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Carpentaria Presbytery

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Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Prayers for Robyn and family as her precious mother passed away peacefully on Sunday, 3 Sept. Memorial Service will be held at Gympie Funeral Home Chapel on 25 Sept at 10.30am
- ◆ PLT meeting was held on Tues, 5 Sept
- ◆ Southern Zone meeting will be held on Sat, 9 Sept at Mt Louisa
- ◆ Remember to register for the Safe Ministry Lay Training on 30 Sept in Aitkenvale and 7 Oct in Edmonton

Date Claimers & Reminders

Southern Zone Meeting

* The next Northern Zone meeting will be held on **9 September**

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.

Safe Ministry Lay Training - Module 1-5

* A training day is scheduled at Aitkenvale on **30 Sept** & in Cairns on **7 October**

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Carpentaria News...

Safe Ministry with Children Lay Training for Modules 1 to 5

Presbytery have organised for a fully accredited Safe Ministry with Children facilitator to conduct face to face training for lay people within the Carpentaria Presbytery in two locations during September and October. This FREE training will meet the legislative requirements under Safe Ministry with Children.

Rev Fa Matangi from the Moreton Rivers Presbytery will facilitate this training on the following dates:

1. Saturday 30th September

- Townsville (Southern Zone area)
- Venue: Aitkenvale Uniting Church – 277/279 Ross River Road, Aitkenvale

If you are unable to attend in person due to distance, we are trying to arrange live streaming from the Aitkenvale session. This is not a given, but if you would attend via this method (if it is available), please email Ana direct to inform her and register for the Townsville session. As part of the registration form, note your intent to connect via live streaming in the 'notes' section.

2. Saturday 7th October

- Cairns (Northern Zone area)
- Venue: Edmonton Uniting Church – Ravizza Close, Edmonton.

The training will be conducted in 2 sessions at both venues. The sessions will be as follows:

- Session 1 (9:30am to 11:00am) – Module 1 & 2
- Session 2 (11:30am to 1:30/1:45pm) – Module 3, 4 & 5
- BYO water and snacks if you are doing both sessions.

[Register here:](#)

Townsville 30th September (closes 27th Sept):

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1717.php>

Cairns 7th October (closes 4th Oct):

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1818.php>

A letter has gone out to all Ministry Agents and Secretaries with information for distribution to all lay leaders and volunteers within their congregation / faith community.

If you have any queries or need assistance please contact Ana at Presbytery Office on office@ucacarpentaria.com.au



UnitingCare Prayer Points for September

Birch St Hub

"We support individuals and families through drop-in services, play group, group activities and educational workshops on a range of life skills. Our family support services are co-located in the hub, so we can organise child and adult counselling. Our free pantry day is where we donate fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meals and bakery goods as part of our emergency relief services."

<https://www.unitingcareqld.com.au/services-and-support/counselling-and-wellbeing/mental-health-support/birch-street-community-hub>

- ➔ The Hub is relocating to Anderson St while a new purpose built centre is constructed on the Birch St site.
- ➔ Pray that those people they serve will be able to travel to the new site and that new neighbours will be able to access their services.
- ➔ Pray for staff- that the move goes smoothly, that new staff members will quickly settle in and that the support offered to their clients will continue to be delivered with love and compassion.

Thanks for your great work.

*Rev Christine Herman, Cairns Region Community Chaplain
UCA and UnitingCare QLD*

Intentional Interim Ministry Course

"Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry" is a 3-day program designed to give participants an introduction to the key concepts and practices of ministering with congregations and agencies in times of transition.

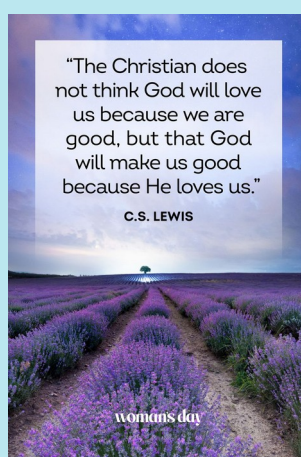
The course is being held nationally by zoom on the 10, 17 and 18 October. It is the first part of the Internationally recognised Intentional Interim Ministry Course. Registrations are through the NSW/ACT Synod at the following link:

<https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/fundamentals-of-transitional-ministry-leader-october/>

Cost: \$210 per person early-bird registration available until 20 September. Thereafter, \$260 per person.

