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Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Prayers for the business of the Carpentaria Presbytery meeting in Townsville from 3-5 Nov and for safe travels for all reps travelling to the meeting – AGENDA & REPORTS will be sent out to all delegates this week (contact Ana on office@ucacarpentaria.com.au if you have not received anything)
- ◆ Calvary Zone meeting will be held on 2 Nov at Cairns Sheridan
- ◆ PLT Strategic Planning will be held from 6-9 Nov in Townsville after the Presbytery meeting

Date Claimers & Reminders

Calvary Zone Meeting

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

November Presbytery Meeting

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

PLT Strategic Planning

* The PLT Strategic Planning will be held from **6-9 November 2023** in Townsville

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Carpentaria News...

37th Synod Daily Summaries

The 37th Synod gathering of the Uniting Church in Queensland was brimming with profound conversations, thoughtful contemplation, and inspiring tales of emerging signs of growth within the Church.

Read the reflections and view the photo gallery from each day here:

- [37th Synod Daily Summary: Monday, Oct 23](#)
- [37th Synod Daily Summary: Sunday, Oct 22](#)
- [37th Synod Daily Summary: Saturday, Oct 21](#)

Moderator's Induction on Friday, 20 October

Albert St Uniting Church was packed to the rafters to celebrate the commencement of the Synod, with the Induction of Rev Bruce Moore as its new Moderator. Members of the 37th Synod were joined by the wider church community, by special guests, including Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeanette Young, Governor of Queensland, and by the friends and family of Rev Moore. Rev Moore was elected as Moderator during the 36th Synod in May 2022. He has most recently served as Director of Mission for UnitingCare Queensland, building on a wide range of earlier service in youth ministry, congregational contexts, and community service. Rev Moore's initial period as Moderator takes in the next three years.

[Read more and view the photo gallery at Journey Online.](#)

November - Townsville Free training opportunities

There will be some FREE LOCAL Townsville training opportunities coming up, which hopefully are of interest to yourselves, your leadership team and/or any volunteers you work with across congregations and community.

These training sessions are on Tuesday 14th Nov (afternoon) and Wed 15th Nov (morning). Let me know if you would like to attend/or organise a group to attend, as our C100 team would love to support you. If there is enough interest in the training, we could also put on a network dinner Wed 15th Nov or lunch on Thursday 16th Nov as a debrief and opportunity for connection.

FREE Strengthening Connections (PFA) workshop

UnitingCare Community Townsville, Tues 14 Nov 2023, 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Preparing local communities for the emotional and psychological care aspects of community disaster and critical incidents.

Click below to register

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-strengthening-connections-pfa-workshop-townsville-registration-640467454397?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

FREE Bystander Action Training

UnitingCare Community Townsville, Wednesday 15 November 2023, 8.30am - 12:30pm

Bystander Action Training is about building communities that do not allow violence against women to continue. Each of us has a part to play in preventing domestic violence and family violence. The Bystander Approach offers a framework in which everyone has a positive role to play in violence prevention and intervention.

Click below to register

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-bystander-action-training-townsville-tickets-640348639017?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

*Sam McDonell, Connect100+ Program Lead | Community Partnerships State Manager
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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*

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Free legal information webinar Legal Aid Queensland

Join Legal Aid Queensland for a free legal information webinar on Wednesday, November 22, from 11 a.m. to midday to learn how to support people experiencing mental illness and/or intellectual impairment before the Mental Health Court or the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

- [Register here](#)

The webinar will include Auslan and live captions.

From The Word for Today...

You can overcome your fears

'Do not fear, for I am with you; ...' Isaiah 41:10 CSB

The first lady to win a Nobel Prize was French physicist Madame Marie Curie. She said, 'Nothing in life is to be feared, only understood.' So:

- 1) Get the facts about what you fear to take away the mystery and misinformation from it.
- 2) Instead of focusing on your phobia, focus on God's promises: *'Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand'* (Isaiah 41:10 CSB). Note the words 'I will strengthen you'. As your faith in God grows stronger, the threat of your fears will grow weaker.
- 3) Relax. Imagine yourself peaceful and free of the bondage of fear. Envision the positive effect on your life when you are delivered.
- 4) Confront each one of your fear-triggering circumstances with baby steps. Every single hurdle you conquer strengthens you. So, commit yourself to overcoming the fears that have wreaked havoc on your peace of mind. Jesus said, *'My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid'* (John 14:27 NKJV). Note the words 'let not'. Don't let fear rule you! Become proactive and arm yourself with the promises of God. Run towards your fears as David ran towards Goliath, knowing that in the name of the Lord you will win.

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 25 October 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass)

