



## Hervey Bay Congregations

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## Special Leaders Meeting as at 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Psalm 28:1-2 : 6-9. In God we trust – giving thanks in advance for what God is going to do in this space. Remember the challenging times ahead.**

**Directive received from Queensland Synod/Head office – Regular worship to cease as well as other gatherings as at the 18<sup>th</sup> March, despite Government directives and made the following statements: -**

- It is challenging time, how we move in this space? With the Holy Spirit, remembering that we have the authority and power through Jesus Christ
- Not get caught up in the negative things
- Look to move forward as best we can, being mindful of how we move in this space, without biting off too much too quick
- Being the light of Christ
- Vital that we maintain Pastoral connections with the congregation
- Important thing to keep people connected to Christ
- Be sensitive to what is going on but not limiting us

### **Worship**

- Thoughts to record services on DVD's and distribute them to Aged Care facilities, to give residents the opportunity to engage in worship.
- It will be to the discretion of facilities if they wish to show these services.
- Create something that is accessible to the wider community, focusing on the hope that we have in Jesus Christ.
- Look at Live Streaming to enable congregational members to engage in the services or posting. ie: Facebook, YouTube

The priority is to continue to get the Gospel message out at this stage. Focusing on prayers and Bible readings.

We will still run an Easter ad not to advertise service times but to give hope, something along the lines of –

*'Even though we can't gather, we still remember the significance of Easter, that the Uniting Church pray that we know the peace of God'*. Exact wording to be decided upon.

A letter will be sent out to members, advising how to Direct Deposit their offerings into the church account.

Information will also be included in the U.C. Monies can also be taken into the office 9am -12pm.

It is important that congregation members continue to contribute to the offerings to enable the Church to continue to meet its' financial commitments with insurances, wages etc,

We have a choice to be powerless or empowered, giving thanks to the Holy Spirit to lead us through these times.

Maybe a God given opportunity to connect with the community, challenging us to reach the wider community in a different way, which we would not do under normal circumstances. Giving us the opportunity to look at things in a different way.

What should I do in this situation? Remembering the words of the song "Jesus want us to be a sunbeam".

**We must remember that God is in control – we need not be afraid – we trust God right to the end – God cares and does amazing things.**

**NB:** This is a record of things that were discussed on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020. We are in an ever-evolving situation and office times may change.