



# Presbyterian Church of Queensland

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ across PCQ,

I'm writing to ask you to pray for the upcoming special meeting of the Queensland State Assembly, which is to be held 15-16 March.

Please give thanks that matters are progressing regarding the ongoing care of PresCare's residents and the transfer of PresCare's facilities to other providers. The PresCare staff have performed exceptionally well under Wayne Knapp's leadership as CEO. The various homes have received high marks from assessors in recent days. The steps toward the transfer of the various residential aged care facilities to other providers are moving ahead and we hope to finalise these in a timely manner. A report will be given to the 15-16 March Assembly on how these matters have progressed and the anticipated next steps. So please pray that God's wisdom and insight will be given to the Assembly as it meets.

Whilst these PresCare matters have been very much on our minds across the congregations of Qld, SA, and NT it is encouraging to see the gospel growth that is occurring through faithful gospel ministry in so many places. We've seen new ministries commence and congregations renewed through new congregations and Charges commenced, amalgamations, and new ministry appointments. Our college, QTC, is reporting a healthy enrolment of students for the coming semester. So whilst the challenges before our denomination are significant, we can have confidence that God's Word is achieving the purpose for which he has sent it. The gospel is bearing fruit through the ministries of our denomination's congregations.

There are so many different parts of Scripture that I'm sure are being thought about at this time. A passage I find challenging at this time is the following from Philippians chapter 2.

*12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.*

*14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour in vain. 17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.*

Please pray that we will follow Paul's example from Philippians chapter 2, as he followed Christ, in all that we do as a denomination, as congregations, and as Christian people. Please also pray that the attitude of Christ in his gospel will shape the hearts, minds, and decisions of the members of our Queensland State Assembly as we meet on 15-16 March.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

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