly, when your mind is programmed with God's Word, you *'set'* your thoughts and desires on that which pleases God rather than that which satisfies the cravings of your lower nature.

Self-discipline is the price of freedom. When you're controlled by your impulses, you're not free, you're a slave. Even legitimate things can enslave you. The saying goes, *'Too much of a good thing quickly becomes a bad thing!'* Paul writes: *'All things are permitted for me, but not all things are of benefit.'*

'All things are permitted for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.' (1 Corinthians 6:12 NASB). So, the secret of self-control is to program your mind with God's Word.

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 9 August 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass)

