



NOTES & UPDATES

- **REMINDER for Reps on Carpentaria Presbytery Roll to 39th Synod – you must register using the link sent to you by Synod otherwise you are not registered**
- **Congregational Insurance Questionnaire is due on 31 July**
- **New PO Box for Carpentaria Presbytery Office from 1 June 2026 is PO Box 7070, Garbutt QLD 4814**

PRAYER POINTS

- **Carpentaria Presbytery Minister, Congregations, Faith Communities, Ministry Agents and Councils as they serve and live out their church mission within the community**
- **Presbytery Capacity / Resourcing – Synod wide conversations and discernment**
- **Craig and Jude Mischewski**
- **Patrol Ministry throughout QLD**

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New PO Box from 1 June 2026

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CARPENTARIA NEWS

DATE CLAIMER – CROSS CULTURAL MISSION WEEKEND AT AITKENVALE UC – 19-20 SEPTEMBER 2026

A Cross-Cultural Mission weekend will be held on 19-20th of September 2026 at Aitkenvale Uniting Church. Leader will be Rev Dr Jason Kioa and details to follow. Enquiries can be made to Rev Brendon Lukin on mob 0408 212 210.

DATE CLAIMER – QUEENSLAND CHURCHES TOGETHER ASSEMBLY IN CAIRNS

QCT's Assembly is coming to Cairns on Saturday 12 September!

We're delighted to announce that QCT is bringing our second 2026 Assembly to Cairns, hosted by the Greek Orthodox Church and co-designed with the Cairns Christian Leaders Network.

Stay tuned for more information via the [QCT Facebook Page](#).

AITKENVALE UC GARAGE SALE – DONATIONS WELCOMED

THE GARAGE SALE is on again – **Sept 4 (5-9) and Sept 5 (8-12) at Aitkenvale Uniting Church**. Invite your Church people to spring clean and we will happily take your **quality unwanted items**. Your trash becomes someone else's treasure. We are also hoping to have a bake stall if that is more the contribution your Church would like to make. For information about donations and pickups contact 0413527651.

PRESBYTERY SUPPORT UNIT – EXTENDED HOURS

The PSU is here to assist!

Many of our volunteers conduct or complete church work in the evenings or over the weekend. To provide support in the evening, the Presbytery Support Unit will be open until 8pm on Wednesdays. **A trial will operate from Wednesday 8 July to Wednesday 23 September.** One of our Presbytery Support Officers will be available to answer the [1300 390 700](tel:1300390700) number and any emails that come into psu@ucagld.com.au.

ECUMENICAL – PREPARING FOR SEASON OF CREATION

Each year from 1 September to 4 October, Christians around the world joins in the Season of Creation – a time of prayer, worship and action celebrating God as Creator and caring for our common home.

The Assembly's 2026 Season of Creation celebration guide will be released soon. [Register today](#) to receive your copy directly in your inbox and prepare your community for this special season.

CML COURSE – LEADING CHANGE IN MINISTRY (LIVESTREAMED)

Leading Change in Ministry Seminar – 27th August - 9am to 3pm

Ministry has always involved change. Whether we're responding to new opportunities, navigating uncertainty, or discerning how God is calling us to serve in a changing world, effective leadership is essential. Our upcoming **Leading Change in Ministry** course has been designed to equip leaders with practical tools, theological insight and the confidence to lead change faithfully and well. Whether you're a ministry agent, lay leader, church council member, or anyone involved in leading ministry, this course offers practical skills and encouragement for the journey ahead.

We're delighted to have Rev Dr Julian Hamilton leading this course. Julian is a minister, writer, and retreat leader whose work creates thoughtful, grounded spaces for leaders and communities navigating change, pressure, and complexity. Based in Northern Ireland, Julian works internationally across faith, education, and community settings, offering reflective leadership formation shaped by deep listening, honesty, and imagination.

This course is presented both in person at the Moreton Rivers Presbytery office, Clayfield and livestreamed. Lunch is provided.

 You can find course details and register here: [Register for Leading Change in Ministry](#)

We'd love you to join us as we explore how faithful leadership can help our churches and ministries navigate change with hope, courage and confidence.

If you know someone else who would benefit from this course, please feel free to forward this email and if you need any further information, please let me know.

MULTICULTURAL CHURCH – KOREAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Korean National Conference inspires a collective story

The Korean National Conference recently gathered for a time of worship, fellowship and discernment, highlighting the vibrant contribution of our Korean members.

The conference's theme, "This is my story, this is my song", invited delegates to reflect on the journeys that have shaped their identity as migrants, pastors and members of the wider Uniting Church. [Read and watch](#) conference reflections here.

RENEWAL PRAYER – ONLINE ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7.00PM OR 1ST WED MORNING / MTH AT 6.00AM

Sometimes to get to where you need to go, you need to go back to where you started. You need to reset to be able to find the right way forward. You might need a minute to remember where you want to get to, and chat with your travelling companions, to allow them to remind you - you're not alone on the journey.

Join us each week, 7-7:30pm (Qld time) on a Tuesday night, and on the first Wednesday morning each month from 6-6:30am (Qld time), as a small group gathers online to turn our hearts and minds back to God to guide us on the journey; remembering the goodness, hope and love we have discovered, and renewing our commitment to embodying those same gifts from God to the world.

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 on Tuesday at 7pm use this link

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

To join on Wednesday at 6am use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81502499450?pwd=4S2L4gafUXX76SIUNHCGQxurYxrJMp.1>

If you are unable to join us tonight, you might like to pause and take a moment to join us in this prayer God, we thank you for all the amazing things you've done.

*Help us remember your works
and turn our hearts toward you again.
Bring us back to the joy and gladness of knowing you.
Help us see the wonderful things you've done for us,
and fill us with gratitude that overflows into everything we do.
We come seeking your face and calling on your name;
asking you to renew your church.
Strengthen our faith,
restore our unity,
and help us live out the purpose you've given us -
to be your embodied love in the world.
Let your faithfulness and goodness guide us,
just as you've guided your people throughout history.
We need your renewal, Lord.
Transform our hearts and our churches
so we become more like you
and more faithful in following you.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.*

DATE CLAIMER: RICH CASSADY AND TIM GRIGGS INDUCTION CELEBRATION ON 1 SEPT 2026 (ONLINE LINK AVBLE)

Our Mission Team within UnitingCare fulfil its purpose in supporting *life in all its fullness* by integrating mission into culture, leadership, & services. This ensures mission remains a key differentiator for UnitingCare, & that we continue to live out our purpose as an expression of the mission of the Uniting Church in Queensland.

As part of this shared purpose, we warmly invite you to join us as we hold space for the (new and) upcoming Induction Service for **Rev Richard Cassady & Rev Tim Griggs** into our Mission Group at our Corporate Services office.

When: Tue 1 Sep 2026, serving refreshments at 3pm, for a celebration service at 3:30-4:30pm

Where: UnitingCare Corporate Office, Level 5, 192 Ann Street, Brisbane

Recognitions within UCQ

- **Rev Richard Cassady** – Manager, Church & Community Partnerships (First Peoples)
- **Rev Tim Griggs** – Connect100+ Queensland Ministry Lead, Mission & Community Partnerships

RSVP either In-Person or access to an Online Link, by Mon 24 Aug to mission@ucareqld.com.au

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Mission Team at mission@ucareqld.com.au



DATE CLAIMERS

2026

19-20 September – Cross Cultural Mission Weekend at Aitkenvale

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 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	12 September	1 August	(Zoom meetings at 5.30pm) 20 August 17-19 November - Retreat to be confirmed



THE WORD FOR TODAY

YOU ARE NOT ALONE; GOD IS WITH YOU!

“As commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” Joshua 5:14 NIV

The Bible says: *“When Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, ‘Are you for us or for our enemies?’ ‘Neither,’ he replied, ‘but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.’ Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, ‘What message does my Lord have for his servant?’ The commander of the Lord’s army replied, ‘Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.’ And Joshua did so” (vv. 13-15 NIV).*

The message here is unmistakeable: Jericho may have its walls, but, Joshua, you have more. You have God. He is with you. Isn’t that the word Joshua needed—a reminder of God’s almighty presence? Isn’t that what you need—to know that God is near, that you are never alone, and that in your darkest hour, in your deepest questions, the Lord will never leave you. David said: *“Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine...I will bless the Lord who guides me...I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice” (Psalm 16:5-9 NLT).*

Are you facing a Jericho-level challenge? Do what Joshua did: *“He lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him” (Joshua 5:13 NKJV).* You’ve looked at the problem long enough. Lift your eyes to the problem solver—Jesus!

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