

Ministry Agent - Granite Belt Uniting Church

[Granite Belt](#) Uniting Church is seeking someone to join their community and make it their home. The fresh air, down to earth people who love down to earth people, great food, scenery make it the best place to live. We are looking for someone will come to support our vision of being God's presence in the community. This is a growing region, literally, growing food and folk.

We welcome people from all walks of life, for a couple of months a year (seasonal workers), long weekends, day trippers or long timers to join us as we endeavour to live out the adventure of following Jesus in our daily lives.

Granite Belt Uniting Church (Stanthorpe and Severnlea congregations) is seeking a Ministry Agent to lead its congregations in worship, mission and service. We are looking for a Ministry Agent with sound theological training to encourage our involvement in congregational life and groups in the church; in worship; in making disciples; and outreach to families; seasonal workers; and the community.

Please submit an expression of interest to the Secretary of Placements Committee at placements@ucaqld.com.au by 18th November 2024 COB.

For any further information please email Rev Yvonne McRostie, Presbytery Minister, Presbytery of The Downs at pm@downspresbytery.org.au . You can find the Position Description [here](#).



Placement Description

Placement Title:	Ministry Agent
Service Area:	Granite Belt Region
Placement Status:	Part time 50% for 1 year (with possible extension)
Location:	Stanthorpe Uniting Church and Severnlea Uniting Church
Stipend Details:	Refer to the Ministry Agent Payments Notice on the Queensland Synod website , updated 1 st January each year
Next Review Date:	October 2025

The Church:

The Uniting Church in Australia (the Church) is a large uniquely Australian Christian denomination in Australia with heritage from historical reformed evangelical denominations. In Queensland, the Uniting Church has around 250 congregations and has schools, colleges and large community services (such as UnitingCare Queensland and Wesley Mission Queensland).

The Uniting Church is multicultural, committed to reconciliation with first peoples, calls for reconciliation across its communities and aims to use its people and property resources wisely and in the furtherance of God's mission in the world.

Within the ministry of the whole Church, Jesus Christ calls men and women to proclamation of the gospel in word and deed through a call to ministry. This calling is exercised by preaching and presiding at the celebration of the sacraments and witnessing in the community of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Placement Purpose:

The purpose of this placement is to provide ministry support and future direction in the Granite Belt Region by encouraging and give oversight to the Lay Leaders and local congregations to share the Gospel within their communities. This region has a growing ministry opportunity to support Seasonal Workers who frequent the area for 6 months of the year.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Oversight of Sunday worship;
2. Encourage, resource and support the Lay Ministry team in all areas of the congregation's worship, witness and service;
3. Support the local churches to provide spiritual and practical support to Seasonal Worker;
4. Assist the Lay Leaders to explore sustainable future ministry;
5. Work within the policies and procedures of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod including the [Safe Church Policy](#) and the provisions of the Workplace Health and Safety and other relevant legislation including reporting hazards/incidents, support for injured workers and full participation in return to work plans.
6. Undertake other ministry duties as and when directed within the capabilities of the incumbent.

Reporting Relationships:

This placement reports to Granite Belt Church Council and The Presbytery of The Downs

Placement Selection Criteria:

1. Qualifications:
 - 1.1. Minister of the Word; Minister of Deacon; Ministry of Pastor

2. Experience and Skills:

- 2.1. Facilitate, lead and mentor the worship life of the congregations. Have oversight and offer guidance for the various activities of the congregations as they care for each other and share God's love to the world.
- 2.2. Capacity to building relationships with organisation who facilitate the Season Worker Programs (i.e .Ecumenically and Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme (PALM));
- 2.3. Service: personable with a commitment to building strong relationships with key stakeholders/customers across the Church and its agencies, boards and committees of the Synod
- 2.4. Responsibility: demonstrated attention to detail, timeliness, analytical and focussed on outcomes
- 2.5. Respect: demonstrated ability to clearly communicate orally and in writing with others and manage competing views
- 2.6. Integrity: demonstrated ability to act with impartiality and honesty
- 2.7. Commitment to working within the purpose and values of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod and adhering to the policies, organisational requirements and processes

Additional Requirements:

- Current Drivers Licence - Presentation of a current Drivers Licence must be made before your appointment to the position can be confirmed.
- Working with Children Clearance Card (BCB - Blue Card) - All adults who work with people under 18 years in QLD in regulated employment are required to undergo a "Working with Children Check" under the screening provisions of the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act. While not in an employment relationship, for the purposes of legislative compliance, presentation of a current Suitability Card must be made before the placement to be confirmed.
- This position is for the exercise of the duties of ordained ministry of the Uniting Church in Australia. Preference will in the first case be given to appropriately qualified Ministers of the Word or Deacons. A lay person may be appointed to the role subject to successful completion of core competency requirements for the ministry of pastor in the Uniting Church in Australia. The successful applicant will be required to comply with the Code of Ethics and Ministry Practice and access regular professional supervision.
- This is an approved placement of the Uniting Church in Australia and the ministerial stipend and allowance provisions will apply.
- The successful applicant must be eligible to legally work in Australia and proof of eligibility may be requested.

Authorised by:



Signature

Rev Yvonne McRostie
Presbytery Minister

Date: 08/10/2024