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Embracing the discipleship journey

Hello! I'm really pleased to be the new cross-platform editor here at *Journey*.

The 'cross-platform' bit of my job title is new, and represents that while the print edition of *Journey* will always be an important part of how we operate, digital and social media are becoming an increasingly important aspect of our media landscape.

That's why over the next month you will notice video and audio content start to appear on JourneyOnline, as well as expanded versions of some of the stories you see printed here. It's all fairly simple right now, but I look forward to continuing to innovate in future, and hearing your constructive feedback!

This month we've got news from the 30th Synod (page 10) including an expanded section about Uniting Green's Q&A about the impacts of mining on communities and the environment (page 12). We also have a chat to the Central Queensland Presbytery Mining Impact Task Group convenor Rev Dr David Ferguson, who was on the panel for that event (page 9).

We're talking to refugee advocates and their clients (page 6) in time for Refugee Week (16–22 June), and the tail end of National Reconciliation Week also falls within June (27 May–3 June), so the Chairperson of the United Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress National Council of Elders, Pastor Bill Hollingsworth is giving us his thoughts on the reconciliation process.

It is a privilege to be working in the Uniting Communications office with such a great team of people. I look forward to all the stories we will bring in the months and years to come!

Rohan Salmond
 Cross-platform editor



Old treasure stirring new ways

As a child I always enjoyed treasure hunts. I was just as happy planting the treasure as finding it. After the lawn was mowed one of us would hide pegs in little piles of freshly mown grass and the rest of the family had to race around and see how many they could find.

In chapter 13 of Matthew's gospel you can find many parables Jesus told about the Kingdom of Heaven. In one of them he says it is like a net. This is one of many places in the gospels where images of fishing are used to inspire the possibility of catching people for Christ. Later, Jesus says that every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the Kingdom of Heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.

As we gathered for the 30th Synod we celebrated what it means to be a disciple of Christ. We heard about some old treasures—like how the camping movement brought people to a point of commitment, and Alex Park's place in that history. Now youth camps like Summer Madness seek to reinvent this old treasure, and an online discipleship project called Grow faith is in development.

New circumstances around the state mean that some congregations feel isolated and do not feel a strong sense of belonging to other parts of the Uniting Church. Maybe twinning with another congregation could be an old treasure that has some value in our current setting?

Have you ever heard of geocaching? It is an outdoor treasure hunting game that uses GPS devices to find a cache, or container, hidden at that location. When you find the treasure you can leave something for the next person and write in the log book. Then you go online and log your discovery. It is a lot more sophisticated than our childhood treasure hunts.

What are the new treasures or the new ways of doing church that will be effective for building the Kingdom of Heaven in this era?

My challenge for our synod is to have a go at some new ways to connect with your community. Look again at the priority directions and think about

what old treasures might assist. Some ancient spiritual disciplines might help us promote prayer and spirituality.

The Uniting Church is like the net in the Hingdom parable that has gathered up all kinds of fish. That means that all kinds of people can find their place amongst us and find a place to belong to each other and to Christ. That breadth and diversity is a treasure we should celebrate rather than hide!

Rev Kaye Ronalds
Queensland Synod Moderator

Monday Midday Prayer

Living God,

help all of us who live under the Southern Cross to be reconciled to each other and to you.

Amen

Moderator's diary

7 June
Moreton Bay College Queensland Day celebration ceremony
11:30 am Moreton Bay College

22 June
2 pm Official opening of the hall extension at St Pauls and
6 pm Celebration dinner St Pauls Uniting Church Mackay 36th Church Anniversary

23 June
Redlands multi cultural choir festival 7–9 pm

29 June
Logan Central Multicultural Uniting Church 10th anniversary celebration 1pm



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Shalom Christian College Primary students Brian and Darren enjoy learning. Photo: Shalom Christian College

Treading lightly to continue the dream

A number of the reports to the 30th Synod mentioned the implications, joys and challenges of the Queensland Synod's increased involvement in the services previously run by the Congress Community Development and Education (CCDEU). **Mardi Lumsden** reports.

CCDEU is a limited by guarantee, whose directors are appointed by the Calvary Presbytery, that aims to address some of the enormous disadvantages for Indigenous Australians. The rapid expansion of its high-quality aged-care, education and health services strained existing systems. CCDEU appointed Deloitte as voluntary administrators in August 2012 and requested the involvement of the Queensland Synod, its only secured creditor.

Reports from the Finance Investment and Property Board, UnitingCare Queensland, General Secretary, Moderator and the Schools Commission tell of the difficult decisions made by the Synod Standing Committee. General Secretary, Dr Shirley Coulson, said there are many perspectives to consider.

"It has been a complex, difficult and painful time," she told Synod members. "There was a commitment by the Synod Standing Committee to work to continue the services. That this vision, this dream, this

work was having an effect with respect to Indigenous education, health and wellbeing was recognised. However the task became increasingly complex and difficult."

Black Ink Press was transferred to the Yalga-binbi Institute and has since closed. Milbi Constructions was sold.

The UnitingCare Queensland board agreed to support the aged care and drug and alcohol rehabilitation services.

"There was an enormous amount of work undertaken by Blue Care to ensure a smooth transition to keep a focus on the services being managed by Indigenous peoples and to get systems and processes in place."

