

**NEWSLETTER – 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019**  
**ELANORA UNITING CHURCH**



**This Sunday we are commissioning Mr Mervyn Head and Mrs Shirley Lord as Elders/Leaders on Church Council and recognise Mr Alan French as a co-opted member to Church Council. If you are new to faith or to the Uniting Church you might be interested in some of the behind the scenes detail in how we operate.**

**The Uniting Church in Australia regulations state, "The Church Council shall give priority in its life to building up the Congregation in faith and love, sustaining members in hope, and leading the Congregation to a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world. This priority shall be reflected in the agenda of its ordinary meetings."**

**The main responsibilities of the Church Council include:**

- 1. sharing with the Minister in mission and in the pastoral care and spiritual oversight of the Congregation;**
- 2. nurturing the members and adherents in their growth in grace;**

- 3. making decisions concerning baptism, confirmation and membership, and the keeping and reviewing of the rolls of the Congregation;**
- 4. assisting the Minister in the conduct of worship and in the administration of the sacraments;**
- 5. determining the time and place of services of public worship;**
- 6. managing the financial affairs and the general administration of the Congregation including the reception, preparation and presentation of all necessary budgets, statements and reports;**
- 7. arranging for audit, presentation and examination of the accounts of all the funds of the Congregation;**
- 8. managing and controlling property**
- 9. preparing and presenting to a meeting of the Congregation an annual report concerning the life and work of the Congregation including its worship, mission and service, and making recommendations with regard to the program for the ensuing year;**
- 10. exercising oversight of the appointment of officers and leaders of Congregational organisations;**
- 11. referral of matters to Presbytery as necessary;**
- 12. discipline of members;**

**The Church Council members take their responsibility seriously and prayerfully and I am personally very pleased with how our Church Council are providing spiritual oversight as we move forward as a caring community with Christ. Please pray for our team: Rhonda Coleman (Chair and Discipleship), Mervyn Head (Treasurer), Liz Mahon (Secretary), Lorraine McRae (Pastoral Care), Michele Lake (Outreach), Victoria Kirk-Lamburd (Families), Pam Ganderton (Admin & Property), Rev Catherine Solomon (Worship), Greg Malimonenko, Shirley Lord, Alan French (co-opted).**

**Rev Catherine Solomon**

Here's an opportunity for some excellent (and free) training in community care and disaster chaplaincy – you are invited to join Rev Catherine on the first day of this training at Newlife, Robina: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November....



**27<sup>th</sup> November: DAY ONE - Counselling by Chance / Psychological First Aid**  
(Day One can be completed as a stand-alone training event)

**28<sup>th</sup> November: DAY TWO - Community Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy**  
(Must do Day One as a foundation)

To view and register for these free Workshops, follow the links:

Day 1 <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/71762221737>

Day 2 <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/71762364163>

No cost – funded by Uniting Care Disaster Appeal

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*Our Vision: A Caring Community with Christ*

**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**  
*A reminder to pray and participate!*

<b>Monday 21/10</b>	<b>Cooinda open, 9-1</b>
<b>Tuesday 22/10</b>	<b>Cooinda 9-1; Carpenter's Workshop 8-12; Church Council Meeting 7pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 23/10</b>	<b>Cooinda 9-1; Carpenter's Workshop 8-12; Leisuretime 9-12</b>
<b>Thursday 24/10</b>	<b>Prayer Group 8:30; Cooinda 9-11</b>
<b>Friday 25/10</b>	<b>Cooinda 9-1; Carpenter's Workshop 8-12</b>
<b>Saturday 26/10</b>	
<b>Sunday 27/10</b>	<b>Worship at Elanora, 9am; Fijian Congregation meets, 3pm</b>



**If you have anything for the Newsletter,  
 please submit it by noon on Monday. Thanks, Janine**