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Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Prayers for Christy for her knee surgery is on tomorrow. Pray for speedy recovery and for Peter as he cares for her during recovery. Christy will then be on leave until end of January 2024
- ◆ **PRESBYTERY OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE:** Closing on Friday, 15th Dec at 1.30pm and re-opening Monday, 8th January 2024 at 8.30am
- ◆ Robyn will be on leave from 24 November to 10 December
- ◆ Garry will be at Cairns Emmanuel on Sunday

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Carpentaria News...

Joint letter from the General Secretary and Moderator regarding Public Hospital Chaplaincy

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are writing to you today to share our joint commitment to a thorough and transparent process to explore ways to continue a missional presence in public hospital chaplaincy in Queensland. As this process transitions, we would like to offer a summary of the steps taken so far to inform and care for those impacted, and engage with hospital leadership and ecumenical partners to seek solutions, as well as update you on the current situation and what the next steps are likely to be. We ask that you please share this information with members of your Presbytery or Congregation.

In this challenge we seek to join with you all to attend to the sometimes gentle, sometimes loud voice of Christ - awakening, inspiring and addressing us as God's people.

- [Click here to continue reading](#)

Should you have any additional questions, feel free to contact the Rev Dr Adam McIntosh, the General Secretary by email: adam.mcintosh@ucaqld.com.au.

COVID-19 update

Queensland's Chief Health Officer has declared a new COVID-19 wave, with over 200 hospitalisations this month. While the impact of waves is diminishing, those without a 2023 booster, especially the vulnerable, remain at high risk.

Is your space still practising frequent cleaning and offering hand sanitiser to guests? Maintaining these precautions, social distancing, and isolating if sick are all means of protecting your congregation and community.

For more information, visit the [Queensland Government website](#). Questions? Reach out to the Synod COVID-19 team [by email](#).

Update on bank account options for congregations

A summary of transactional account options with ANZ and St George is available for your reference:

- [ANZ](#)
- [St George](#)

Existing ANZ or St George customers can switch to a new account type through a bulk request handled by the Synod office finance team. New customers must undergo a 100-point ID check, with St George providing support through our team.

To switch accounts within ANZ or St George, email your account details and approval documentation to pres.accounts@ucaqld.com.au. New St George customers should send their details and endorsement to the same email for assistance. For new ANZ accounts, please book an appointment via their website and bring the required documents.

For assistance, reach out to pres.accounts@ucaqld.com.au

Easter Madness 2024 - Uprising

If you or your congregation are interested in sponsoring and supporting kids from Carpentaria to attend Easter Madness 2024 can you please call 3366 0236 or Lysani on 0428 607 068. Website is eastermadness.com.au

UnitingCare Prayer Points for November

StandBy Support

- ➔ StandBy support is free, and accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We can:
 - Arrange face-to-face or telephone support.
 - Help you understand and respond to your needs.
 - Provide information and referrals to other local organisations.
 - Run tailored workshops to meet community needs.

- ➔ We support anyone who has been bereaved or impacted by suicide, including:
 - Individuals, families and friends.
 - Witnesses.
 - First responders and service providers.
 - Schools, workplaces and community groups.

[Anyone who has been impacted by suicide can access the service, regardless of when the person died by suicide or whether you knew the person who passed away.]

- ➔ Pray for the staff – wisdom and guidance as they interact with clients to work through the issues raised. For safety for the Cairns staff, as they travel to people and communities in Central and Northern QLD.
- ➔ Pray for Clients – that they may know God's love, comfort and healing as they work through this often confusing time.

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

Mission Australia have several jobs available in the Cairns area

Mission Australia is a not for profit Christian organization that is inspired by Jesus Christ, to meet the human need and to spread the knowledge of the love of God. Please share with your congregation and contacts, this is an awesome opportunity to get Christians into these wonderful positions to support our community.

[Snr Indigenous Mentor / Community Engagement - Cairns Job in Cairns, Cairns & Far North QLD – SEEK](#)

Bring your cultural awareness and community engagement experience to make a difference to our most vulnerable in the Cairns community.

[Indigenous Mentor - Cairns Job in Cairns, Cairns & Far North QLD - SEEK](#)

We currently have full time opportunities available to provide non-clinical, practical psychosocial support to people experiencing crisis.

Synod / Assembly / UnitingCare / UnitingWorld News...

UnitingCare Queensland Christmas Appeal

Rev Linda Hanson shared stories of how families are blessed with our gifts to UnitingCare at our recent Presbytery meeting. These gifts make a big difference in the lives of those that receive them.

If you felt God's spirit move in you to help, here is a link to the UnitingCare Christmas gift website.

<https://www.unitingcareqld.com.au/christmas-gift>

Please champion the UCQ Christmas Appeal campaign with the message *to help children and families in need this Christmas*. The fundraising goal this year is \$100,000.

