



Carpentaria Presbytery

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NOTES & UPDATES

- **Safe Church Audits – answer your audit questions as they were due for completion on 31 May**
- **National Church Life Survey 2026 info now available**
- **New PO Box for Carpentaria Presbytery Office from 1 June 2026 is PO Box 7070, Garbutt QLD 4814**

PRAYER POINTS

- **Presbytery Capacity / Resourcing – Synod wide conversations and discernment**
- **PLT meeting on 7 July**
- **Patrol Ministry throughout QLD**
- **Townsville Consultation follow up work**

PRESBYTERY OFFICE



Monday – Friday | 8:30am – 5:00pm



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New PO Box from 1 June 2026

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Connect100+ Newsletter – email connect100@ucareqld.com.au

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CARPENTARIA NEWS

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY – TREASURER

The purpose of the position is to manage the financial records of the UCA – Carpentaria Presbytery according to the Uniting Church in Australia regulations, ensuring that:

- Banking and payment of bills are timely
- Financial operations are systematic, compliant, effective and efficient

to effectively report to both internal and external customers / stakeholders.

Here is the PD [Carpentaria Treasurer PD](#) and start date is 1 July 2026. For all expressions of interest or applications, send to the Presbytery Secretary at secretary@ucacarpentaria.com.au.

For further questions, please contact Robyn Cooley admin@ucacarpentaria.com.au in the first place or the Presbytery Minister presmincoastal@ucacarpentaria.com.au if Robyn is not available.

UCA CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY – ADDRESS AND CONTACT CHANGES

After 2nd July, the "admin@ucacarpentaria.com.au" email address will no longer be used, nor monitored. All accounts and correspondence are to be sent to the office email address

“office@ucacarpentaria.com.au”. We kindly request that you update your contact lists to reflect these changes. We are trying to ensure that the changes are affected before Robyn finishes up on 2 July, so that we know the new system is working.

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY PROPERTY COMMITTEE – SEEKING EOI

Do **YOU** or **SOMEONE YOU KNOW** have a skill in:



Business Operations
(small or large)



Finance



**Building / property
maintenance**



**Architecture /
Engineering**

Please connect with us!

You could be the right person to join our team and give back to the Presbytery as part of the **Presbytery Property Committee**, supporting the mission of the Presbytery through:



Supporting congregations with
property enquiries



Reviewing property-related
applications



Overseeing maintenance
of Presbytery properties

Please contact Rev Christy Allen on presmincoastal@ucacarpentaria.com.au or **0418 184 834** for more details. PD is now available [Presbytery Property Committee PD](#)

MT LOUISA COMMUNITY CHURCH – MARKET DAY ON 27 JULY

Come and check out
Mt Louisa Community Church's



Saturday 25th July from 8am - 12pm
at Mt Louisa Community Church.
485 Bayswater Road, Mt Louisa.



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AND so much more!
We hope to see you there.
Sites \$20 contact 0417707419

DATE CLAIMER: BLUE CARE SUNDAY – 23 AUGUST 2026

You will likely already have this in your calendars, but we wanted to take a moment to remind you about BlueCare Sunday, which will be held on **Sunday 23rd August, 2026**.

BlueCare Sunday provides a valuable opportunity to highlight the important work of our Aged Care Chaplaincy, along with the broader ministry and services of BlueCare across Residential Aged Care, Retirement Living, and In-home & Community Care.

We encourage presbyteries and congregations to consider connecting with your [local BlueCare Chaplain or Connect100+ "Connector"](#) to explore opportunities to share during a service or to support a BlueCare-themed service. Congregations may also wish to consider simple ways of engaging with their local BlueCare team, such as providing a Thank-You Morning Tea for staff at a nearby centre. Where a Connector or Chaplain is unavailable to attend, we invite presbyteries to consider whether a presbytery representative may be able to participate in this way.

In the coming weeks, Connect100+ will share resources to assist you in planning and participating in these services. Please help us by sharing this information through to your congregations & faith communities.

This is a wonderful opportunity to continue strengthening relationships and partnerships within our communities.

