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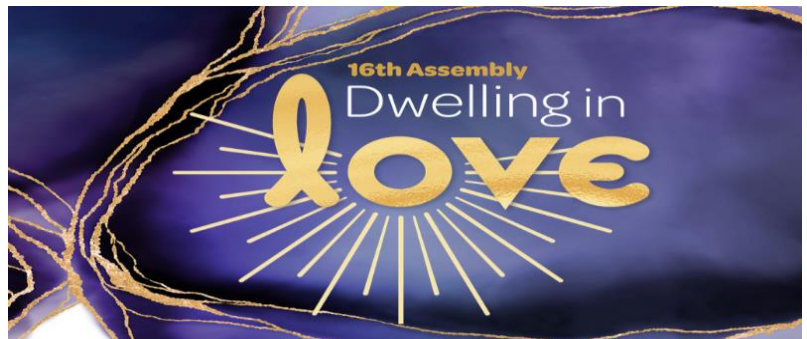


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Two important meetings

The first half of May sees two important UCA meetings taking place at the Sunshine Coast: the reconvened 16th The National Assembly, and the 36th Qld Synod meeting.

Details about each of these are provided here, for your information and also for your prayers. Please take a few minutes to click through to the Assembly and Synod pages to be aware of what's coming up and how you can stay connected.



The 16th Assembly will reconvene at Alexandra Park Conference Centre on the Sunshine Coast from Friday-Monday, 6-9 May 2022. The first part of this Assembly meeting was held online in July 2021.

All reports to the 16th Assembly were received at the online session last July. Those documents are [available here](#).

The documents and proposals for this reconvened gathering are [available here](#).

Further updates will be published on the [16th Assembly web site](#) and the [UCA Assembly Facebook page](#).

We are calling for Nominations for our Property Committee, if you are interested please contact Susan on admin@downspresbytery.org.au for more information.



The 36th Qld Synod will meet in session at Alexandra Park Conference Centre from Friday-Tuesday, 13-17 May 2022.

Event restrictions due to Covid means that there will be no Synod visitors program, and only members and authorised guests or staff will be able to be on site.

Information about the Synod in session, including reports and proposals, is being published [on the Synod web site here](#) as it's available. All live streaming will also available at that site.

Also check the [Synod's Facebook page](#) for updates.

The Synod will open with worship at 7:00pm on Friday, May 13, and this will be live-streamed.

The Celebration of Ministries session (including ministry agents who have been ordained, retired or have died since the 35th Synod) is being pre-recorded and will be broadcast on Sunday, May 15, at 7:00 pm.

All general business sessions and the daily worship and Bible studies will be live streamed.

COMING EVENTS

Please be alert for possible changes due to Covid contingencies

HEALTHY MINISTRY LUNCH

(for ministry agents):

- Let's catch up for lunch at Synod Monday 16th May – get your lunch and meet in Dining Room 3

NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING

Friday 29th July, Saturday 30th July, and Sunday Worship 31st July at Wilsonton Uniting Church.

MEETING DATES

Standing Committee: Wednesday, 13 July 2022, 7:00 pm, Lifeworks Uniting Church

Pastoral Relations Committee: Wednesday, 11 May 2022, 10:00 am, Presbytery Offices

Date Claimers!

Wednesday 18th May – Abrahamic Faiths Gathering

For further information please contact,
Eric Donges – Phone: 4637 2009 email: opaeric@gmail.com
or John Agnew – Phone: 4666 3225 email: agnewji@yahoo.com.au

National Peace Conference 2022 - Ethics of Compassion on Saturday 28th May from 9am - 4pm.

This is a free event and lunch is included. Registration at Eventbrite

bit.ly/nationalpeaceconverence2022 and for more information contact events.mfmcc@gmail.com

This is jointly arranged by Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group and Pure Land Learning Centre.

All welcome, invite a friend registration is required - great place to meet people, have good conversation and hear interesting speakers.

IMPORTANT FOR MINISTRY AGENTS

Code of Ethics and Safe Ministry with Children Training

Friday, July 29
Wilsonton Uniting Church

Code of Ethics - Presenter Sue Crittall: 9:00am-12:00noon
Safe Ministry with Children – Presenter Jenny Noble: 1:00pm-3:30pm

This is the required annual training for Ministry Agents.

Morning tea and Lunch will be provided.



Warwick Uniting Church will be having a Breakfast to celebrate Jumpers & Jazz in July!
23rd July
All welcome.
Please contact secretary@wkuc.org.au for more information.



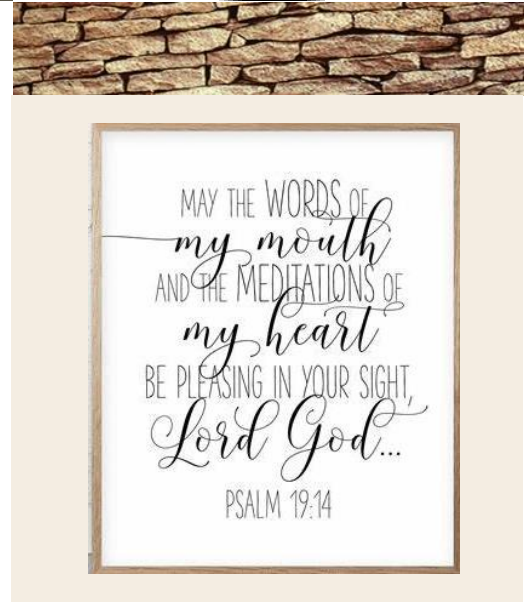
Some Photos from our Rescheduled Presbytery Meeting.

Thank you for all that attended and helped out on the night.



final thoughts...

May you be well.
May you be cleansed and purified
Of all that isn't health.
May every cell in your body
Wake up and fight.
May the powerful light of healing
Move into every part of you.
May you return to being purely you.
May you be well.



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Venue Pittsworth Uniting Church
15 Briggs Street
Pittsworth

Date 4/06/22 & 18/06/22

Time 9am - 5pm.

Contact Barbara Betts
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