Dr Coulson said during the voluntary administration it became evident that Shalom Christian College needed to come under the Synod Property Trust to be treated like other Uniting Church schools. A huge amount of work was undertaken by Synod Schools Commission executive officer, Elaine Rae, and Commission

member, Mike Millard, as well as Synod finance, investment and property staff.

"We have been working with the chair of the Calvary Presbytery, Rev Dennis Corowa, who has been involved in all of the decision making with respect to the school," Dr Coulson said.

Mr Corowa said he appreciated the close working relationship between Congress and the Queensland Synod.

Dr Coulson said there is strong belief in the school and the opportunities it provides, but governance and operational issues need to be addressed.

Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds, said the Uniting Church's covenant relationship with its Indigenous members makes this an opportunity to work together to support the significant services established by CCDEU.

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Refugee artist Kiny Ruharara was born in the Congo, and arrived in Australia four years ago after spending 18 months in a refugee camp in Zimbabwe. Photo: WMB

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Journeys to Hope, an exhibition of visual art, photography and refugee stories will be held at Wesley House, Brisbane from 13 June to 16 June, 10 am to 4 pm daily.

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Welcoming the stranger

This year Refugee Week will be held from 16 June to 22 June with the theme *Restoring Hope*. Dianne Jensen spoke to refugee advocates and their clients.

The sight of Sri Lankan police uniforms in the parade at the Brisbane Anzac Day march sent two young Tamil asylum seekers rushing through the crowd in panic.

It was a lesson in the politics of fear. Karen* and her husband, members of a Uniting Church on Brisbane's southside, opened their home a few months ago to the two young Tamils after they were unable to find accommodation.

The experience brought a new perspective on why people seek refuge, and opened their eyes to a growing underclass of vulnerable people in our community.

As communities of faith, let us reach out in love and respond to this real need

The two young men arrived by boat post-August 2012, after which the federal government removed the right to work from asylum seekers on bridging visas.

The change was criticised by refugee advocates and community groups, including UnitingJustice, culminating in the Right to Work campaign launched by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in March.

Out in the cold

As the number of asylum seekers continues to grow and the political debate intensifies, the rights of asylum seekers have been further curtailed.

In May, the entire Australian mainland was excised from the migration zone, stripping away any legal advantage for those who reach the mainland. Immigration Minister Brendan O'Connor also announced that some asylum seeker families will be released into the community on bridging visas.

Church agencies are among the community service groups bracing themselves for an increase in the numbers of desperate people turning to them for help.

Uniting Communications research officer and Brisbane Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support (BRASS) network member Sue Hutchinson says that the policy change will leave vulnerable people such as women and children to fend for themselves.

"Previously, families have been supported in community detention, where they have case management support, are housed, and have their health and other needs met. If they are placed in the community on bridging visas, they will have only a very low level of income, great difficulty finding accommodation suitable for children, and be very isolated."

Sheryl Hateley, UnitingCare Community Metro North and Coast Director, agrees that accommodation is a high need for asylum seekers and refugees as well as food assistance.

"Transport is also important, so asylum seekers and refugees have an affordable means of mobility

to access resources such as food, counselling, medical appointments, English lessons, and activities in their community."

Community support

Ms Hutchinson, whose local church assists several asylum seekers, believes that church communities have an important role to play in befriending and supporting asylum seekers and refugees.

"There is a growing crisis as individuals and families struggle to survive on minimal benefits, without the right to work or study. As communities of faith, let us reach out in love and respond to this real need."

Karen and her husband feel privileged to have the opportunity to show God's love to their young boarders.

"Not only did our family broaden their language and world, they did the same for us," she says.

"We understand the fears Australians have that their privileged way of life will not be sustained without careful planning and the setting of migration limits. We now also understand the fears of people forced to flee their beloved families and homelands."

UnitingCare Community operates the Brisbane-based Refugee Claimants Support Service which provides information, referrals, and social support for refugee claimants who arrived by air with a valid visa, as well as some material aid.

UnitingCare Community services are accessible to all asylum seekers.

Giving refugees a fair go

Since 1992, Kenmore Uniting Church member Helen Findlay has been working with refugees on permanent visas.

Mrs Findlay first joined the Ecumenical Refugee Support Group in Brisbane, which operated for nearly 20 years. She now volunteers for the Multicultural Development Association (MDA), an independent non-government organisation.

She has worked with and befriended many individuals and families, providing help with basic tasks such as shopping and using public transport, and teaching English, reading, and basic mathematics.

"My work is a part of living out my Christian faith, but I think the main reason is that I was brought up with a strong sense of social justice and I feel refugees deserve a fair go in Australia," says Mrs Findlay.

Over the years, she has helped resettle about 400 people, visiting each family once or twice a week for 18 months to two years. The Kenmore Uniting Church community helps source furniture and other items, and her husband John helps with computers and assembling and delivering furniture.

"The biggest changes have been in country of origin. Early on refugees came from Vietnam or Central America; later from African countries, Afghanistan, Iran or Iraq, and more recently from Burma, Somalia, Burundi, Rwanda and Sri Lanka.

"Language is one of the biggest problems as English can be difficult to learn," she says, especially for older refugees. Cultural differences can be intimidating, from using

unfamiliar domestic appliances to the complexity of family relationships, and the legacy of violence and years of detention in refugee camps can be ongoing.

"One of our clients from Rwanda lost all her family in the mass killing in the mid-1990s. She arrived here with only two words of English, which soon became her fifth language."

The client went on to study community work and nursing at South Bank TAFE and now works in the community area.