NCLS INVITE – CONFIRM YOUR CONGREGATION'S PARTICIPATION

The **National Church Life Survey (NCLS)** is taking place again this year and we would love to hear from every voice within our church community. Your participation is invaluable as we strive to understand and strengthen the life of our church together.

Here's a few reasons why taking part in the NCLS is so important:

- *On a local level*, the survey provides each congregation with valuable insights about their own churchgoers, helping to nurture a healthy and vibrant church life while planning confidently for the future. There's also a fantastic opportunity for churches to learn from one another, and the more information we gather, the greater the benefit for everyone involved.
- *On a national scale*, your input helps create a vital picture of church life across Australia. This not only highlights important trends but also informs the broader community about the role and health of the church nationwide.

Cost involved: congregations pay \$2 per survey (you may choose paper and/or online copies). Invoices will be sent out later in the year after the survey is complete. *(Please note, there is no cost to complete the survey if congregation < 30)*

To Sign-Up:

Please email our regional co-ordinator (Naomi Bell) to confirm your congregation's participation, **by end of June**. Please include the number of surveys required. Naomi.Bell@ucaqld.com.au

For anyone interested in learning more about NCLS, information sessions are available online from 18th June - 3rd July, incl Q&A.

You can register to attend here: [Sign up for local church info sessions](#)

RENEWAL PRAYER PROMO

Letting go of things can be hard, especially when they're things that have been important to us and given us a sense of safety and security in the midst of challenging times in the past. Yet sometimes those things we cling to anchor us to the ground, preventing us from allowing the wind of the Spirit to carry us in the direction God is wanting us to go.

Join us from 7-7:30pm (Qld time) on a Tuesday night, as a small group gathers online to listen to what the Spirit might be saying, and see where God may be leading the Church as we commit to pursuing God's way into the future.

We'd love you to join us. Whether prayer feels natural to you, or you're not quite sure what you're doing, you're welcome. Come as you are.

To join us simply use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81994146488?pwd=VDcxd1dCbjluaHZQR3JsM0wySGdWUT09>

If you are unable to join us tonight, you might like to join us in this prayer during the week

*God, we bring you our hearts today,
honest about what we see and feel.
The church needs you.
We've lost our way in some things.
We feel tired, divided, and unsure sometimes.
How long will it take for us to find our way back to you?
Don't let us be forgotten.
Remind us why we're here.
Wake up our faith.
Give us courage to let go of what doesn't matter
and hold tight to what does -
loving you and loving each other like Jesus showed us.
We trust that you haven't abandoned us.
You see us.
You hear us.
Help us turn back to you
and to what makes us real followers of Jesus.
Renew our hearts, our churches, and our neighborhoods.
Give us joy in serving you again.
Help us to genuinely love the people around us
and to actually live out what we say we believe.
Thank you for never giving up on us.
We put our hope in you.
Amen.*

Paul Wetzig
Mission Development Partner

GRANT TIPS

Tip 1: "Know what sits behind the grant program. Most grants are linked to a policy goal, funding priority, or problem the funder wants solved. Ask yourself:

- -Does your project clearly connect to that goal?
- -Is that connection easy to see in your application?
- -Would the funder be proud to announce your project publicly?
- That last question is useful. If your project would make a strong announcement for a Minister, Mayor, Board Chair or CEO, you are on the right track."

Tip 2: "Clearly state what your project will achieve. Funders need to see how your outcomes connect to the purpose of the grant. Clear outcomes also give you something to measure during the project, so you can track progress and make changes when needed."

Tip 3: "Look at who just got funded. Most funders publish recipient lists, and they are one of the best clues you can use. Compare this year's funded projects with the projects funded two or three years ago. What has changed? Look at the project types, the language used, the target groups, the locations, and the outcomes funders are backing now."

COMMUNITY WELLBEING GRANT

Purpose

The Community Wellbeing Grant is our annual application-based grant program that funds community-led charitable organisations around the globe advancing wellbeing through movement.

Overview

The funder prioritises locally led solutions that use movement to address wellbeing challenges, including physical inactivity, loneliness, and the mental health crisis.

