

Granite Belt Parish of The Uniting Church is in search of a Ministry Agent to work across two congregations of Stanthorpe and Severnlea, in the beautiful Granite Belt region at 50%. Our congregations look forward to welcoming people from all walks of life to join as we endeavour to live out the adventure of following Jesus in our daily lives.

We are seeking a Minister to lead our congregations in worship, mission, support Lay Ministry Team, and supporting seasonal workers in the area of service and mission.

We are looking for a minister with sound theological training to encourage our involvement in congregational life and groups in the church, in worship, making disciples and outreach to families and the communities.

Please submit an expression of interest to the Secretary of Placements Committee placements@ucaqld.com.au by 17/08/2026 close of business.

For any further information please email Rev Russell Reynoldson Presbytery Minister of the Downs Presbytery at pm@downspresbytery.org.au

Please find Placement Description below.



Placement Description

Placement Title:	Ministry Agent
Service Area:	Granite Belt Region
Placement Status:	Part time 50% for 3 years
Location:	Stanthorpe Uniting Church and Severnlea Uniting Church
Stipend Details:	Refer to the Minister - Stipend Ministry agent notice of annual payments, allowances etc on the Synod Hub (https://hub.ucaqld.com.au/), updated 1 st July each year
Next Review Date	November 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 provide ministry support and future direction in the Granite Belt region and give oversight to the Lay Leaders and local congregations to share the Gospel in 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 congregations' worship, witness and service.
3. Support the local churches to provide spiritual and practical support to Seasonal Workers.
4. Assist Lay Leaders to explore avenues of ministry into the future.
5. Work within the policies and procedures of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod including the Safe Ministry with Children 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 congregation as they care for each other and share God's love in the world.
- 2.2. Capacity to building relationships with organizations who facilitate the Seasonal Workers Programme (ie Ecumenically and Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme PALM)
- 2.3. Work with the local Minister's Association to continue strong ecumenical ties.
- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. Responsibility: demonstrated attention to detail, timeliness, analytical and focussed on outcomes
- 2.6. Respect: demonstrated ability to clearly communicate orally and in writing with others and manage competing views
- 2.7. Integrity: demonstrated ability to act with impartiality and honesty
- 2.8. 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 (Pastor – Summary of Core Competencies) 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 (Minister – 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

Russell Carnell

Chair Granite Belt Uniting Church Council

Date: 10 November 2025