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Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Registration for November Presbytery meeting in Townsville has been extended until **20TH OCT** so please register if you haven't already

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

- ◆ Prayers for the business of the 37th Synod held on 20-24 Oct 2023 at Alexandra Park Conference Centre and for all our reps from Carpentaria Presbytery who will be attending

Date Claimers & Reminders

Calvary Zone Meeting

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

November Presbytery Meeting – Registration STILL OPEN

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

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Carpentaria News...

Discipleship – Join Us Online for a Special Renewal Prayer Gathering at Synod in Session



In a special event, as part of this year's Synod in Session, our regular Renewal Prayer gathering will be a livestream of a Renewal Prayer Gathering that will be taking place at **7pm at Synod in Session on MONDAY, 23 October**.

We'd love you to join us online as those of us attending Synod gather together to pray. **If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact Paul Wetzig at paul.wetzig@ucaqld.com.au.**

- **To join us please use this link**

Update from Carpentaria Presbytery Administrator / Treasurer / Property Officer

➤ **Note for Treasurers**

1. *Annual returns*: All treasurers should have received a letter from the Synod office late last week. This letter provided information about the annual return, changes to audit, congregational bookkeeping and MDF reminders.

A second correspondence should also have been received with a clearer access to the annual return form. If you did not receive this, please let Robyn know. Once completed, please email to both admin@ucacarpentaria.com.au and to pres.accounts@ucacarpentaria.com.au This information is used to comply with ACNC (Australian Charities and not for profits commission)

2. *ANZ fee changes*: Those of you who bank with ANZ will have received a letter from ANZ in recent times. This letter indicates a change to the charging of fees on services (including in branch deposits) from 1st November. We have reached out to the Synod office to find out if this will affect the special arrangements made years ago, when congregations set up their accounts. We will let you know once a response is received.

➤ **Personal Thanks**

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank you all for your prayers of support and your condolences over the past month in relation to the decline of my Mum and her eventual passing. Your prayers upheld me to do what I needed to do. Mum was at peace when she died as she knew God was with her. Knowing she knew where she was going, has helped immensely.

Blessings
Robyn Cooley

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...

40 Days of Prayer - Week 6

Our 37th Synod Session approaches 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](#)

Synod resourcing survey: We need you! - Join us in guiding the church's resource path forward

Join us for a conversation on the financial and staffing challenges in our church sectors. Help shape a resource plan for the Synod that meets our needs. Your insights are vital for our shared journey of resource management and growth. Your feedback will be confidential.

Click here to participate in the survey, which should take no longer than 5 minutes: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TLLYRLB>

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

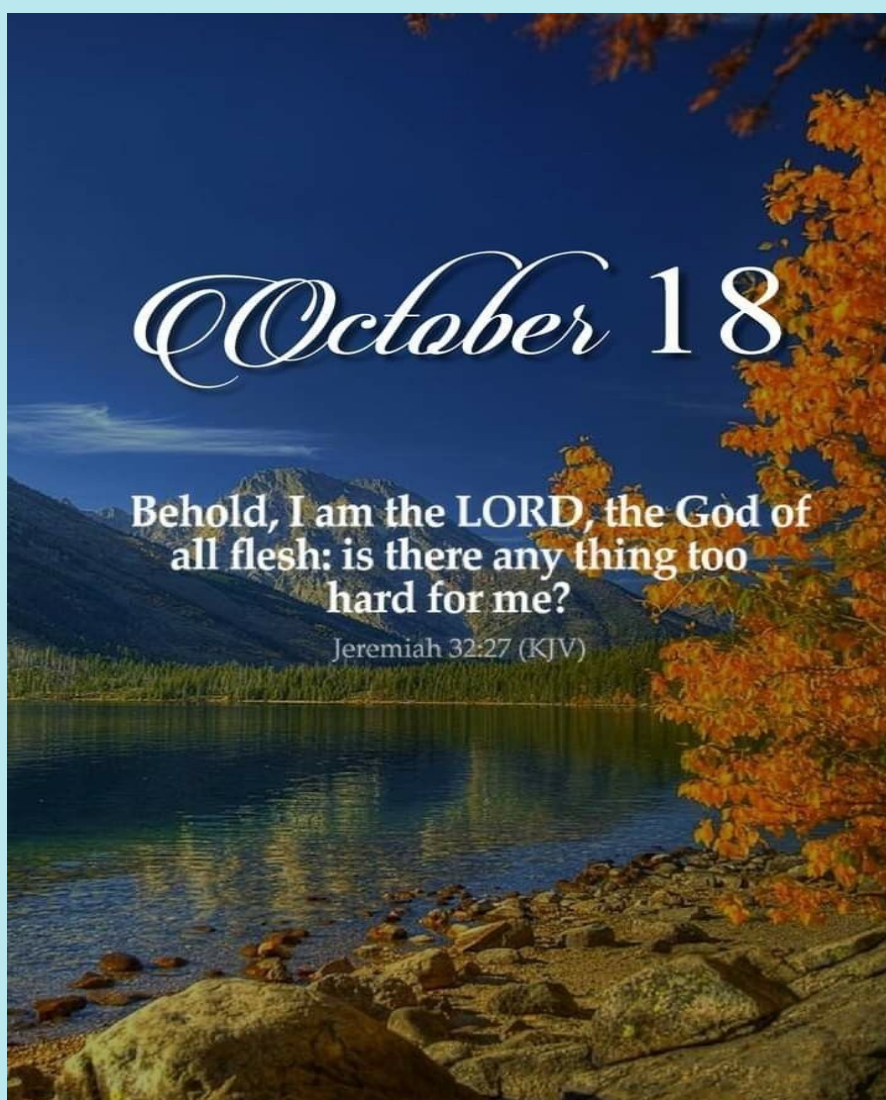
It's time to embark on the journey of planning UnitingCare Queensland's 5th Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), and we're eager to hear from you about how we can build upon the commitment and accomplishments we've achieved thus far. We also want to explore ways to strengthen our relationships with First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

Spirit-filled Living

'Do not be drunk with wine... but be filled with the Spirit.' Ephesians 5:18 NKJV

The Christian life isn't only a changed life but an exchanged life. At the moment of conversion, we give our old life to God and He gives us a new life in its place. But He does more; He comes to live within us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul made the contrast between being drunk with wine and being filled with the Spirit. One causes you to be out of control, while the other enables you to be in control. One is counterproductive, while the other is productive. One makes you powerless, while the other empowers you. One brings you sorrow, while the other brings you joy. This Scripture is not a promise or even an option, it's a command: 'Be filled with the Spirit.' And Paul gives us three pieces of evidence of a Spirit-filled life:

1) *'Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord'* (Ephesians 5:19 NKJV). This song isn't induced by circumstances but despite them. *'But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.'* (Acts 16:25-26 NKJV). Praising God can open doors and break chains.

2) *'Giving thanks always for all things to God ...'* (Ephesians 5:20 NKJV). Spirit-filled people have troubles like everyone else. But they don't focus on their troubles; they count their blessings and stay positive, upbeat, and grateful.

3) *'Submitting to one another in the fear of God'* (Ephesians 5:21 NKJV). Spirit-filled people are 'others focused'. They know that what you make happen for someone else, God will make happen for you (see Ephesians 6:8).

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 11 October 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass)

