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Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ *Safe Ministry Lay Training will be held on Sat, 7 Oct held at Edmonton UC starting 9.30am – please let Ana know attendance if you haven't already or if you joining via live stream and she will send you link and documents. Email Ana on office@ucacarpentaria.com.au*
- ◆ *Registration for November Presbytery meeting in Townsville is **NOW OPEN***
- ◆ *37th Synod will be held on 20-24 Oct 2023 at Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Sunshine Coast*

Date Claimers & Reminders

Calvary Zone Meeting

* *The next Calvary Zone meeting will be held on 2 November in Cairns*

November Presbytery Meeting – Registration NOW OPEN

* *The next Presbytery meeting will be held on 3-5 November 2023 in Townsville at Mount Louisa Community Church.*

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1919.php>

Northern Zone Meeting

* *The next Northern Zone meeting will be held on 14 October at Edmonton UC at 10am*

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Carpentaria News...

Pics from Bowen UC Tongan Community who performed at the regional PALM meeting held in Bowen

After a successful celebration earlier in the year the Bowen Uniting Church Tongan community was invited to present a cultural item at the regional Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) Scheme meeting held in Bowen and run by Pacific Islands Council of Queensland (PICQ). The event featured presentations from the Department of Workplace Relations (DEWR), the Pacific Labour Facility (PLF), Community Connections (Salvation Army) and approved employers under the PALM scheme.

The two items were presented at the end of the meeting and much appreciated by those gathered from Mackay through to the Burdekin. If you would like to watch the videos search on YouTube for "@bowenuniting"



Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting – 3-5 November 2023

This Presbytery meeting will be held at the **Mount Louisa Community Church, 485 Bayswater Road, Mount Louisa (Townsville – yes a change of venue)** and will begin at **1:00 pm on Friday afternoon** for all who can gather at this time. This session will be the sharing of information from the Synod office. For those who cannot make the meeting at this time, please arrive by no later than 5:00pm as a BBQ dinner will be served at 5:30pm Friday night for all Presbytery attendees, with our opening worship and celebration of Defence Chaplaincy to follow at 7:00pm.

The registration process is the same as it was in May, using our Presbytery website event management system. **The big change this time is that you will have to source, book and pay your own accommodation** (Ana can email you list of options so please let her know). 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.**

Meals provided include Friday night dinner and supper; Saturday Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and Dinner along with a Sunday morning tea. **If you have any specific dietary matters that need to be catered for, please email Ana on office@ucacarpentaria.com.au and note it in your registration.**

If you are unable to attend for the whole time, please contact Ana and Robyn, so that a specific invoice reflecting your attendance, can be prepared. If you will be present for whole of Presbytery (as is expected) and therefore present for all meals, **registration is \$90/person.**

Reports and further information will be sent out before the Presbytery meeting, so keep a look out for it. Don't get them confused with your Synod meeting notes and reports.

As in recent times each congregation & agency will be invoiced \$120 for Travel equalisation per entity.

Register here:

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1919.php>

Registrations must be finalised by **Friday 13th October (to allow for catering preparation)**. If you have any queries, please contact Ana at the Presbytery office.

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 the final training session on:

Saturday 7th October

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

Live Streaming is now available for the Cairns session so please contact Ana for information.

The training will be conducted in 2 sessions. 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.

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



UnitingCare Prayer Points for October

Family Intervention Services (Counsellors)

- ➔ Parenting is not easy and problems arise. Sometimes these kinds of challenges require intervention and advice to help maintain co-operative parent relationships, as well as strong parent-child relationships.
- ➔ Pray for the families - that reach out and need support by this service. That they may be open to the advice provided and to see their relationships and families healed and strengthened.
- ➔ Pray for staff - for wisdom and guidance in how best to meet the needs of individuals and families that they interact with.

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

Synod / Assembly / UnitingCare / UnitingWorld News...

Prue Saxby is running a free grant webinar with grant tips, grant updates and the opportunity to get all your grant questions answered

On Tuesday, 24 October, at 10am (Brisbane time) I'm exclusively inviting you to join us for the [OMG October Annual Grant News Update](#).

Don't miss this fantastic first-class experience! Register now to:

- Enjoy a brand-new grant freebie – it will save you heaps of time and will revolutionise your grant writing
- Get all your pressing grant questions answered by a Grant Master (*that's me*)
- Discover my 'best-of' grant tips I've specially collated for you – including grant 'nuggets' from experts who have joined me for tutorials over the past three years
- Access the latest grant opportunities and information, and my insights for 2024
- Learn about exclusive **OMG October** deals

Vanessa Griffiths

Would you like to attend the 17th Assembly meeting in 2024? Here is your chance

The Uniting Church in Australia is nearing its 47th anniversary, and we contemplate the church's trajectory in the upcoming 50 years as we maintain our role as pilgrim servants of God. The forthcoming 17th Assembly meeting in 2024 will be dedicated to prayerful consideration of these significant inquiries. **Are you interested in participating?**

Nominations for this vital gathering are now open, with the NSW/ACT Synod set to host the event from July 11th to 16th, 2024. Presbyteries have the opportunity to nominate two individuals (one layperson and one ordained), while the Moderator and General Secretary will attend ex officio. Additionally, the Synod has the authority to appoint 12 participants. We strongly encourage individuals under the age of 25 to submit nominations. Should you wish to attend, please take note of the following:

1. You must commit to participating in all Assembly sessions throughout the entire week.
2. It is imperative that you thoroughly review all relevant documents and be well-versed in all the topics slated for discussion during the Assembly.
3. Be prepared for a variety of accommodation arrangements.

