

Samford Valley Community Church (SVCC) is a Uniting Church congregation that is a contemporary, biblically based, mission focused church with an emphasis on bible teaching, prayer, music, small groups and discipling all generations.

We are located just on the outskirts of Samford Village, a rural residential suburb of Brisbane, 25km from the city CBD. Our congregation welcomes people from all walks of life as we endeavour to live out the adventure of following Jesus in our daily lives.

The SVCC congregation is seeking a Minister to lead its congregation in worship, mission and service. We are looking for someone with sound theological training to encourage members to be involved in congregational life through the various groups in the church like: worship; discipleship; bible studies and outreach to families and the community.

Please submit an expression of interest to the Secretary of Placements Committee placements@ucaqld.com.au by COB Monday 14 April 2025. For any further information please email David Hunter: dshunter@tpg.com.au

You can find the **Position Description** below.



Placement Description

Placement Title:	Minister of the Word/Deacon
Service Area:	Samford Valley Community Church
Placement Status:	Full Time Placement
Location:	40 Mt Glorious Road, Samford Q 4520
Stipend Details:	Refer to the Ministry Agent Payments Notice on the Queensland Synod website , updated 1 st January each year
Next Review Date:	2026

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 a Minister of the Word to minister to the congregation and members of Samford Valley Community church. Within the context of the vision and mission of SVCC, this will involve preaching most Sundays, working with leaders of Small Groups, Pastoral role visiting members and adherents, conducting Baptisms/Dedications, weddings, funerals and Holy Communion, and the oversight of paid and volunteer staff in ministry positions. Working with the congregation towards the vision of the church.

Key Responsibilities:

1. As above.
2. 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.
3. Undertake other ministry duties as and when directed within the capabilities of the incumbent.

Reporting Relationships:

This placement reports to : The Samford Valley Community Church Council

Key internal relationships:

- Member of Church Council
- Appointing Body/Presbytery for matters of faith and discipline

Placement Selection Criteria:**1. Qualifications:**

- 1.1. While not essential, a tertiary qualification is desirable (other than for Ministry) or life experiences compatible with the general Samford demographic.

2. Experience and Skills:

- 2.1. 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
- 2.2. Responsibility: demonstrated attention to detail, timeliness, analytical and focussed on outcomes
- 2.3. Respect: demonstrated ability to clearly communicate orally and in writing with others and manage competing views
- 2.4. Integrity: demonstrated ability to act with impartiality and honesty
- 2.5. 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 – Paid 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.
- Attendance at Presbytery in Session meetings (4 times per year) and Synod in Session (every 18 months).
- The successful applicant must be eligible to legally work in Australia and proof of eligibility may be requested.

Authorised by:



Signature

Mr David Hunter
Church Council Chair

Date: