



# Pastoral Notes *I* Prayer Points

- ◆ NEW OFFICE NO: Carpentaria Presbytery Office has new phone number: 0459 544 507
- ◆ Presbytery Leadership Team met on Tuesday
- ◆ Garry will be in Brisbane for Presbytery Ministers PSI & Placements meetings on Wed-Thur
- Christy attended the John Flynn College Dinner on Tuesday

## May 15

Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.

1 Chronicles 16:11

Dear Lord, I will continue to seek your face each and every day. You know the way I should go and I trust in your ways. All will be well for you are my guide and companion.

Heaven

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## Carpentaria News...

#### **DATE CLAIMERS**

- 11<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> July 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly in Sydney
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> September Presbytery Leadership Team face to face meeting
- 31st October Garry Hardingham's final day as Presbytery Minister Rural
- 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> November Presbytery Meeting 2 in Townsville
- 4<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> November Presbytery Leadership Team Strategic Meeting in Townsville

# Pics from Northern Zone Gathering at Cairns Emmanuel on 27<sup>th</sup> April (week before Presbytery Meeting)















#### **Accommodation Wanted**

Craig Mischewski and Jude are looking to rent a house in Cairns - 4 bedroom preferably, 2 bathroom and large yard for dogs in quiet area.

If you can assist Craig please call him on mob: 0400 036 630

#### **GENTS Camp FNQ 2024 - 5-9 July 2024**

The Gents Camp is back on after a break of a few years. Please distribute through your networks so we can give this camp a good restart.

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

#### Lifeline Giving Day on 30th May 2024

Lifeline Giving Day is on Thursday, 30 May and lend resources available to distribute within your circles & congregations and is available on website which is live <a href="www.lifelinegivingday.com.au">www.lifelinegivingday.com.au</a> One in six Australians will consider suicide in their lifetime. When you think of all the people you interact with on a daily basis, all the people you love and care about, that one in six could be any one of them. This

Lifeline Giving Day, just \$39 helps us answer a call from someone in crisis. Any amount makes a difference.

In relation to DONATIONS, our Connect100 Mission group has set up a <u>UnitingCare's Mission Team</u> <u>fundraising page</u> which we would prefer congregations/contacts to use. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a meaningful impact.



#### Honouring Tradition, Youth, Faith, and Future Generations at Alex Park

In 1933, when the Church first rented the Alexandra Hostel property for their Easter Camp Conference, little could they have imagined the journey ahead. Fast forward to 1946, when, as the new owners, the church officially opened its doors as the new Alexandra Park Youth Department campsite, and the stage was set for a legacy of tradition, youth engagement, faith, and the nurturing of future generations. The site, initially touched by the Church's presence during World War II, has since blossomed into a haven for stillness, adventure, and spiritual connection, bridging decades of memories and moments that resonate with Queenslanders and visitors alike. As the 20th century rolled on, the pace of life sped up dramatically.

**Read more** at the Synod's new Journey Online space for sharing stories and news!

#### **National Reconciliation Week**



National Reconciliation Week occurs from 27 May to 3 June. The 2024 theme, 'Now More Than Ever," reminds all Australians to continue the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. A national resource has been developed for the Uniting Church to help explore this year's theme, which offers activities and materials for congregations and individuals during Reconciliation Week. Click here for the resource

#### 30th Anniversary of the Covenant



July 10 marks the 30th anniversary of the <u>Covenant</u> between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) and the Uniting Church in Australia. The National Assembly will soon release resources to equip Uniting Church communities to mark and celebrate these anniversaries in worship and reflect on their history and ongoing significance.

• Read more and sign up for resources when they become available

Learn more about Living the Covenant Locally here

### From The Word for Today...

#### Raising great kids in a troubled world

'So that they won't become discouraged.' Colossians 3:21 CSB

Embittered children ultimately become discouraged. A discouraged child is less hopeful, less enthusiastic, lacking in determination, and easily led astray. By destroying a child's hope, you're undermining their Godgiven temperament. Children are born with optimism, inspiration, anticipation, and possibilities. Without hope, there is nothing to inspire them. Hopelessness brings depression and darkness of heart and soul. When you embitter the children in your care, you undermine their hope. When you demoralise them, you destroy their confidence, leaving them afraid, insecure, and unable to face life.

Self-confidence is necessary for a healthy self-image, for relating to others, for succeeding in their education and a career. A disheartened kid loses certainty and becomes a broken spirit. The spirit is the centre of the being. A broken spirit produces a broken person. 'A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.' (Proverbs 17:22 CSB), leaving a child with their core disabled. Our streets are full of broken kids. Broken-spirited kids lack the resolve to achieve in life, to set goals and reach them. 'Where there is no vision, the people perish: ...' (Proverbs 29:18 KJV). It's your vision that gives you the inner strength to see something through to its accomplishment in spite of the obstacles encountered.

It takes an intact, resilient child to overcome life's hurdles. How can you help them? 'Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.' (Ephesians 6:4 RSV). You must cherish them, teach them God's Word even when they seem indifferent, practise what you preach, be consistent with your rules, let them see you reading God's Word and praying regularly. Always encourage them and never, never give up on them!

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