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## Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ **DATE CLAIMER: Presbytery Meeting will be on 3-5 May 2024 at Mission Beach** – registration closes on 19<sup>th</sup> April
- ◆ **DATE CLAIMER: Presbytery Ministry Agent & Spouse Retreat will be on 5-8 May 2024 at Cardwell** – registration closes on 5<sup>th</sup> April
- ◆ **Christy has Synod Standing Committee meeting on Thur**
- ◆ **Garry will be at Cassawary Coast, Mission Beach on Sat**
- ◆ **Pray for young people & leaders traveling from Mount Isa and Burdekin to Easter Madness 2024 at Alex Park**



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# Carpentaria News...

## Ministry Agents & Spouse Retreat – 5-8 May 2024

The annual Ministry Agents & Spouse Presbytery Retreat will be held from 5-8 May 2024 at Cardwell Beachcomber Motel and Tourist Park, following the Presbytery meeting at Mission Beach.

We ask congregations to encourage your minister to attend and it would be wonderful if the congregation or agency pay for their ministry agent to attend but please discuss together. Please register as soon as possible so we can finalise numbers and **registrations close on 22 April**.

Here is the link to register: <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event2121.php>

## Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting – 3-5 May 2024

Our next Presbytery meeting to be held **3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**, is fast approaching. It will be great to be together again! A reminder that this meeting is for both Ministry Agents and lay reps from each congregation along with Ministry Agents who are in placements in other roles e.g. Chaplaincy (**2 per congregation, including Ministry Agent**). It would be wonderful to have more lay people join our meetings.

The Presbytery meeting will be held at the **Mission Beach Resort** and will begin at **3:00 pm on Friday afternoon** for all Ministry Agents who are required to attend the compulsory Safe Ministry with Children training. You must be present for the whole training, for it to be registered as 'complete'. For all Presbytery delegates, a BBQ buffet dinner will be served at **5:30pm Friday night**, with our opening worship and first session to follow at 7:00pm. Check-in to rooms can commence from 2:00pm.

**Register here:**

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event2020.php>

**Registrations must be finalised by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (as per venue requirements)**

If you have any queries, please contact Ana at the Presbytery office.

## DATE CLAIMERS

- **5th - 8th April** – Easter Madness 2024 at Alex Park Conference Centre
- **20th April** – Southern Zone meeting followed by lunch (provided) from 9.30am at Mount Louisa Community church
- **27th April** – Northern Zone meeting followed by hangi from 10.30am at Cairns Emmanuel
- **2nd May** – Calvary Zone meeting at Cairns Sheridan
- **3rd - 5th May** – Presbytery Meeting at Mission Beach Resort (Registrations close 19th April)
- **5th - 8th May** – Ministry Agent & Spouse Retreat at Cardwell Beachcomber Tourist Park (Registrations close 5th April)

# Synod / Assembly / UnitingCare / Unitingworld News...

## Invitation: Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry – Leader



The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry - Leader (FTML) training will be conducted online on May 1, 8, and 15.

FTML is a three-day program conducted via Zoom that aims to introduce participants to essential principles and methods of ministry during periods of transition.

This training is particularly relevant for:

- Individuals in Presbytery leadership roles
- Those in the latter stages of the Third Phase of Ministry
- Ministers looking to engage in significant supply work
- Ministers transitioning from chaplaincy/agency roles to congregational ministry
- Ministers in placements undergoing notable transitions, such as exploring new mission directions or contemplating amalgamation/closure.

For more information and registration, [please follow this link](#)

## Gambling Community Benefit Fund Webinar – 4 April at 10am

I have had so much interest in the Gambling Community Benefit Fund that I thought it may be useful to have a webinar where you can ask any questions about this funding stream. The event is free just register using the below link. Please feel free to forward to any other congregational members you think might be interested.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/3414a5a0-a84d-4043-9eb6-9659fea765b7@6f22e5a7-e1b9-4ede-a7c5-31fca0deaa40>

Vanessa Griffiths

## From The Word for Today...

### God will speak to you – if you listen

**'I can do nothing on My own. ... I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent me.'** John 5:30 NASB20

Jesus did only those things placed in His mind by His Father. And He wants you to learn to live that way too. You ask, 'Is such a life possible?' Yes, it's not only possible, it's essential to fulfilling God's will for your life. The Bible says that Mary took time to listen to Jesus, but her sister Martha didn't because she was too busy 'serving' (see Luke 10:40). You can get so busy serving the Lord that you lose your sensitivity to His voice and end up preoccupied with secondary things.

You learn to hear from God by making time to hear from Him! Fifteen times in the New Testament, Jesus said, '*He who has ears to hear, let him hear.*' (Matthew 11:15 ESV) When you became a new creation in Christ, you received new spiritual ears, but you must learn how to use them. Indeed, that must become one of the highest priorities in your life. A newborn child has the ability to hear but doesn't understand what he or she is hearing; understanding takes time, it takes learning, it takes attention, it takes intimacy with his or her parents.

When Jesus met the two disciples on the road to Emmaus following His resurrection, they didn't recognise Him. But He loved them, so 'Then He opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures.' (Luke 24:45 NIV). As you look back over your life, you recognise times when God walked and talked with you but you didn't understand what He was saying. No problem! God is patient, and He will work with you and develop you.

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