**Spirit of Synod Award**

**Terms and Conditions**

The inaugural Spirit of Synod award was introduced at the 33rd Queensland Synod and will continue to be presented each Synod in Session to one individual who exemplifies the call and vision of the Queensland Synod and inspires others to do the same.

Nominated by their peers, this person will be selected for their outstanding contribution to the life of the church.

*Our Spirit of Synod Award is a small way to honour the extraordinary work of individuals, and the Christ-led changes they make in our congregations and communities throughout Queensland*

**How to Nominate:**

1. The “Spirit of Synod Award” (the “Award”) is open to all people in the life of the Queensland Synod.
2. Only one nomination is allowed per person or group.
3. To be considered for the Award, nominees must display the “Spirit of Synod” aligning with our shared ambition and the four Mission Priorities accepted at the 35th Synod in Session:

We are one church active in every Queensland community, bearers of Christ’s offer of life in all its fullness. Through our shared life we are committed to a flourishing future for church and community.

* **Discipleship**
* **Transforming communities**
* **Fit for purpose**
* **Life together**
1. Nominations are to be made via email to *synodinsession@ucaqld.com.au* and should include a statement or example of why this nominee is being put forward.
2. Nominations will close at 5pm on Thursday, 1 May 2025. Any nominations received after this date will not be accepted.
3. Nominations may be submitted without the Nominee’s knowledge.
4. The judging panel will consist of the Queensland Synod Moderator and the General Secretary, who will together select the winner based on the criteria outlined in paragraph 3 above.
5. The winner will be announced and presented with the Award during Synod.
6. The judging panel decision as to the winner will be final. No correspondence relating to the Award will be entered into.
7. The Synod Business Committee reserve the right to:
8. vary these Terms and Conditions, including but not limited to the opening and closing times for nominations;
9. cancel the Award, at any stage, if in their opinion it is deemed necessary or if circumstances arise outside its control; or
10. not present an Award at any particular Synod in Session.