



Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -



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#19 | 2026

NOTES & UPDATES

- **Interim Presbytery Minister for Carpentaria is Rev Doug Foster – his mobile is 0412 583 536**

PRAYER POINTS

- **39th Synod in Session where decisions will be made about our Presbyteries**
- **Christy Allen and family**
- **Craig, Jude Mischewski and family**

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Prayer For October

Heavenly Father, as October unfolds with its vibrant colors and crisp air, we're reminded of Your ever-changing yet constant hand in creation. As the trees release their leaves, help us let go of burdens and trust in Your perfect timing. Protect and guide our loved ones this month. In every challenge, draw us closer to You, strengthening our faith. As we celebrate the season of harvest, inspire in us a spirit of generosity and gratitude. Lord, in the quiet of this month, speak to our hearts and remind us of Your unwavering love. With gratitude for Your many blessings, we trust in Your plans and promises for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



CARPENTARIA NEWS

PICS AND UPDATE FROM PRESBYTERY INTERCULTURAL MISSION WEEKEND AT AITKENVALE UC – 19-20 SEPTEMBER 2026

On the weekend of 19-20 September, Aitkenvale Uniting Church and Kirwan Uniting Church co-hosted the Carpentaria Intercultural Mission Weekend. Theme was "Building the Village - Intercultural Mission in the North".

Respected Inter-Cultural Missiologist, Rev Dr Jason Kioa travelled from Sydney with his wife, Mrs Fotolina Kioa to lead a rich weekend of Intercultural engagement with participants from all over.

1. DISCUSSION, Aitkenvale Uniting Church

"THE VILLAGE" Judy Geary opened the "Yarning Circle/Talanoa" – sharing stories around the campfire.

Police chaplain Glen Louttit introduced Townsville Police District Inspector Paul James. CHAP Aaron Mealing (Townsville Cowboys), Pearl Wymarra (Thursday Island), Very Rev Jeffrey Akoai (St James' Cathedral/ Solomon Islands), Pastor John (PALM Mission) shared.



2. PRESBYTERY WORSHIP – Intercultural Mission in practice, Kirwan Uniting Church.

Aitkenvale's own Carmel Store (Organ) & Julie Adamson (Ukulele) led the singing in three languages!

The Tongan and Cook Islander Uniting Churches joined together with Rev Dr Jason Kioa as guest preacher. Rev Dr Mario Weyers was commissioned as the Minister at Kirwan UC.



3. SUNDAY WORSHIP – Intercultural Mission in practice, Aitkenvale Uniting Church. Rev Dr Jason



4. AGAPE COMMUNITY LUNCH – provided by the Tongan Community.



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Learning to listen with empathy and compassion

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is an experiential learning program for people who support others through change, uncertainty, grief, illness and significant life experiences. It brings together practical caring encounters, personal reflection, individual supervision and small-group learning.

Welcoming trainees of all faiths, spiritual traditions, worldviews and no religious affiliation.

CPE may be for you if you:

- provide pastoral, spiritual, emotional or community care
- work or volunteer alongside people experiencing vulnerability
- want to develop greater self-awareness and relational confidence
- value learning through experience, reflection and conversation

Through CPE you will:

 Learn from experience Reflect on real caring encounters.	 Develop self-awareness Explore how you bring yourself to caring relationships.	 Strengthen your practice Grow in confidence, compassion and attentiveness.	 Learn with others Receive supervision and participate in a small peer group.
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 Location Townsville	 Duration 28 weeks	 Applications close 15 December 2026	 Find out more Cathy Brown (details on reverse)	
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18TH ASSEMBLY – NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT AND 18TH ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES OPEN

Ahead of the 18th Assembly, the Uniting Church in Australia has begun an important process of discernment to identify the next President-elect of the Assembly.

A [Nomination Form](#) and [Profile Form](#) are available along with [the supporting issues paper](#). The Profile Form is completed by the nominee and may be submitted with the nomination before the closing date. Synods and Presbyteries are also reminded nominations for representatives for the 18th Assembly are due by 30 November.

Completed forms should be sent to gensec@nat.uca.org.au.

UPDATE FROM ACT2 WORK

Rev David Fotheringham has shared the latest update from the Act 2 Commission for Governance, Resourcing and Administration. Informed by six years of listening, prayer and consultation across the Church, the Commission is preparing proposals for the Uniting Church's 2027 Assembly.

Aimed to relieve governance burdens so leaders and volunteers can devote more energy to discipleship, ministry and mission, reforms include reinforcing the four council structure, with an optional three council model where it suits a Synod, and more equitable distribution of resources.

