



The Uniting Church in Australia  
QUEENSLAND SYNOD

# Fundraising Support

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**Business Development Unit**



**OUR  
PURPOSE**

Our purpose is to contribute to the shared vision of one church active in every Queensland community, bearers of Christ's offer of life in all its fullness.



**OUR  
VALUES**

- Be gracious
- Explore beyond your assumptions
- Contribute confidently
- Actively seek solutions
- Embrace an abundant future



**OUR  
PURPOSE**

Empower and train congregations to conduct their own fundraising initiatives by offering structured support from the Synod Office, Business Development Unit (BDU).



# A few fun facts about Vanessa

- Born in **Zimbabwe**
- Has lived in many parts of the world – **Cape Town, South Africa, London, Edinburgh, Muscat, Oman** and now my favourite place of all **Queensland!**
- Previous roles in **public relations, marketing, fundraising** and **communications**.
- Scariest thing to ever have happened to me – **being charged by an angry hippo called Henry** while in a canoe!
- Happiest things in my life having my **two gorgeous children Dylan and Faye**
- What I love most out of this role – **meeting people from all walks of life** who want to contribute to the wellbeing of our community!



# What are the areas we can support you?



GRANTS



BEQUESTS



COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT

We would love to hear your innovative ideas so please contact

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# How can we REALLY help you?



# Grants

## How we can support you through the grant process?

- **Grant opportunities** – tailored grant emails
- **Basic support** – providing organisational details, bank accounts etc
- **Medium support** – overview of the application (we are not grant writers but we can read the application for errors and relevance)
- **High level support** – liaison with a grant writer





# Bequest Program

- **Video** - Telling the story of some of our amazing bequests and how they have transformed the church and community – Redcliffe and Wagner
- **New look pages for our UCA Queensland website** and very simple instructions on how to leave a gift in your will
- **Simple printed brochure** to hand out to congregations



# Community Engagement

## What other congregations are doing:

- Dwell – Elanora UC
- Redcliffe Hub – Redcliffe UC
- Tracey's Pantry – Beaudesert UC
- Protea Place – Warwick/Killarney UC

