

Gympie Regional Uniting Church is calling you!

We are seeking a Minister of the Word, a full time position, whose life is centred on and around Jesus, who can relate well to people of all ages across two church congregations, who will lead us in Sunday worship that encourages and teaches us, who is innovative and forward thinking, who can lead us in discipleship, and who also has a heart for pastoral care across the church community and those who are house bound.

Ours is a region of contrasts – powdery, white-sand beaches, unspoiled coastlines, majestic hinterlands, lush rolling hills and stunning nature all around us. From the Cooloola Coast, home to Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay and the closest gateway to K'Gari Fraser Island, to the lush rural communities of Mary Valley, there is pioneering spirit and our deep love of the land and, the pride we take in sharing it with you. You will be very welcome here.

Please submit an expression of interest to the Secretary of Placements Committee placements@ucaqld.com.au by 17th March 2025 COB.

For any further information please email Pastor Graham Huth, Chair – Gympie Regional Uniting Church Joint Nominating Committee. Email: presmin@maryburnettpres.org.au



Placement Description

Placement Title:	Minister of the Word
Service Area:	Gympie Regional Uniting Church, includes Mary Valley (Imbil)
Placement Status:	Full Time
Location:	Gympie Uniting Church, 15 Red Hill Road, Gympie 4570
Stipend Details:	Refer to the Ministry Agent Payments Notice on the Queensland Synod website , updated 1 st January each year
Next Review Date:	January 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 leadership to the congregations of Gympie and Imbil in worship, discipleship, community outreach, pastoral care and administrative oversight. Preferably the placement selected must have a strong focus on growing the church through Young Families, Intergenerational groups (young adults, youth and families).

Key Responsibilities:

- Preaching the Word and understanding the gospels.
- Oversight of Sunday and other times of worship as required.
- Work within the policies and procedures of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod including the [Safe Ministry with Children policy](#), [COVID-19 Vaccination 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.
- To confess the faith of Christ Crucified and Risen, and to be his faithful servant, exercising God's gifts to you and living out God's call on your life in prayer, worship, fellowship and service.
- Building a strong relationship with the congregations, their working elements, and the broader communities.
- Undertake other ministry duties as and when directed within the capabilities of the incumbent.

Reporting Relationships:

This placement reports to the Gympie Regional Uniting Church Church Council and the Presbytery of Mary Burnett.

Placement Selection Criteria:

1. Qualifications:

1.1. Minister of the Word.

2. Experience and Skills:

- 2.1. Facilitate, lead and mentor the worship and discipleship life of the congregation. Have oversight of the various elements and organisations of the congregations as we walk life's journey with God and seek to show God's love to the world.
- 2.2. 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, and into the broader Christian community.
- 2.3. Responsibility: demonstrated attention to detail, timeliness, analytical and focussed on outcomes. Forward thinking and forward looking.
- 2.4. Respect: a life rooted in Jesus' love and grace. Including a demonstrated ability to clearly communicate orally and in writing with others and manage competing views
- 2.5. Integrity: a strong ethical foundation, with demonstrated ability to act with impartiality and honesty
- 2.6. 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.
- 2.7. Willingness to engage with people in different stages of life and faith.

Additional Requirements:

- Current independent transport – Evidence that you have suitable independent transport, (plus a current Queensland Driver's Licence, or alternative arrangements) 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. 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

Pastor Graham Huth

Date: 20 September 2024

Mary Burnett Presbytery Minister