



Bright Spots

JUNE 2023

GOVERNANCE REVIEW

- The Review invites discussion on accountability & governing activities in the Queensland Synod
- Feedback your thoughts by 14 July 2023. generalsecretary@ucaqld.com.au
- Feedback will guide the paper to the Synod in October 2023.
- If you haven't accessed the Review - see Weekly Wrap, Uniting News

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**GOVERNANCE RESEARCH
BRIEF REPORT**
Project Plenty: Fit-for-
Purpose Governance



DISCIPLESHIP BOOK CLUBS

Join us online!

4th July - 21st Century Christian: Following Jesus where Life Happens, by Michael Moynagh and Michael Adam Beck

1 Aug – It takes a Church to Raise a Parent, by Rachel Turner

5 Sept – A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society, by Eugene Peterson

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CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES

- FYI - Intergenerate Conference
 - Tuesday August 15
 - 9am – 4pm
 - The Gap Uniting Church
- David Csinos will lead us through his book – A Gospel for all Ages
- Local UCA facilitators Phil Smith and Rod Fischer will bring dynamic and practical workshops

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- As part of the Flourishing Creation Action and Advocacy Plan, we have joined the Queensland Conservation Council's Cost of Living x Climate Coalition
- We're endorsing their "Power Together" campaign,
 - It advocates for increased investment in renewable energy to ease the cost of living for vulnerable communities
 - We will be reaching out for congregations and Presbytery members to be involved

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UNITING FOR THE VOICE

- Our work continues - aligning with Assembly and the UAICC and collaborating with First Nations leaders in the Queensland Synod.
- Thomas Mayo, one of the co-authors of the Statement from the Heart spoke at Synod offices in May – his speech is available online
- Assembly has resources to enable presbyteries and congregations to have “kitchen table conversations” - see Uniting News or Assembly Website

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CONSIDERING HOUSING OPTIONS

- There are many people across Synod wanting to look at social/affordable housing
- The Business Development Unit (BDU) is leading a collaborative work on housing. They aim to:
 - determine what is needed to run a housing program
 - look at the different models including Social, Affordable and Private housing
- Working towards creating a decision-making and strategic framework (Due in August 2023)

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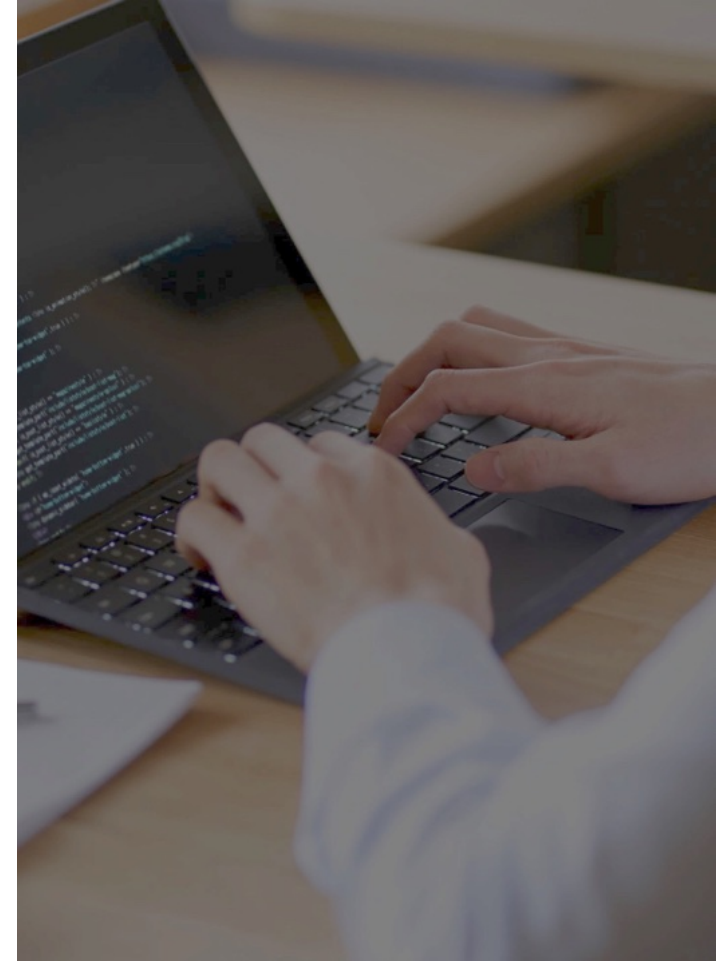




WEBSITE REBUILD

- The project to build a website that is fit for purpose is moving forward.
- This will be divided into a public website and a HUB
- The HUB aims to be a one-stop shop for sharing accurate up to date policies, procedures, guidance, and forms

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MINISTRY MATTERS UNIT

- Focusing on filling the gaps in information and processes that affect Ministry Agents
- Work includes – Placements Process Review (develop Ministerial Placements Manual); Supervision Review
- Collaborating to make sure the website fits the needs of congregations and ministry agents – source of all relevant information

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FUNDRAISING CHAMPIONS

- There are 14 fundraising champions across Queensland, and we are looking for more!
- The only skills required are passion for mission and enthusiasm
- Gathers every couple of months and share ideas and resources

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TRINITY COLLEGE QLD

Graduate Certificate of Christian Leadership

- Developed to train dynamic leaders in their respective fields with a solid understanding of what it means to lead from a Christian worldview
- Units will be offered in July (2023 and 2024) and February (2024 and 2025) as a 5-day intensive
- Taught by Craig Bailey, Coach/Consultant for Partners in Ministry and Jameson Ross, Lecturer in New Testament & Early Church History

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TRINITY COLLEGE QLD

- Activate Program will recommence in 2024
- A life-changing experience for young adults (18 – 25)
- Combines biblical and theological study, primarily through podcasts and group discussion, with a prayerful and supportive community environment
- Offers an 'Academic Studies in Theology Certificate' worth 8 credit points towards a Diploma.

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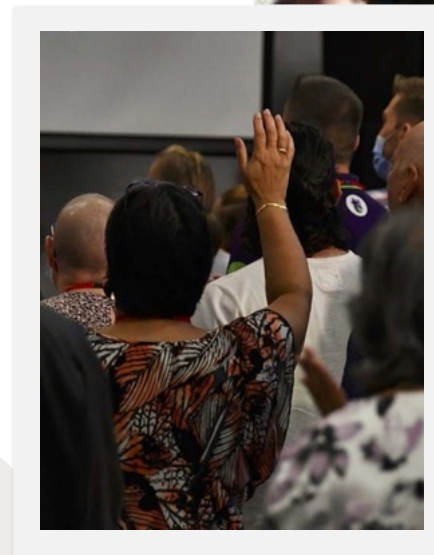


ACT2

- Consultation across the life of the church with two visits to QLD to host in person sessions.
- Initial feedback is available <https://uniting.church/act2-reflecting-back/>
- The work of the project through until the 17th Assembly will be in 3 phases.
 - Exploration (Nov 2022 - May 2023)
 - Collective Discernment (Jun - Nov 2023)
 - Recommendations for Action (November 2023 - July 2024)
- Get involved - www.act2uca.com



Peace be
with you





SPARE SLIDES