The Commission invites the Church to continue praying for this work and for communities of faith to flourish in the years ahead. Watch [his full video update](#).

ONLINE RENEWAL PRAYER AND PRAYING FOR SYNOD IN SESSION

Prayer for 39th Synod in Session

Will your community join others across the Synod in upholding the Synod in Session (SiS) through prayer?

Already, one church has committed to 24 hours of continuous prayer for SiS, and others are joining in smaller chunks of time. Could your congregation, faith community, or small group take on a block of time?

We're still looking for people to pray from **12pm (Noon) Saturday 24 October through 12pm (Noon) Monday 26 October**. Choose your time slot, gather your people, and join us in praying that God would guide and direct the Uniting Church in Queensland as we consider some important decisions for our future. You can pray in person, online, or individually from home - however you choose to participate, your prayers will be vital in helping our leaders hear and embrace the path being set before us.

Can't gather a group? Please join us anyway. Pick a time across the two days and pray on your own. We'd love you to join the Online Prayer Room we'll be hosting throughout the event, where you can pray alongside others from across the state.

What we'll provide:

- Guidance for praying through agenda items scheduled during your time slot
- Prayer requests from delegates and others involved in the work

This isn't about filling a roster. It's about communities across Queensland standing together, so that Synod is upheld - from start to finish - by the prayers of the people it serves.

Will you take up the challenge?

To register your interest simply use the QR code or email prayer@ucaqlld.com.au

Online Renewal Prayer

Joining with others to make a difference in the world brings light and joy to life. When we join with others, and with God, to seek the renewal of the Church, we become part of something transformative, often in ways we cannot yet imagine.

Join us each week on Tuesday evening, from 7–7:30pm (Qld time), and on the first Wednesday of each month, from 6–6:30am (Qld time). As a small group, we gather to pray for God's light to break through the darkness around us, to stir fresh hope for the future, and to light the way ahead.

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=VDcnd1dCbjluaHZQR3JsM0wySGdWUT09>

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

*Gracious God, you are good,
and your love never gives up on us.
We confess that we forget you.
We turn away from your ways
and trust ourselves instead of you.
We fail to love as Jesus calls us to love.
Forgive us when we put other things before you.
Forgive us when we lose courage,
when we become comfortable,
and when we fail to see what you are doing among us.
Forgive your church when we forget
that we belong to you
and that our lives are meant to show your love.
Lord, remember us in your mercy.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Give us new faith, new courage and new hope.
Renew us,
so we may follow Jesus,
love our neighbours,
and join you in the restoration of the world.
Amen.*

NATIONAL HISTORY CONFERENCE BOOK NOW PUBLISHED

This is the book of papers from the Canberra Conference of our Uniting Church National History Society held on 3-5 October 2025.

The book has 14 chapters each being a talk presented at the conference. The chapters show the diversity of topics where our church has been a voice and is committed to being a voice in the nation. It is hoped the book will gain wide interest.

Orders for copies of the book can be made using the Order Form and by email

to: ucnhs2025conference@gmail.com

The cost is \$20 plus \$10.20 postage



DATE CLAIMERS

2026

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
Synod Selection Day 2 – 28th November

ZONE MEETINGS

Muth Arrak	Northern	Southern	Cape Gulf
19 November - Cairns	No more meetings	No more meetings	(Zoom meetings at 5.30pm) 17-19 November - Retreat to be confirmed



THE WORD FOR TODAY

THE REWARDS OF VISION AND HARD WORK

“Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.” Proverbs 13:4 NLT

In the autumn of 1894, Guglielmo retreated to his room on the third floor. All summer while on holiday, he read books and filled notebooks with squiggly diagrams. Now the time had come for him to *work*. Every day, he rose early. He worked all day and long into the night, to the point that his mother became alarmed. He had never been a robust person, but now he had become noticeably thin. His face was drawn, and his eyes were often glazed over with fatigue.

Finally, the day came when he announced that his instruments were ready. He invited the family to his room and, pushing a button, he succeeded in ringing a bell on the first floor! While his mother was amazed, his father was not. He saw no use in being able to send a signal so short a distance. So, Guglielmo laboured on. Little by little, he made changes in his sending circuits so he could send a signal from one hill to the next and then beyond the hill. Eventually his invention was perfected—partly due to vision and inspiration, but mostly due to perseverance. Guglielmo Marconi was eventually hailed as the inventor of wireless telegraphy, radio’s forerunner. He not only received a Nobel Prize in physics but also acquired a seat in the Italian senate. If you want what successful people have, you must be willing to do what successful people do. And much of their success is due to vision and hard work. *“Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.”*

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