Please **fill out this nomination form** and email it to governance@ucaql.com.au by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 6, 2023.

40 Days of Prayer - Week 3

Our 37th Synod Session approaches in under two months, focusing on "Renewal - Faith for a New Season." Join us as we prepare and seek God's renewal for the Uniting Church in Queensland. Pray with us from September 10th to October 20th.

Please visit [this page](#) each week for the latest reflections, videos and prayers.

Enjoy our Spotify playlist - search 'UCAQ 37th Synod - 40 days of Prayer' or [UCAQ 37th Synod - 40 days of Prayer](#)

Join us for our Tuesday Night Prayer meetings – [Every Tuesday online via Zoom](#)

The road ahead on climate change

"It's not just food security in Maluku and Timor-Leste that keeps me up at night. Climate change is no longer an anticipated calamity, it is a lived reality right across the world, from wildfires in Canada to floods in New South Wales.

My team, our board and our church partners see climate change as the biggest challenge in the coming years. On the heels of COVID-19 and an uptick in global conflict and sabre-rattling, the hope of 'life in abundance' for the poor and marginalised feels more threatened than ever."

National Director Dr Sureka Goringe has written a short reflection on how climate change is impacting the work of our partners and how we're responding.

[Read the full reflection](#)



Help us share Everything in Common!

Everything in Common is our ethical gift catalogue, filled with gifts that fight poverty through health, education, leadership and income opportunities. When people give Everything in Common gifts, it directly supports our projects helping people lead lives of dignity and hope.

You can help us make a big difference by becoming an Everything in Common Advocate and hosting a gift stall in your church, school or community group in the lead up to Christmas this year.

We'll send you everything you need to help your community make a big difference.

Can you help? Sign up now! For more information, reach out on 1800 998 122 or email Mardi at mardil@unitingworld.org.au

Join the Conversation: Shaping UnitingCare Queensland's 5th Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Together

It's time to embark on the journey of planning UnitingCare Queensland's 5th Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), and we're eager to hear from you about how we can build upon the commitment and accomplishments we've achieved thus far. We also want to explore ways to strengthen our relationships with First Nations peoples.

We extend a warm invitation to UnitingCare clients, patients, customers, consumers, Uniting Church congregations, and members of local First Nations communities, including Elders and Traditional Owners. We invite you to engage in meaningful conversations to help shape the design and development of UnitingCare's RAP for 2024-2027.

Our dedicated RAP team will embark on a journey across the state to listen to your reflections and ideas as we craft our next plan. Please express your interest in participating in one of the consultation sessions listed below. Join us to ensure your voice is pivotal in advancing our reconciliation journey.

Consultation Session Dates and Locations in our Presbytery are listed below:

- Wed 4 Oct - [Townsville](#), Mount Louisa Community Church
- Thu 12 Oct - [Cairns](#), BlueCare Cairns Community Care



From The Word for Today...

Always be thankful to God

'It is good to give thanks to the Lord.' Psalm 92:1 NKJV

Journalist Fulton Oursler tells the story of an elderly nurse called Anna. She had attended Fulton's birth, plus that of his mother. He honours her for teaching him the best lesson he ever learned about giving thanks and finding contentment: 'I remember her as she sat at the kitchen table in our house; the hard, old, brown hands folded across her starched apron, the glistening eyes, and the husky old whispering voice, saying, "Much obliged, Lord, for my vittles." I asked, "Anna, what's a vittle?" "It's what I've got to eat and drink – that's vittles," the old nurse replied. "But you'd get your vittles whether you thanked the Lord or not," I said. "Sure," said Anna, "*but it makes everything taste better to be thankful!*"'

The excitement that comes from getting something new, or even something you have worked hard for, is often short-lived and quickly replaced by your desire for the next thing. Solomon put it this way: '*The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing*' (Ecclesiastes 1:8 KJV).

So, what's the solution? Having an attitude of gratitude! Stopping regularly to remember the goodness of God that makes it possible for you to enjoy every blessing you have, and remembering to say, 'Thank you, Lord.'

The psalmist had a heart of gratitude. He wrote, '*It is good to give thanks to the LORD, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your loving kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night*' (Psalm 92:1-2 NKJV). So, always be thankful to God.

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 4 October 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass)

