

# Report for 31st Queensland Synod October 2014



## Report from **Pastor Application Committee**



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### Context:

The Pastor Application Committee (previously the Pastor Candidature Committee) is the group of the Synod tasked with fulfilling Regulation 2.3.3 (c): "A Synod body designated by the Synod shall have responsibility for considering and determining applications made under Regulation 2.3.3 (a)(ii) (ie. Ministry of Pastor who wish to serve in approved placements of the Church". As such, the Pastor Application Committee (PAC) seeks to resource the Church by providing a further opportunity for discernment of a person's call and appropriateness for this ministry, alongside the person, and the Presbytery.

## **Responses to our Priority Directions since last Synod**

### **Enabling a demonstrated commitment to the shared Call and Vision**

The Committee continues the work of the Synod in enabling women and men to offer themselves to serve the wider church. The Committee is an important part of that discernment process and continues to share the call and vision of the church through this process.

## **Working towards our Priority Directions in the future**

The Committee will continue to discern with those people who feel called by God to undertake this ministry.

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## **Responses to our Priority Directions since last Synod**

### **Promoting a discipline of prayer and spirituality (individual and corporate)**

Meetings are conducted in a spirit of prayerful reflection.

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## **Responses to our Priority Directions since last Synod**

### **Developing sustainable mission orientated organisation (way of being) for the Church in Queensland**

The Committee is cognisant of the need to renew our leadership for mission in and through this discernment process.

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## **Working towards our Priority Directions in the future**

The Committee continues to look for strong leadership in those people who apply to be pastors.

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## **Responses to our Priority Directions since last Synod**

### **Facilitating renewal of leadership for the mission of the Church**

The Committee in undertaking this work continues to discern with people their leadership potential in the many roles that are available to people offering themselves for the ministry of pastor. The Committee itself has undergone renewal with a new committee being appointed in May by the Synod Standing Committee.

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## **Working towards our Priority Directions in the future**

The Committee will continue to be guided by the Church as it reflects on leadership requirements and the ongoing needs of the church.

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## Key achievements/initiatives

- The Committee had its membership renewed by the Synod Standing committee in May. Five new members and one original member now make up the Committee.
- The Pastor Application Committee has received 10 applications since the last Synod meeting. At the time of this report, the Committee has approved 6 new pastors.

## Challenges/risks as we progress:

An increasing need for qualified and experienced leadership across many of our placements in the life of the Synod

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