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Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ **DATE CLAIMERS** for Carpentaria Presbytery are listed on the next page & on our website
- ◆ **DATE CLAIMER:** Presbytery Meeting will be on 3-5 May 2024 at Mission Beach
- ◆ **DATE CLAIMER:** Presbytery Ministry Agent & Spouse Retreat will be on 5-8 May 2024 at Cardwell
- ◆ **Christy** will be at Aitkenvale on Sunday

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Carpentaria News...

DATE CLAIMERS

- **20th April** – Southern Zone meeting at 9.30am at Mount Louisa Community church (please bring a plate to share for lunch as we join with the Kirwan congregation before Esteban's Induction)
- **20th April** – Esteban Lievano Induction Service at Kirwan UC at 1.30pm
- **27th April** – Northern Zone meeting on 27th April at 10.30am at Cairns Emmanuel, followed by Hungi
- **30th April** – Kemerli Lievano Induction Service at Mount Louisa Blue Care at 9.30am
- **1st May** – Christine Herman Induction Service at Blue Haven Blue Care Ingham at 10.00am
- **2nd May** – Calvary Zone meeting in Cairns
- **3rd - 5th May** – Presbytery Meeting 1 at Mission Beach (long weekend)
- **5th - 8th May** – Presbytery Ministry Agent Retreat 2024 at Cardwell
- **11th - 16th July** – 17th Assembly in Sydney
- **3rd - 5th September** – Presbytery Leadership Team face to face meeting
- **31st October** – Garry Hardingham's final day as Presbytery Minister Rural
- **1st - 3rd November** – Presbytery Meeting 2 in Townsville
- **4th - 7th November** – Presbytery Leadership Team Strategic Meeting in Townsville

Share your photos with us! - Uniting News

Uniting News is gathering images to showcase the vibrant life within the Uniting Church in Queensland. Capture moments from worship, snapshots of community service, highlights from special events, or glimpses into church activities - we welcome your contributions. If you have photos you'd like to share, please send them our way!

Contact Andrew at andrew.mckaysmith@ucaqld.com.au to submit your images and be part of Uniting News

Share Your Journey: We're gathering stories for Uniting News

We're eager to fill Uniting News with diverse and enriching experiences from across the Uniting Church in Queensland! Whether you've been a long-standing member of one of our regional congregations, contributed your time and skills as a volunteer, or provided leadership and insight in a ministerial capacity, we want to hear from you. Your journey and reflections can inspire and connect our community in meaningful ways.

If you're ready to share your story with our congregation, please reach out to Andrew at andrew.mckaysmith@ucaqld.com.au

Synod / Assembly / UnitingCare / Unitingworld News...

Free Webinar: To help us ensure a Safe Church

Strategies for overcoming barriers to reporting inappropriate behaviour

Join a free webinar on April 19, 12-1 p.m., to explore why people hesitate to report inappropriate behaviour and provide strategies for creating an organisational culture where reporting concerns is encouraged. This session covers protecting children and vulnerable adults.

- [Register here](#)

For more details, contact Sarah Lim at sarah.lim@bbsafe.com.au or on [0433 051 282](tel:0433051282)

Invitation: Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry – Leader

The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry - Leader (FTML) training will be conducted online on May 1, 8, and 15.

FTML is a three-day program conducted via Zoom that aims to introduce participants to essential principles and methods of ministry during periods of transition.

This training is particularly relevant for:

- Individuals in Presbytery leadership roles
- Those in the latter stages of the Third Phase of Ministry
- Ministers looking to engage in significant supply work
- Ministers transitioning from chaplaincy/agency roles to congregational ministry
- Ministers in placements undergoing notable transitions, such as exploring new mission directions or contemplating amalgamation/closure.

For more information and registration, [please follow this link](#)



Encouraging Word For Today

Our problems
may seem
overwhelming,
but God's power
is stronger than
any obstacle we
may face.

Have a
Blessed Day

From The Word for Today...

Having job security

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13 NKJV

Losing your job can be devastating. This is when you must keep the right perspective. Having less doesn't make you a lesser person. God still values you, and you must keep valuing yourself. The Christian life is one of trial and triumph. Paul writes: *'I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength'* (Philippians 4:12-13 NLT). What should you do when you're unemployed?

1) Reduce your expenses to the bare minimum. That may mean riding the bus or train, making your own lunch, and using other cost-saving measures.

2) Take the stigma out of being unemployed. Don't presume that people think less of you because you have lost your job. People generally respond to your situation in the same way you do. They will find your enthusiasm about your next move inspiring – even though you may not yet know what it is. *'And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose'* (Romans 8:28 NKJV).

Getting thrown into prison led to Joseph becoming prime minister of Egypt. *'The LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loves you'* (Deuteronomy 23:5 NKJV). God can reveal *talents* within you and *connections* around you and open the *door* to a level of blessing and success you never dreamed possible. So, trust Him and keep believing that your best days are ahead.

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