Helen Findlay was awarded a certificate for her work at the 2013 Moderator's Community Service Medals presentation at Synod in May.

How to help:

- Brisbane Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support volunteers provide support, tutoring, and visit detainees in the Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation. Contact brass.netw@gmail.com.
- Multicultural Development Association Welcome Hubs are community-based initiatives offering practical assistance. Contact mdainc.org.au or 3337 5400 to set up a community hub.
- People with legal experience are needed to help with applications for Protection visas, and to file appeals. Contact the Refugee and Immigration Legal Service (Brisbane) rails.org.au or 3846 9300.
- Support The Right to Work campaign. Visit righttowork.com.au for more information.

*Name withheld



Touched by the untouchables

The Year of Discipleship is part of the Uniting Church in Queensland's Vision 2020, focusing on the call to form active and accountable disciples of all ages. Callide Valley's Pastor **Donna Muston** writes.

Earlier this year, filled with a large measure of trepidation and excitement, I found myself in a group of twelve visitors to northern India. Organised by the Dostana group, we met with diocesan workers from the Church of North India, Diocese of Amritsar and visited the Kangra Girls' Hostel, which offers accommodation for school-aged girls. There I discovered that in the Church of North India, faith, hope, love, courage, trust, compassion, servanthood, dedication, and integrity are more than words, they are the core of discipleship.

I came home with thoughts, impressions and lessons learned that I have since found difficult to articulate. There were situations and some worship experiences that were perplexing and confronting, but I also saw practical expressions of love, giving hope and healing. Diocesan workers stepped out in faith, listening to and advocating for the Dalits (formerly the Untouchables), whose voices are rarely heard.

Having seen and heard, what's next? There are a number of avenues, and now I can no longer claim ignorance as an excuse. A hand of friendship has been extended to us, and we must honour this new relationship. Quite unexpectedly I began to question my awareness of the marginalised in my own community, and I realised honouring local relationships is one way to honour global ones.

Micah 6:8 probably best encapsulates the discipleship that was evident in the work of the Church of North India, "Hear then what your God asks of you... to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." Our time in India revealed that discipleship is an ongoing commitment to listen, to observe and learn. It is a journey alongside others. In that journeying, we meet Christ in those who are different, especially through the practice of generous hospitality. Each of us has taken parts of this journey to India into our hearts. In so doing we too have been changed, or at least challenged as disciples on the way.

More information regarding sponsorship of Kangra Girls' Hostel can be viewed at unitingworld.org.au Alternatively, contact Paul and Lyndall Moore on 5499 9851 or 0417 726 099 or psg.moore@bigpond.com

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Rev Dr David Ferguson
Photo: Rohan Salmond

Digging for peace

After spending many years working for Rio Tinto, **David Ferguson** is now the minister of the Gregory congregations in Clermont-Capella and Moranbah—communities greatly affected by the mining boom. He is part of the Claremont Health Advisory Network Team, Claremont Community Housing, and helps run the Central Queensland Presbytery's annual youth camp CQ Rendezvous. He is also the Central Queensland Presbytery Mining Impact Task Group convenor. **Rohan Salmond** reports.

‘We are at risk of demonising mining if we fail to see that we are part of what is going on. You don't dig up coal unless you can sell it.’

Rev Dr David Ferguson's experience working a mining company gives him a unique perspective on the issues raised by the mining boom. In addition to his community work he is studying for a doctorate of ministry through the Adelaide College of Divinity, researching peacemaking in mining communities.

‘I started out as an academic researcher in chemistry, and I actually studied coal chemistry. Ironically, considering some of the issues now, it was actually in coal seam gas (CSG) development when it was seen as more of a positive for social justice.

‘When mining coal, it has a lower environmental impact if you get the methane out and burn it first. Methane gas is far worse for the environment than carbon dioxide. So in terms of that, CSG is actually quite a positive, but back then we never really imagined they'd use it in areas they weren't going to mine.’

Although it is easy to hold a negative view of mining and CSG exploration due to its environmental impacts and the conflict it can cause in regional areas, Dr Ferguson maintains the issues are complex, especially in a pastoral context.

‘I've sat on the porch and listened to a farmer talk about how a farm they've spent 20 years developing into an organic property is getting sold off for a coal mine, but on the other hand I have several miners in my congregations and miner's wives, so you actually get to hear several sides of the story.

‘It's becoming more and more my belief that the church has a distinctive role in these communities. ... We have a real role to play in bringing the different groups in the community together, and that's part of our central core values as a church anyway. Some congregations are really already doing a good job of that.

‘I think church has to be another one of those gathering places where we reflect the fact we're all loved by Christ, that we're all one family and we all need to work for each other's benefit.’

