



MIDDLE RIDGE UNITING CHURCH
264 Stenner St Middle Ridge

16th – 18th June 2023

Connect 100 – Uniting Care Qld

Prayer Points

- Connect 100 Community Chaplains and Ministry agents in Qld – especially those in remote, regional and rural placements.
- Discerning a 1.0 FTE Toowoomba Connect100 Placement which is Congregation based
- Healthy partnerships and relationships between UCQ congregations and UCQ service teams

Report

The Connect 100 program continued to grow across the state in 2023, with new Connect100 ministry placements in partnerships with congregations in Northern Qld – Mossman and surrounds and of course the Downs partnership with Bottle Tree Remote Area Ministry. Currently we have 13 Connectors in ministry placements and have partnered with approximately 90 congregations in various ways. Our small, but incredibly capable Connect 100 team is always looking to support the shared ministry and mission of the Uniting Church and Uniting Care Qld.

Recently we have had meetings with Pres Minister and Lifeworks Church Council, and also the Toowoomba ministry agents to discern the full-time placement of a Connect 100 ministry agent in Toowoomba. This ministry agent would be congregationally based at Lifeworks and part of the Lifeworks ministry/leadership team, supporting the congregation in mission and ministry in partnership with UCQ. As a UCQ chaplain, they would provide chaplaincy support to UCQ Toowoomba staff and act as the local representative across Toowoomba UCA congregations in connecting people and programs. A Memorandum of Understanding has been designed to explore this possibility. The Connect100 team are excited about the possibility of a Toowoomba ministry agent and have been exploring some options with Presbytery for a while now. Please join us in praying and discerning together as we move forward.

Recommendations

1. That the report be received.

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