



Moderator
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Urgent update

The [Restrictions for Locked Down Areas \(South-East Queensland\) Public Health Direction](#) has been updated this afternoon which impacts livestreaming.

The Direction now reads "Livestreaming of a service may be conducted where each person involved in the service participates in the live streaming from their own principal place of residence." This means that livestreaming is not possible from a congregational building. It can only be conducted where each person involved in the service participates in the live streaming from their own principal place of residence. With current requirement not to have visitors in their principal place of residence, the camera operator will need to also reside in the home or consider utilising Facebook live for your service.

Pastoral statement

Dear friends in Christ,

Many across our state are in the midst of yet another COVID-19 lockdown. Feelings of frustration, being overwhelmed and exhausted even anxious after what has been a particularly trying time are warranted.

I am reminded of Paul's encouragement to the church in Galatia when he says "Let us not become weary in doing right, for we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Gal 6:9)

When there is darkness and despair within our communities, people need a place where they can rejoice and find light. For many, this is found through our church, be that through pastoral care, education through our schools, support services through our agency or chaplaincy within hospitals.

Do not underestimate the importance of our work within our communities. It is valued and we play a vital role.

On behalf of the entire Uniting Church in Queensland, thank you for all you are doing every day in upholding the physical safety and spirit of our congregations and wider communities.

In Christ,

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