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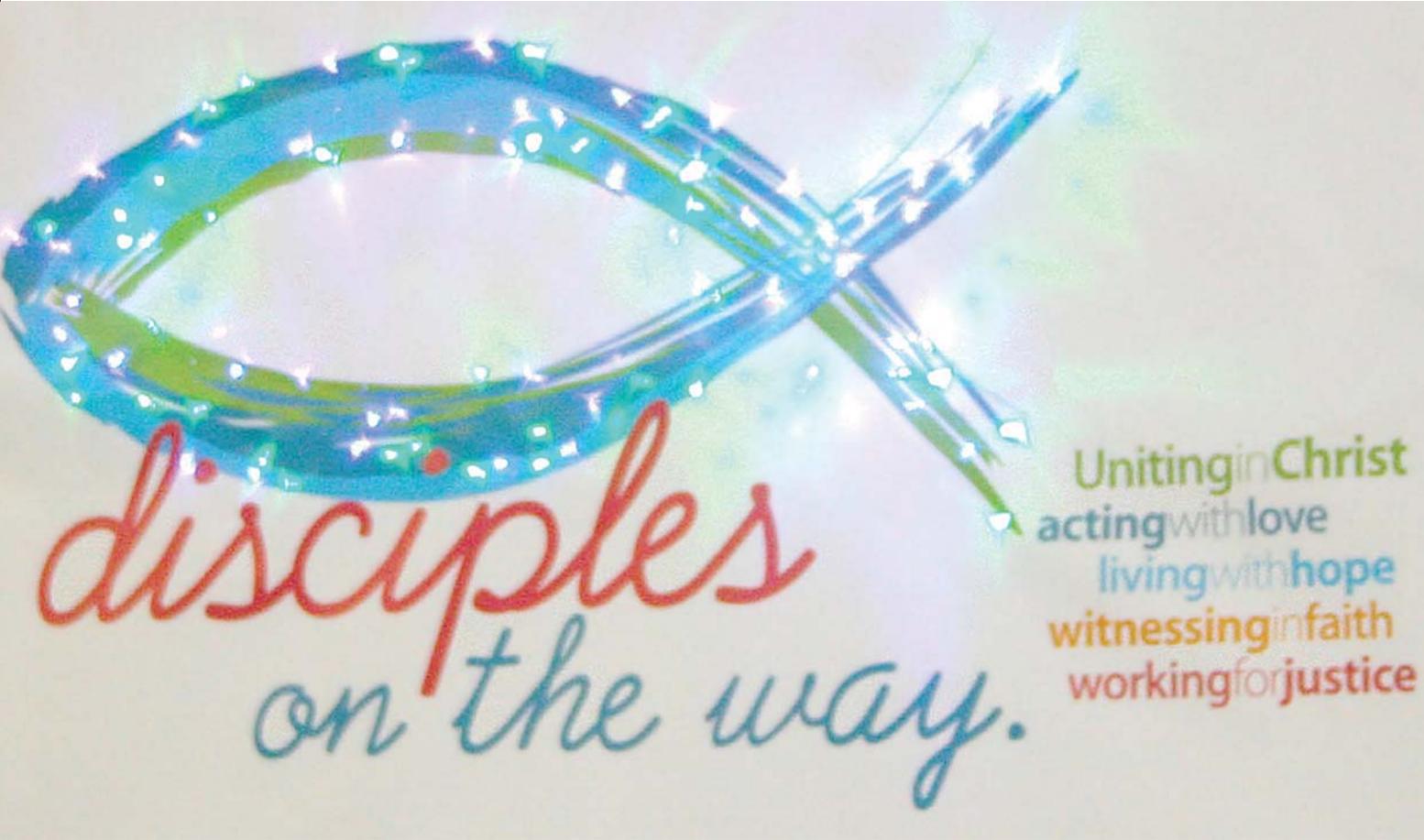
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Members from Uniting Churches across Queensland gathered together at Alexandra Park Conference Centre to commence the Queensland Synod's 30th meeting.

Moderator's celebrates unity

On the first full day of business at the 30th Synod Rev Kaye Ronalds reflected on the first half of her journey as Moderator.

Ms Ronalds said her position as Moderator has enabled her to partake in many events and celebrations amongst the life of the church in Queensland.

"There have been various openings, dedications, centenaries and all kinds of opportunities to gather with the church family when it is in a celebration mode," she said.

"We need to be always uniting in Christ, acting with love, living with hope, witness in faith and working for justice."

General Secretary reshapes funding

Queensland Synod General Secretary, Dr Shirley Coulson, addressed members of the 30th Synod calling them to continue to live out the Vision 2020.

Dr Coulson's report told a story of the Church in Queensland on its own discipleship journey,

defining the best way to use our valuable resources and the importance of exploring "how we provide resourcing models that provide ministry where it is needed, rather than where it can be afforded".

Dr Coulson finished her report by reminding people of the President's call at the recent NSW/ACT Synod meeting: "We are being invited and resourced afresh to share in God's mission today."

Moderator-elect encouraged by church leaders

Bremer Brisbane Presbytery Minister, Rev David Baker, was selected as Moderator-elect of the Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod.

Mr Baker said he is greatly encouraged by the leadership in the life of the Uniting Church.

"My hopes for the Synod is that it would continue to grow in finding its hope, its life, and its rest in the faithfulness of its Lord's capacity 'to come, address, and deal with people in and through the news of his completed work' (*Basis of Union*, para 4)."

Mr Baker will begin his three-year term as Moderator at the 31st Synod in October 2014.

Synod celebrates great servants

Jubilant pilgrims from the Uniting Church in Australia waved coloured flags at the beginning of a service of celebration of people in ministry (graduated, retired and passed away) at Unity College in Caloundra. The service also celebrated the Moderator's Community Service medals.

Members and visitors of the 30th Synod enjoyed a morning of discipleship and song as Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds, commented on National Sorry Day.

"The God in community invites us to express our sorrow and seek reconciliation so that the whole community can be restored."

UnitingCare Queensland CEO, Anne Cross, said there were record nominations for the Moderator's Community Service medals from which 11 recipients were selected. Four people were in attendance to receive their medals.

