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Carpentaria Presbytery

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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)
- ❖ PLT meeting was held on Tues, 8 Oct and Christy will be in Brisbane for the Global Leadership Day on Thur, 10 October
- ❖ **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**
- ❖ **To subscribe to Uniting News:** Click the link [here](#) and add your details.

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NEW Office Hours

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Moderator's Convocation 2024

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

Please RSVP via above link by Friday, 18th Oct 2024

Registration Link for Presbytery Meeting – 1-3 November 2024

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

Registrations must be finalised by Friday 25th October (to allow for catering preparation)

Carpentaria News...

DATE CLAIMERS

- **1st July - 31st October** – Garry Hardingham’s final annual leave and LSL before final day as Presbytery Minister Rural
- **19th October** – Southern Zone meeting at Mount Louisa Community Church
- **26th October** – Northern Zone meeting at Northern Cairns UCA
- **30th October** – Calvary Zone meeting at Cairns Emmanuel UCA
- **1st November** – Convocation for Ministry Agents at Mount Louisa CC, Townsville
- **1st - 3rd November** – Presbytery Meeting 2 at Mount Louisa CC, Townsville
- **4th - 7th 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 1st to 3rd 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 1st 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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38th SYNOD – REPS FROM CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

The 38th Synod in Session will be held from Friday, 16 May to Monday, 19 May 2025. The plenary sessions of the Synod will be held in the Auditorium, Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Mari Street, Alexandra Headlands, on the Sunshine Coast.

The theme for the 38th Synod in Session continues to build on the them of “RENEWAL”. Can congregations please start making decisions as to who the Reps (Ministry agent and Lay) will be that attends the Synod meeting. All ministry agents are required to attend.

No person should be elected to the Synod who cannot guarantee attendance at more than 80% of the Synod.

Please send your information to Ana at office@ucacarpentaria.com.au as we need to collate our roll before our Presbytery meeting on 1-3 November 2024 so **if everyone can aim to get their rep info to Ana by 28 October 2024** that would be great.

National Safe Church Unit to Close at the End of the Year

The National Safe Church Unit (NSCU) has operated as an organization within the broader Uniting Church, set up jointly by the Standing Committees of all Synods and the Assembly, and jointly funded by all Synods and the Assembly.

The NSCU successfully led the first nationally consistent approach to driving royal commission response commitments, creation of UCA wide Principles for a Child Safe Church, collaborative development of national policy frameworks, production of safe-church training and ministry resources and the establishment of quality and reporting systems to support compliance and promote best practice standards.

Proposals to close the NSCU have already been resolved by some Synod Standing Committees. Other SSC and the Assembly Standing Committee will consider these proposals at their respective meetings over Oct and Nov. Presuming all Standing Committees resolve the proposals, the NSCU will move into a transition process, ceasing operations by 31 December 2024.

This decision does not reflect any lessening of the UCA's national commitment to ensuring safety for all vulnerable people within or connected with the Church, but reflects the Church's ongoing commitment to respond practically to the differing needs and approaches of Synods (often in response to State legislation and safety standards) to create a new form of collaboration.

Questions regarding how Synod Safe Church or Culture of Safety units will continue to support Congregations, Presbyteries and Ministers in ensuring that we are a Safe Church should be directed to the appropriate Synod contacts:

Uniting Church, Queensland Synod

Lynde Davy, Safe Church Assurance and Support Officer

safeministrywithchildren@ucaqld.com.au or ucaqld.com.au/synod-services/safety/safe-ministry-with-children



From The Word for Today...

You Can Change

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13 NKJV

Self-help books sometimes claim you can change your life in five or ten simple steps. It takes a lot more than that to make substantial and lasting changes in your life.

First, change comes by drawing on a power greater than your own—God's power. Paul writes: *'I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me'* (Philippians 4:12-13 NKJV).

Second, change comes from steady and determined hard work and effort. *'And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart'* (Galatians 6:9 NKJV).

The key is to understand that a bad day does not make you a failure; it doesn't last, it's just a bad day. After you have had one, and all of us have, you just start back on track the following day. Don't give up. Life is a sequence of ups and downs, stops and starts. Tomorrow is a brand-new day.

What's necessary now is to revive your promise to make changes in your life and start from the place you left off. If you need to, seek God's forgiveness, forgive yourself, and begin walking forward again. Make your goal your focus, not the fact that you slipped up. Don't get caught up blaming others or yourself. Let it go and move on. Realise that the next time you come up against a difficult situation—and you will—in God's strength, you will handle it better.

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