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## Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ❖ **NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR CARPENTARIA OFFICE AS OF 1 JULY – Office will open 9.00-3.30pm from Mon-Fri (NEW OFFICE NO - 0459 544 507)**
- ❖ **Christy will be at Innisfail on Sun, 29 Sept at 10am service**
- ❖ **Mission Accompanying Team (MAT) Mission Accompanying Team video**
- ❖ **Registration NOW OPEN for Presbytery Meeting at Mount Louise Community Church in Townsville on Fri, 1 Nov to Sun, 3 Nov**
- ❖ **REMINDER: Annual Returns due before end of September. Treasurers submit their annual returns to [admin@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:admin@ucacarpentaria.com.au) and [pres.accounts@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:pres.accounts@ucaqld.com.au)**
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## Presbytery Office NEW

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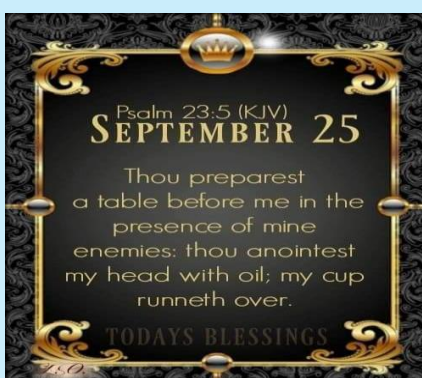
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## Registration Link for Presbytery

### Meeting – 1-3 November 2024

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/event/s/event2323.php>

**Registrations must be finalised by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October (to allow for catering preparation)**

# Carpentaria News...

## DATE CLAIMERS

- **5<sup>th</sup> September – 7<sup>th</sup> October** – Robyn on leave
- **1<sup>st</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Garry Hardingham's final annual leave and LSL before final day as Presbytery Minister Rural
- **18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October** – Presbytery Officer Bearers and Synod Officer gathering in Brisbane
- **30<sup>th</sup> October** – Calvary Zone meeting at Cairns Emmanuel UCA
- **1<sup>st</sup> November** – Convocation for Ministry Agents at Mount Louisa CC, Townsville
- **1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Presbytery Meeting 2 at Mount Louisa CC, Townsville
- **4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Presbytery Leadership Team Strategic Meeting in Townsville

## Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting on 1-3 Nov 2024 – REGISTER NOW

Our next Presbytery meeting to be held 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024. It is always a great time of fellowship with the sharing of not only reports and necessary business but of the stories of what is happening across our vast Presbytery. This meeting is for both Ministry Agents and lay reps from each congregation along with Ministry Agents who are in placements in other roles eg: chaplaincy.

Our November Presbytery meeting will be held at the **Mount Louisa Community Church, 485 Bayswater Road, Mount Louisa** and will begin with a BBQ dinner for all delegates at **6:00 pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. Opening Worship will follow at 7:00pm and will be the conclusion of Ministry for Rev Garry Hardingham. Supper will follow this service.

If you are attending Presbytery and you reside outside of Townsville, you will **need to organize your own accommodation (source, book and pay)**. (*Accommodation list available from Ana at office@ucacarpentaria.com.au*) You should then be able to seek reimbursement from your relevant entity (congregation, faith community, Uniting Care etc, unless they pay for it at the time of booking. **Breakfasts too, are your own responsibility. Registration is \$90/person. As in recent times each congregation & agency will be invoiced \$120 for Travel equalisation per entity.**

Please forward this info to your Presbytery Rep (2 per congregation, including Ministry Agent).

**Everyone attending the Presbytery meeting will need to register via the link below. This is necessary for Catering and administration purposes.**

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event2323.php>

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## Moderator's Regional Convocation on 1 Nov 2024 – REGISTER NOW

The Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod recognises the importance of providing a safe and flourishing ministry environment and that personal mental health and wellbeing is vital to being able to effectively serve in ministry.

The Moderator's Regional Convocations - "Drinking from the Well" aim to provide 3 opportunities in regional locations across the Qld Synod for Ministry Agents and other leaders serving on councils and committees across the life of the Church.

This will be a retreat style experience to re-centre yourself with God, gather in community and share some tools and resources that will assist you in better looking after your wellbeing in the ministry.

An opportunity for those in Specified Ministry in the UCA to gather in community and be encouraged in their call.

**Venue:** Mount Louisa Community Church, 485 Bayswater Road, Mt Louisa QLD

**Date:** Friday 1st November 2024

**Times:** 9:00am – 4:30pm (approx.)

**Cost:** This will be a free event with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided

**Register here:** <https://www.trybooking.com/CUXXI>

**Please RSVP via the registration link by Friday 18th October 2024**

## Stand with PACIFIC WOMEN



### Pacific women are building a movement for dignity and equality

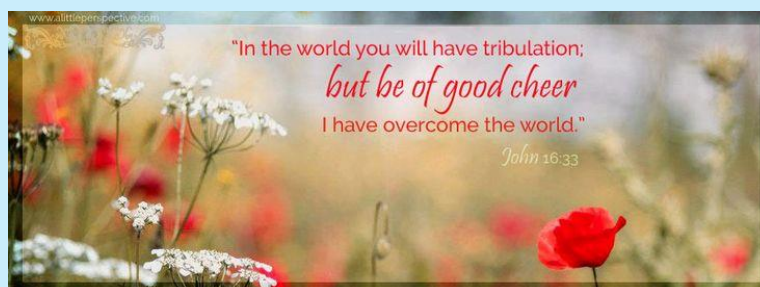
For more than a decade now, we've been supporting Pacific women to build a movement for gender equality across our region. Christian women leaders and changemakers have begun to break down the barriers that prevented them from becoming decision makers in their churches, schools, governments and communities.

It's vital work. In a region that has some of the highest rates of violence against women and children, and lowest levels of political representation of women in the world, access to leadership opportunities and seats at the tables of power ensures women's voices are heard and acted on. But there's a long way to go.

**The slow progress on gender equality in the Pacific tells us that we can't just sit back and wait for change to happen. We need to resource and empower women leaders and changemakers now. Meet some of the Pacific women making change with your support. [Meet some of the Pacific women making change with your support.](#)**

Now more than ever we need to stand with Pacific women and help resource their movement. Through this appeal we aim to raise \$90,000 to support our partners faithfully progressing gender equality through church networks in Fiji, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Vanuatu and Tuvalu.

**Your support will go a long way through the love and determination of Pacific women leaders making powerful change. Please give generously and [support UnitingWorld's Spring Campaign here.](#)**



## From The Word for Today...

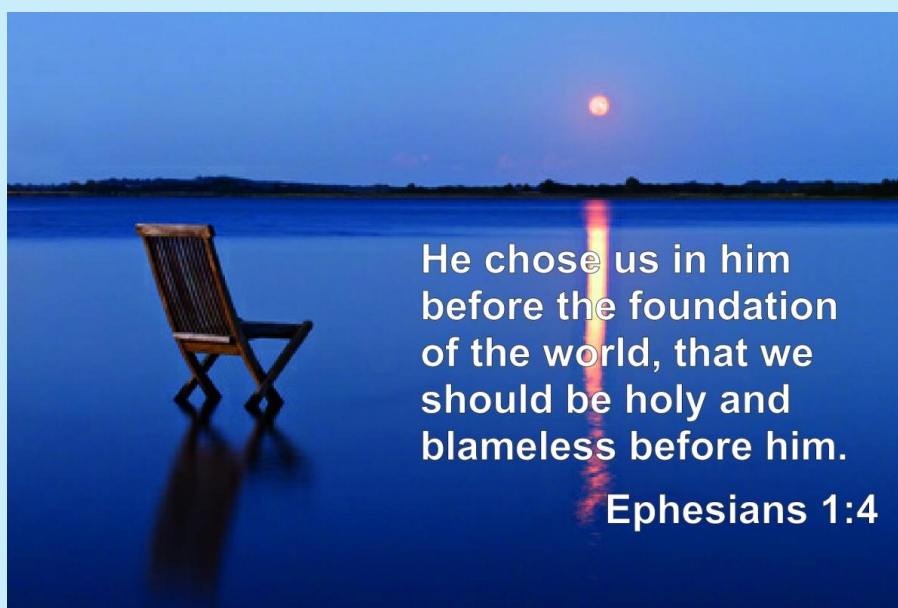
### Nothing about you surprises God

**'For He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before Him.'** Ephesians 1:4 CSB

Nothing about you surprises God. He knew what He was getting when He chose you. He 'actually chose us out for Himself as His own'. You didn't just randomly show up one day. And God hasn't decided to merely tolerate you. He is not rolling His eyes when you have a problem. Instead, He will always remind you how far you have come, how well you are doing, how precious you are in His sight, and how much He loves you. God already knew your weaknesses, every flaw you would have, and every time you would fail, yet He still said, 'I want you.'

Ephesians 1:5 says that God 'adopted' you as His own. He is your father, and you are His family. Yes, He will discipline you when you need it, but He will never discard you. And with Him on your side, things are bound to work out all right in the end. *'All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. So, we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son'* (Ephesians 1:3-6 NLT).

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