As the disciples departed Ms Ronalds encouraged attendees to "love God's world, bring friendship into our work and courage into our politics".

Synod finances stable, but not happy

Synod Director of Finance, Investment and Property, Robert Packer, reminded 30th Synod members that the Synod is not a simple organisation able to give a straightforward overview of its financial health.

During the report from the Finance Investment and Property (FIP) Board, Mr Packer indicated that the 2011-2012 audited financial statements were included in the Synod information, but spoke to current results.

"The Queensland Synod remains in a stable, but still not happy financial position," he said.

While the Synod's financial position is a lot better than a few years ago, a small deficit is forecast for the year ending 30 June 2013.

Assisting the continuation of services of the Congress Community Development and Education Unit (CCDEU) will likely cost around \$8 million. While this is a worthwhile expense, it means the Synod is less able to plant new congregations or sustain similar financial costs without borrowing internally or externally.

Andrew McBryde, FIP Board chair, said that a recently discovered, significant fraud had reinforced the need to constantly remind office bearers across the whole of the Synod of the importance of following policies and procedures.

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- > Synod Bible studies by Trinity Theological College facility
- > Chaplain Gary Stone's Norman and Mary Millar lecture
- > Impacts of mining on communities and the environment Q&A

Proposals all passed by consensus

General proposal 1: Establishment of Synod Post Disaster Recovery Team/s

General proposal 2: Disbanding of the Synod Bioethics Committee

General proposal 3: Supporting Micah Challenge's FINISH THE RACE campaign

General proposal 4: Closure of the Housing Acquisition Fund

General proposal 5: Commend the report of the House Standing Committee on rural and regional Australia

General proposal 6: Support for candidates for ministry

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Community on the brink:

mining proves best and worst thing for community

The impacts of mining and fly-in fly-out work on communities and the environment was the subject of a new initiative at the 30th Synod. **Mardi Lumsden** reports.



(L-R) Dr Libby Connors, Rev Dr David Ferguson, Dr Jim Cavaye, Phil Smith, Rev Kaye Ronalds
Photo: Matt Gees

Whether in the city or the bush, all Queenslanders are affected by mining and fly-in fly-out (FIFO) or drive-in drive-out (DIDO) work. That was the message given to 30th Synod members during a panel discussion and Q&A hosted by Uniting Green on Sunday 26 May.

Rev Dr David Ferguson, Gregory congregations (Clermont-Capella and Moranbah), Central Queensland Presbytery Mining Impact Task Group convenor and former mining engineer said the churches in these divided communities need to be the peacemakers.

Dr Jim Cavaye, University of Queensland School of Agriculture and Food Science Associate Professor, and Dr Libby Connors, University of Southern Queensland Senior Lecturer and Queensland Greens co-founder, also spoke of the impacts they have seen in their work.

Dr Cavaye said the mining and Coal Seam Gas (CSG) industries have big implications, both positive and negative, for agriculture, communities, and the environment. He said the rapid expansion of the CSG industry has led to thousands of jobs, but the scale and pace of the expansion leaves communities dangerously balancing who they are and who they are becoming.

He said the clear benefits to communities are employment, infrastructure, business activity,

income and community funding, but many of these benefits have a 'but' to them.

"There is no doubt that employment has gone up. Many of these communities have been in long-term decline ... but it is coming in a way that doesn't necessarily suit the communities and there are many planned and unplanned implications of this.

"If you work outside the resources sector you are going to struggle to pay rent. If you run a farm or a small business you are going to struggle to employ someone because you can't pay the wage rate they are demanding and they can't afford to live there."

One cause of community division is the massive income difference between people who own rental properties (often resources sector workers) and renters. This impacts the church directly as landlords owning manses and, sometimes, rental properties.

The benefit of people being on high incomes often does not filter to the local economy because those people do not actually live there. The question of what happens after the boom is also a looming issue.

Churches at risk

As a minister in mining communities, Dr Ferguson said one of the direct impacts for local churches and other volunteer-run organisations will soon be that retirees, often the volunteers, soon won't be able to afford to live in these communities.

He called the church to be peacemakers in these divided communities and to support ministers experiencing an increased need for community pastoral care.

"We as a church are at a crossroads ... are we going to work with the new (FIFO and DIDO) communities or are we going to sit, as we were, with the old?"

Losing our heritage

Dr Connors spoke of the potentially dangerous environmental impacts of mining and CSG, particularly around Gladstone. She said the speed at which the CSG industry has grown has meant there is a lack of regulation and prior health impact studies.

"There was no health impact assessment done when the Queensland Government gave approval to these projects," she said.

On 23 May this year the Australian Medical Association called for independent health risk assessments before CSG proceeds.

She said Gladstone harbour and nearby Curtis Island are examples of the effects of dredging with visible signs of stress on seagrass, dugongs, and fishing which will, in turn, affect tourism.

Dr Connors is calling for standardised and tighter regulations on the resources sector to slow down the environmental and social impacts of the boom.

Being part of the solution

Dr Ferguson said church members have to realise they are part of the problem also.

"I believe we are at risk of demonising mining if we fail to see that we are part of what is going on. You don't dig up coal unless you can sell it."

Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds, closed the Q&A by asking people what "life in all of its fullness" looks like for all parts of the church.

"What does it look like for our Indigenous brothers and sisters who probably look with deep sadness at what we have done to the land on which their ancestors lived?" she asked.

"Our land can't cry out, but it is groaning."