For more details contact Brian Hoole 0435242000

Rev Brian Hoole, Emmanuel Uniting Church Enoggera



Synod / Assembly / UnitingCare News...

Online Prayer Gathering Invitation

Mark your calendar for our online prayer session on Tuesday, September 12, from 7-8 PM! If you can't attend this time, we gather every 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesday.

- [Click here to join via Zoom!](#)

Our mission is to pursue God's refreshing touch for our souls and the wider church community in Queensland and beyond. Your participation will deepen our shared spiritual journey.

For any queries, please get in touch with Paul Wetzig at paul.wetzig@ucaqld.com.au.

Rural Community Enhancement Grant

Open: 08/09/23; Close: 04/12/23; Max: \$10,000.

Aimed at bolstering rural and remote Australian communities. Grants support local, community-led projects. Eligibility: Not-for-profit organisations with projects offering clear benefits to rural areas. Funded by: Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR).

- [Details: FRRR Funding page](#)

For any questions, contact Vanessa Griffiths, Synod Fundraising Support Manager, at Vanessa.Griffiths@ucaqld.com.au.

Apply Now: Seniors Celebration Donation – Up to \$300 for Senior Group Activities

The Seniors Celebration Donation supports senior groups' events like outings and Christmas parties, offering \$100-\$300. Applications are open until 9 October 2023, with results in late November. Eligible applicants are clubs providing senior activities not funded elsewhere or senior groups within larger organizations.

- [For application details, read the guidelines or contact the Grants Unit at 07 3403 8888](#)

For any questions, contact Vanessa Griffiths, Synod Fundraising Support Manager, at Vanessa.Griffiths@ucaqld.com.au.

Uniting for a Voice - How to host a kitchen table conversation

The Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod calls for broad support of the priorities identified in the 'Statement from the Heart' which includes constitutional recognition of a Voice to Parliament.

The Uniting Church covenant relationship with First Peoples is at the heart of our church, and we will listen and walk with them and stand as a family in Christ. The First Nations leaders in our Church have said that this is an opportunity for all of us to unite as we seek to restore justice and promote healing for First Nations people in this land.

By hosting a kitchen chat, you can work to support an Indigenous Voice in our constitution. Steve Webster will guide potential hosts in online sessions on September 12 and 15 at 10 AM.

- Tuesday, September 12 at 10 AM. [Microsoft Teams Link HERE](#)
- Friday, September 15 at 10 AM. [Microsoft Teams Link HERE](#)

Please email steve.webster@ucaqld.com.au to register your interest and for any further enquiries.

Support the Indigenous Voice: Join 300+ Leaders

The Uniting Church backs an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. Please reflect on your referendum vote. Join 300+ leaders at St John's Anglican Cathedral, Brisbane, on September 5, 6:30-8:30 PM, for community action.

- Register online <https://bit.ly/voice-sprint>

International Day of Peace 2023 – Celebrate 75 Years of Human Rights

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, UNAA Queensland and St John's Cathedral Brisbane present International Day of Peace 2023 on September 21, 7 PM at 373 Ann St, Brisbane. Enjoy peace messages, songs, and the Local Agents of Peace Awards. Guest lecturer: Craig Foster AM, Human Rights Activist and Former Socceroo.

- [Registration is required, and free entry](#)

The event will be live-streamed on the [St John's Cathedral YouTube channel](#)



From The Word for Today...

Hearing the 'still same voice'

'A still small voice ... Elijah heard it.' 1 Kings 19:12-13 NKJV

When Jezebel threatened Elijah's life, he fled to a cave. And that's when God said to him: "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice ... Elijah heard it' (vv. 11-13 NKJV).

God can speak to you anywhere, anytime, through anybody, in any situation. But He will often share His greatest insights when you're alone with Him. In order to hear God's 'still small voice', two things must happen:

1) *You must have silence and solitude.*

This calls for shutting out everything else and focusing on God. Not everyone will understand or appreciate what you're doing, but you must if you're to hear from Him.

2) *You must get close to Him.*

The average person now gets fifty to one hundred texts and emails every day. Think about that. As long as you're willing to take the time to stop and listen to others but not to God, your problems will not be solved, and your situation won't change. The songwriter, Everett W. Sugg, put it this way: 'Shut in with God in a secret place, There in the Spirit beholding His face, Gaining more power to run in this race, Oh, I long to be shut in with God.'

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 6 September 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass)

