

Coral Coast Uniting Church Congregation

We are seeking a suitably experienced person to also minister part-time (.5 FTE) to the Coral Coast UCA Congregation, whose complex is situated in the vibrant coastal town of Bargara, around 15 minutes' drive from the centre of Bundaberg. The region, which includes Bargara and Burnett Heads sits at the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef and is well known as a holiday destination because of the climate and wonderful beaches. As the Minister for this congregation, you will support, resource and encourage a community of worship which grows and strengthens disciples and connections with the broader community.

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The applicant for this position should have:

- a sound theological training and work collaboratively to lead, mentor, pastorally care for, and resource the congregation as it develops stronger connections with the broader community.
- Affirm the Basis of Union, the policies, procedures of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod, and the provisions of the Workplace Health and Safety Act and other relevant legislation.

Remuneration

The successful candidate will receive 50% of the Queensland Synod stipend payment as well as being provided a manse.

Further Details

For more information contact Pastor Graham Huth, Presbytery Minister, Presbytery of Mary Burnett on 0456 556 528 or via presmin@maryburnrttpre.org.au

To apply, please send resume and Expression of Interest to the Secretary of Placements Committee placements@ucaqld.com.au

Applications close: 17 November 2025

Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod is committed to being a child safe, child friendly organisation and for all children who come into contact with our services we will provide welcoming, safe and nurturing services, prevent child abuse and neglect within our services and appropriately and immediately address child abuse and neglect if it does occur.

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Please see placement description below.



Placement Description

Placement Title:	Minister of the Word
Service Area:	Coral Coast/Bundaberg
Placement Status:	Part-Time: 0.5 FTE
Location:	Coral Coast Uniting Church situated in Bargara Qld
Stipend Details:	Refer to the Ministry Agent Payments Notice on the Queensland Synod website , updated 1 st January each year
Next Review Date:	January 2026

The Church:

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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 leadership in worship gatherings and to provide oversight of the Congregation in areas of administration, community outreach and pastoral care. This position is focussed on nurturing the existing congregation at Bargara, as well as developing stronger connections with the growing local communities of Bargara and Burnett Heads. While this only a half-time placement, it is being linked with a 0.5 FTE Chaplaincy Placement at Bundaberg to provide a full-time ministry position. The details are included in a separate Placement Position.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Oversight of Sunday Worship.
2. Encouraging, resourcing and supporting the lay ministry team in all areas of the congregation's worship, witness and service.
3. Building relationships with the congregation, its working elements, its extended community and the broader community.
4. 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.
5. Undertake other ministry duties as and when directed within the capabilities of the incumbent.

Reporting Relationships:

This placement reports to: the Coral Coast Uniting Church Council and the Mary Burnett Presbytery

Placement Selection Criteria:

1. Qualifications: Minister of the Word or Ministry of Pastor

2. Experience and Skills:

- 2.1. Facilitate, lead and mentor the worship life of the congregation. Have oversight of the various elements and organisations of the congregation as we care for each other and try to show Gods 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
- 2.3. Responsibility: demonstrated attention to detail, timeliness, analytical and focussed on outcomes
- 2.4. Respect: demonstrated ability to clearly communicate orally and in writing with others and manage competing views
- 2.5. Integrity: 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

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

Pastor Graham Huth

Mary Burnett Presbytery Minister

Date: 15 July 2025