While the Q&A only scratched the surface of the issues it started valuable conversations about how the church could support these communities, recognising that even in the pews there are people on all sides of the issue.

Read the full story or listen to the podcast at journeyonline.com.au

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Rev Dr David Ferguson

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Rev Kaye Ronalds



Bill Hollingsworth and his wife Ruth
Photo: *The Cairns Post*

On the way to reconciliation

The beginning of June marks the close of Reconciliation Week, but our reconciliation programs have failed to find a lasting solution. **Pastor Bill Hollingsworth** asks, is it because we have left Christ in the wings rather than making him the centre and circumference of our efforts?

When I was appointed to the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, I was asked what motivated me to be involved in that initiative. I said that as a Christian, I am the product of reconciliation. Romans 5:10–11 tells us that when we were still enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, replacing the enmity that existed between God and humankind with peace and restored relationship.

This life-changing experience does not end here, but transports us into another dimension where new obligations are placed on us. 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 informs us that when we were reconciled to God through the death of his son, God committed us to the ministry of reconciliation. We are now ambassadors for Christ imploring humankind to be reconciled to God. Reconciliation through Christ gives us the power and desire to be reconciled and make peace with each other. We have to have it to give it.

When I was engaged in missionary work on Thursday Island I would pick up church members from a little community called Tamwoy and transport them to the town hall in the main township for the Sunday night service. One evening I arrived to find a man intoxicated and in an argument with his daughter over her baby.

As I parked my van in front of the house, the daughter ran down the steps with the baby and into a waiting taxi which took off before her father could stop her. The man turned in a rage and bumped my vehicle. I jumped out of my van and rebuked him in the name of the Lord, and he responded with a left hook which left me seeing stars. His family grabbed him, giving me time for my head to clear, at which point I heard the Lord say to me, "Tell him you love him". By the grace of God, I was able to obey. Our anger deflated like a balloon and friendship was restored. Later, when our church was denied use of the town hall, this man let us meet in his house, and he subsequently came to the Lord.

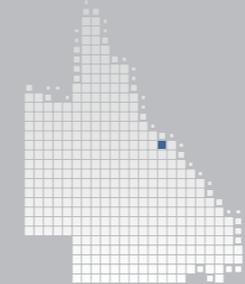
I believe it is incumbent upon me and all Christians to "be about our Father's business". Although it may not be the conviction of some, it is my firm conviction that if we have the will and determination together with divine revelation, inspiration and illumination, a permanent solution is possible for the Glory of God and the well-being of our nation.

Pastor Bill Hollingsworth
Founding member of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC), the Chairperson of the UAICC National Council of Elders and a former member of the National Aboriginal Conference.

For more information visit: uaicc.org.au

‘I said that as a Christian, I am the product of reconciliation’

Northside/Seaforth Uniting Church, Mackay



Fast facts:

Community:

- > Mackay is a Central Queensland regional city with a population of over 120 000
- > major gateway to the Whitsunday Islands
- > median age is 36
- > major areas of employment are coal mining, sugar cane, health, education and tourism
- > average wage is the highest in the State: 13pc of the region's workers earn more than \$2000 a week; 23pc earn between \$300 and \$599 a week

Mission focus:

- > sense of belonging for families
- > looking beyond the church
- > schools
- > the old and the hurting

What's new:

- > Brekkie Club at Pioneer State High School
- > a rough-hewn cross that gives a new focus to worship services
- > U Youth for high schoolers

Social media:

- > church website introduced – northsidesseaforth.org.au
- > special online editions of the newsletter and prayer page are emailed to congregation members and uploaded to the website
- > Facebook is just around the corner



Alan Tangye and Pam Jensen enjoy music ministry at Mackay Uniting Church
Photo: Ron Kirkpatrick

Mackay making links

Northside Uniting Church is located in Mackay, central Queensland, and its sister congregation is Seaforth, in a coastal village. The congregations have strong links with the community. Tara Burton spoke with congregation member **Rod Kirkpatrick**.

How are you enriching your community?

We play significant roles in local schools, hospitals and nursing homes. Hospital and nursing home visitation, including conducting chapel services, is an important part of our ministry.

We introduced Brekkie Club at Pioneer State High School on Thursday mornings in Term 2 of 2012. It is aimed at students who may be arriving at school without having eaten that morning. With the participation of two other churches, Brekkie Club now operates three mornings a week, generally serving between 20 and 30 students.

Each August we hold a community fair, which is our major fundraiser for the year. Stalls and activities are organised by members of our congregation, as well as by various community groups.

What's happening in your congregation?

Mackay is being transformed from a sugarcane and service town into a multi-faceted region where mining is the dominant source of income. As a result, the congregational demographic suffers most in the area of young families. Kids' Club on Fridays is down on numbers, yet the older group,

U Youth, is doing well. The 15 young people who attend U Youth come from church and non-church families.

Seaforth Uniting Church, located in a coastal village about 45 minutes' drive north of Mackay, is our second congregation. Services are held there twice monthly, with our minister, Peter Aay, leading one of those services and a lay preacher the other. Average attendance is 20. The Anglican members nearby who are selling their Seaforth building should be sharing our Seaforth church soon.

What is your vision for the future?

We have a two-pronged vision that covers both congregation and community. We don't just have a responsibility to care for people who worship at Northside and Seaforth regularly, but also to reach out to the wider community around us.