To view the UCQ appeal landing page you can click here: [Christmas gift | UnitingCare \(unitingcareqld.com.au\)](https://www.unitingcareqld.com.au/christmas-gift)

To view the My Cause donation page and rolling tally you can click here: [Christmas Appeal 2023 \(mycause.com.au\)](https://mycause.com.au)

UnitingWorld: Everything in Common - Gifts that fight poverty and build hope!



We invite you to support UnitingWorld's Everything in Common Campaign by hosting a stall at your church, school, carols night or markets. This is a great way to share the gifts of **hope, joy, peace and love** with our brothers and sisters in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. If you have not already ordered cards for your gift stall please click on the link below to do so.

<https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/everythingincommon-sign-up>

As an agency of the Uniting Church in Australia we are a channel for connecting Australian people to God's work in the wider world.

*Jenny Guyatt, Donor Relations Co-ordinator (QLD based)
UnitingWorld*

Advent resources are now available!

The inaugural instalment of the 2023 Advent Materials, our Worship Resource, has been unveiled. Dive into the inspiring content that awaits you as you prepare for the Advent season.

- [Click here to download!](#)

Don't forget to [bookmark this page!](#) Please add your name to the distribution list by [completing the form](#) or contact Jess Pinkerton at jessica.pinkerton@ucaqld.com.au or Paul Wetzig at paul.wetzig@ucaqld.com.au for your dedicated Advent resource!

Apply for the Alcorn Memorial Trust

Established in 1972, the Alcorn Memorial Trust was created to honour the memory and continue the work of Cyril David and Ivan Wells Alcorn, Methodist Ministers. These brothers were deeply devoted to their faith and played a significant role in educating people to become followers of Christ and preparing them for service in the church.

The Trust has several objectives, including assisting individuals in their journey to become followers of Christ and preparing Christian individuals for service within The Uniting Church in Australia. It also funds fellowships, scholarships, and grants that align with the Trust's mission. Additionally, the Trust collaborates with associations or organisations that share similar goals and contribute to religious or charitable causes.

The Trust places great importance on including lay and ordained members on its Committee, in line with the vision of the Alcorn brothers, who believed in equipping people for ministry and providing ongoing Christian education and training.

- [Access an application form here](#)

The Trust also welcomes donations from former grant recipients and other interested individuals to continue its mission.

For more information, please get in touch with Kathy Brown at Kathy.Brown@ucaqld.com.au.

Regenerational Intergenerational Ministry guide now available

Discover the future of church ministry with "Regenerational," a groundbreaking resource designed to introduce churches to intergenerational ministry through gathered worship.

- [Download your copy for FREE today and embark on a journey towards a more inclusive and dynamic church ministry!](#)

This invaluable resource offers four carefully crafted services that unite people of all ages in worship, fostering a sense of community and inclusivity. The package includes a summarised service order, preparation instructions, adaptable local service options, a review framework, and insights into intergenerational worship planning rationale.

Online Prayer Gathering Invitation

We are excited to announce prayer gatherings will happen EVERY Tuesday! Tonight's prayer session will be guided by Rev Michael Hands from NewLife Church, who will lead the gathering from 7 PM to 8 PM.

- [To join us on Zoom, simply click the link here \(Save the link! It will work for each prayer gathering\)](#)

Next week, we will have the privilege of being led by Pastor Phil Smith of BELLS Community.

Our mission is to embark on a spiritual journey, seeking the rejuvenating embrace of God. This journey is not just for ourselves but also for the wider church community in Queensland and beyond. Your participation will be a valuable contribution to enriching our collective spiritual journey.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact Paul Wetzig at paul.wetzig@ucaqld.com.au.

From The Word for Today...

What makes you glad, sad, or mad?

'To him who is afflicted, kindness should be shown.' Job 6:14 NKJV

A pastor writes: 'What makes you glad or sad or mad? What puts a holy smile on your face? What causes your spirit to sob uncontrollably? What makes you pound your fist on the table out of righteous indignation?'

Somewhere in the mixture of that gladness, sadness, and madness is your God-ordained passion. Or maybe we should say compassion, because you are feeling what God feels. And once you identify it, doing something about it isn't optional. You can't not do something about it.'

In 2006, American entrepreneur, Blake Mycoskie was touring Argentina when he noticed that many of the children didn't have shoes. He could have returned to the United States and gone about his business. Instead, he started TOMS shoes, a business with a mission of putting shoes on the feet of children in developing countries. It works like this: when you buy a pair of TOMS shoes, you're giving a pair of shoes to a barefoot child somewhere. For every pair of shoes purchased, a pair is given away. Their mission is straightforward: one for one.

Blake identified a need. He personalised it. And he decided to do something about it. It didn't start out big, it started out small. Yet that is how primal moments begin. A person decides to do something about something that makes him glad or sad or mad. It was barefoot kids who broke Blake's heart.

When you discover the thing that makes you glad or sad or mad, the only question left is this: what are you going to do about it?

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