Organisations interested in applying must first complete a [registration form](#) by July 24 at 5:00pm Pacific Time (PT). Please note that organisations that register after this date will not be eligible to apply for the 2027 grant. Applications for the 2027 grant are open from July 6 to July 31, 2026.

Organisations can apply for up to \$50,000 USD, which should not exceed 40% of their most recently completed fiscal year's operating budget. If selected, the grant will be disbursed through and administered by our Donor-Advised Fund at [Charities Aid Foundation America \(CAFA\)](#).

Defining Wellbeing

At lululemon, our purpose is to elevate human potential by helping people feel their best. We recognize that everyone has their own unique definition of wellbeing. For some, it includes a holistic view of mind, body, and soul, while for others, it focuses on specific aspects such as having a sense of community or living in an inviting physical environment. We define wellbeing as a lifetime practice of three interconnected elements. Balancing these elements supports us in feeling our best.

- **Physical Wellbeing:** Feeling empowered and able to give one's body what it needs for health and quality of life.
- **Mental Wellbeing:** Feeling emotionally prepared and able to handle what the future holds.
- **Social Wellbeing:** Feeling connected to others, being part of something larger than oneself, and contributing to a supportive community.

Eligibility

Lululemon welcome applications from organisations that meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Must be a registered non-profit or charity, or fiscally sponsored by one
- Must be working to advance wellbeing outcomes through physical, mental, and/or social wellbeing programming
- Must be community-led, have diverse and representative leadership, and serve populations most impacted by systemic inequity
- Must be operating in Australia, Canada, China Mainland, France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, India, Ireland, Japan, Macau SAR, Malaysia, Korea, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, UK, USA, and/or Vietnam
- Annual budget of less than \$2 million USD preferred



DATE CLAIMERS

2026

26 May to 5 July – Craig Mischewski on Leave
23-26 October – 39th Synod at Alex Park
19 November – Muth Arrak Zone Meeting in Cairns
20-22 November – #2 Presbytery Meeting in Townsville at Mount Louisa Community Church
23-25 November – PLT F2F Strategic Meeting

Synod Selection Panel (SSP) Key Dates 2026
Panel Training Day – 18th April

Selection Day 2
Applications Close – 31st July
Psychological Testing – 8th August
Synod Selection Day 2 – 7th November

ZONE MEETINGS

Muth Arrak	Northern	Southern	Gulf
19 November - Cairns	18 July 12 September	13 June 1 August	(Zoom meetings at 5.30pm) 18 June 20 August 17-19 November - Retreat to be confirmed



THE WORD FOR TODAY

RESURRECT YOUR DREAM

“For God does speak... in a dream.” Job 33:14-15 NIV

God is the giver of dreams. God may use dreams as He chooses. But scripture remains the sure foundation for hearing His voice. “For God does speak...in a dream, in a vision...when deep sleep falls on people” (vv. 14-15 NIV). Unless you want to spend the rest of your life being unfulfilled and uninspired, take your dream out of the closet and blow the dust off. It’s easy to get caught up in the “*have tos*” of life—working; caring for children, spouses, and aging parents; taking care of homes, etc.

But you must believe that you can resurrect your life and your dreams and believe you have the ability to tap into the enthusiasm you once felt for life. You must have the courage to face the disappointments of the past, take a good look at how you got off the path, and see where you are headed. Then you have to silence the voice in your head that says: “This is all there is. Who are you to want more from life? You can’t do it; it’s too late for you.” We give up on our dreams because we think that’s what grownups are supposed to do. But as we mature, we realise that reaching for our dreams is what makes us feel alive. The truth is that with love, prayer, and great attention, your dream, like Lazarus, can be resurrected (see John 11:43). The secret of recapturing dreams is to enjoy the pursuit of the dream rather than focus on the outcome. Achievement in this case is not about position, fame, or financial compensation, but about doing what you love. That’s what Jesus promised: “I am come that they might have life, and...have it more abundantly” (John 10:10 KJV).

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*“God comes to me
with a word of
hope in the night.”*

Bible: Job 33:14-18

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