Our minister Peter Aay sees a need to revitalise our concept of 'church', learning afresh that church does not exist for its own sake. "We need to learn how to make disciples; perhaps we need to make 'making disciples' more of a ministry," he says.



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Kiribati.
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Faith in action: Aitkenvale inspired by Kiribati

The view from a back deck can be inspirational, as Aitkenvale Uniting Church Deck Dwellers convener **Scott Heron** and minister **Mark Dewar** told **Dianne Jensen**.

When Aitkenvale Uniting Church members felt called to connect with a Christian congregation overseas, they sat out on a back deck and talked and prayed about it. The new group, the Deck Dwellers, was formed in June 2011.

The North Queensland church had recently undertaken the *Just Faith* series, designed by TEAR Australia to explore faith and action.

After a period of discernment, and with guidance from UnitingWorld, the group sensed God's call to build a relationship with the Kiribati Protestant Church (KPC) congregation in Bairiki on Tarawa, Kiribati.

Aitkenvale minister, Rev Mark Dewar, was one of four members who made an initial visit to Kiribati on a UnitingWorld InSolidarity trip in March 2012.

"We wanted a partnership, where we would learn from their culture and grow in Christ through them," he says.

"We asked them what we could do as their partner church, and listened. At this stage we're growing friendships through email and letters, and supporting their pre-school and church office with resources."

The Deck Dwellers are currently pursuing possibilities with the federal Seasonal Worker Program as well as planning their next visit to Bairiki to up-skill pre-school teachers and lead

diabetes training workshops. Aitkenvale Uniting Church recently hosted the minister and the secretary of the Bairiki church for a two-week stay.

The partnership journey has helped to unite the three different worship communities at Aitkenvale in a common focus, says Deck Dwellers convener Scott Heron. It has also brought an understanding that priorities are different when viewed through the lens of a small island in the South Pacific.

"At the beginning, we thought that it would be about issues of climate change and the possibility of re-location with projected sea-level rise, but these were too long-term for most people in Bairiki. Day-to-day living is an issue for many folks (today's food, job needs, water, sanitation)."

Bairiki is a place where the church is at the heart of everyday life, adds Mr Dewar.

"Faith development and igniting faith are important priorities for the Bairiki church. We've been reminded of the importance of family, and the notion that it takes a village to raise a child."

Social justice issues such as aid agreements and international human rights now have a human face for members of this Queensland congregation.

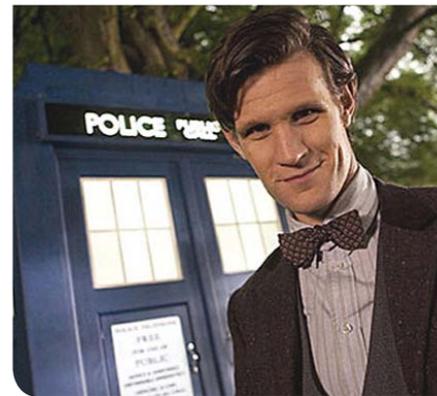
"We're called to look after our neighbours; more than that, we're called to love," says Mr Heron. "The fullness of love means that we need to listen to God and to follow where he is leading—with him, no issue is too big or too small!"

"We've been reminded of the importance of family, and the notion that it takes a village to raise a child"

Review

Matt Smith plays the Doctor in the long-running BBC series *Doctor Who*.
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Saved by a sonic screwdriver



"And you are forgiven. Always and completely forgiven." (The Doctor, *The Wedding of River Song*)

Who is this man with the power to forgive? For 50 years, the world's longest running science fiction hero has embodied the quintessential English eccentric. Doctor Who is the solitary traveller whose name is unknown, the immortal who brings reconciliation and healing out of conflict.

The Doctor is the last of his kind. Now in his eleventh incarnation, played by Matt Smith, the time lord travels across time and space in the TARDIS (Time and Relative Dimension in Space) armed solely with a sonic screwdriver.

The success of *Doctor Who*, re-launched in 2005 by Russell T. Davies, owes much to imaginative plots and a geekiness that runs close to self-parody. Yet fans of the Doctor are fervent in their insistence that there is much more to *Doctor Who*.

The new series has certainly injected new-age sensitivities, along with stretching the concept of time travel. Even the Daleks, whose sole purpose is to rule by exterminating other species, have mellowed.

"I never thought I'd feel the sunlight again," says Rose, one of the Doctor's companions, after fleeing an underground vault.

"How does it feel?" asks the dying Dalek, confronting the viewer with the possibility that redemption exists even for one such as him.

But it is the Doctor himself who evokes what can only be described as a spiritual response. He looks

human, yet his "otherness" sets him apart from enduring friendships and love. He is the immortal who saves others, but must die before he can be transformed into the next incarnation.

The late mythologist Joseph Campbell pointed out that many themes appear in stories told by widely scattered peoples, drawing on understandings that lie at the heart of what it is to be human.

The Doctor embodies elements of the hero, the unknown God, the teacher, and the saviour. Like a loving, forgiving God, he views the human race with affection and exasperation, yet is convinced that we are worth saving.

Thus we respond to this charismatic character, and are moved, at a level which transcends a simple television series.

"While *Doctor Who* is not the work of theologians, the mystery of who is the Doctor invites viewers to ponder why does the Doctor do these healing and redemptive acts," writes blogger Philip Johnson in *TARDIS: Theology and Relative Discourses in Space*.

"In a similar way, readers of the gospels are invited to ponder on who is Jesus. He seems to be a Rabbi, yet is not just a teacher ... Who recognises Jesus? Who recognises the Doctor?"

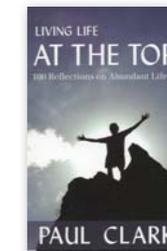
In a world searching for heroes, a story about one whose love transcends even death will always find an audience.

The *Doctor Who* 50th anniversary special will air in November 2013 on ABC television.

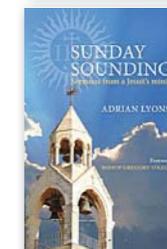
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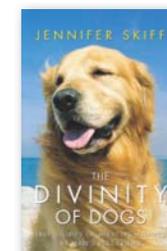
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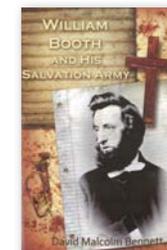
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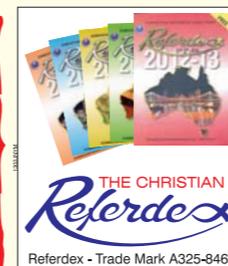
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Wendy Zernike with the newly graduated Helena Goldie Hospital nurses Photo: Rachel Oxford



Nursing Pacific partnerships

UnitingCare Health Director of Mission, **Helen Dick**, tells of the fruitful partnership with Helena Goldie Hospital, Munda, and the celebration of their first nursing graduates.

“They trust us now because we keep coming back,” commented Wendy Zernike on the continuing visits of UnitingCare Health teams to the Solomon Islands. In her role as Director of the Clinical School at the Wesley Hospital, Wendy has led teams of nurses from UnitingCare Health hospitals to the Helena Goldie Hospital in Munda twice a year since 2010.

Primarily the nurses teach in the Helena Goldie College of Nursing but they also help at the hospital and take much needed medical supplies with them. I was privileged to accompany this year’s team, which recently returned from the first 2013 trip. It included Wendy as well as Rachel Oxford and Jody Way, who were also accompanied by Wesley Hospital Pastoral Care Manager Rev Murray Fysh.

We were thrilled to be invited to take part in the graduation of the first cohort of registered nurses from Helena Goldie College. During the graduation ceremony, student spokesperson Viola Fugui paid an emotional tribute to how much the input from the UnitingCare Health teams had helped them in their studies.

UnitingCare Health staff across Queensland also sponsor some students to enable them to complete their studies. Most students are married with families but live away from home, and some find it

difficult to afford their tuition fees, accommodation costs and expenses associated with travelling to placements.

Payroll deductions from UnitingCare Health staff and other fundraising activities provide a fund to help the students make ends meet. The knowledge that ordinary people—in another country, many of them fellow nurses—are regularly contributing from their wages adds to the growing sense of relationship between the UnitingCare Health hospitals and the Helena Goldie Hospital.

“They are so excited to know that we are thinking of them and supporting them throughout the year” said Wendy. “They feel as if they are part of our wontok (family)”.

UnitingCare Health employees are proud to be partners in the work of the Solomon Islands hospital. Staff take a keen interest in each visit and in the progress of the students, especially those we sponsor. It’s clear the Helena Goldie staff demonstrate the same care and compassion for patients as we do, but their resources are far more limited.

The growing relationship between UnitingCare Health hospitals and the Helena Goldie Hospital continues to enrich both communities. We’re looking forward to participating in the Helena Goldie exchange well into the future.

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Fast news



Lifeworks Uniting fundraiser for Kangra Girls’ Hostel Photo: Lifeworks Uniting Church

Lifeworks Uniting supports Kangra Girls’ Hostel

Lifeworks Uniting Church, Toowoomba, hosted a dinner at Fairholme College on 11 May to raise money for the Kangra Girls’ Hostel in the Diocese of Amritsar in northern India.

The evening was hosted by ABC news presenter David Curnow and the 225 guests were entertained by local multicultural women’s choir Women in Harmony, jazz band 3 Cents, a Fairholme college string quartet, and the magnificent voice of Heather Gillies.

The evening was a resounding success raising \$24 500, enough for three and a half permanent places for Dalit girls at Kangra.

Rosewood hosts Papuan feast

The Islander Cultural Evening at Rosewood Uniting Church on 11 May attracted a crowd of over 100 people. Eight folk from the Logan Central Multicultural Uniting Church joined Rosewood supply minister, Rev Leva Pat, and members of his family in providing a traditional feast, complete with a whole pig. Beautiful singing, explanations of aspects of the Papuan culture and a display of artefacts delighted the audience.

Local families hosted the Papuan visitors overnight, establishing firm friendships in the process. The visitors sang during worship on Sunday morning and Dr Gewa Au gave the address.

Sixty years of eldership

On 18 May, Andrew Jeays celebrated 60 years of service as an elder at Sandgate Uniting Church. Mr Jeays has been a great help to many, serving quietly and humbly with a kind sense of humour. Mr Jeays has used his talents and professional expertise in other areas of church life as well, being of enormous help in the sale and purchase of properties.

Biloela musters

The roads to Biloela have dried out and the community is picking itself up and moving on. The focus is now on the Rural Muster on the weekend of the 2–4 August, 2013 with the theme *What does it mean to be church?* Keynote speakers Rev Dr Chris Walker and Rev Dr Malcolm Coombes are sure to spark some lively conversations.

For more information contact Pastor Donna Muston at ruralmuster2013@gmail.com

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