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Good morning friends,

I hope and pray that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and that you have experienced something of the goodness of God in that time.

As God has called Rev. Karen to Chapel Hill UC after Easter, so He will lead the **BRUC Joint Nominating Committee (JNC)** and the people of BRUC through the process to call our next minister.

At our Congregation Meeting of Sunday, 13 December, Janet Collard, Stephen Dart, Jenny Guyatt, Trevor Marett and Vicki Stewart were appointed to serve on our JNC which will be led by Rev. David Busch, Presbytery Minister, and supported by Anne McKay who also serves the Presbytery of South Moreton on the Pastoral Relations Committee.

When a ministry vacancy is to be filled, the question which is being explored is: *Who is God calling to be the ministry leader for this Congregation for this time?* This involves prayerful listening and openness to the Spirit. Through the JNC, the Congregation, Presbytery and Synod will work together to discern who God might be calling to serve at BRUC.

Presbytery has indicated that BRUC will be a priority placement so that the JNC may seek the assistance of the Moderator if that is required.

Eventually, the JNC will recommend a name to the Congregation. A Congregation meeting will decide if it will call someone or not.

I would urge you all to keep the committee members in your prayers as they seek to engage with this important work.

**Attached to this letter is a brochure explaining the work of the BRUC Church Council and the leadership attributes required for it to be effective in its role. Please prayerfully review this document as you consider who you might nominate for a Church Council Leadership position.**

Dates crucial in this process are:

**Monday, 15 February:** Nomination forms, which are attached to this mail-out, need to be submitted to the BRUC office.

**Monday, 22 February:** Nominees provide the office with a short profile outlining:

- 1) their contribution to the church in recent times, and
- 2) what they believe they can bring to the role

**Sunday, 7 March:** Nominee profiles, and annual reports are provided to the people of the BRUC congregation in preparation for the Annual Congregation General Meeting.

**Sunday, 21 March:** BRUC Annual Congregation Meeting.

The AGM will be held at 2:30pm in the Worship Centre. Under Uniting Church regulation proxy votes are not accepted, however, under the current social distancing circumstances, it has been approved by the General Secretary of Queensland Synod, that for members who wish to vote utilising the online poll via Zoom, their responses will be accepted. Therefore, there will be two options for those wanting to participate: either by Zoom, or in person, where we will continue to maintain careful COVID safe practices and you are most welcome to attend that meeting which will:

- 1) review reports from Church Council and our Centres of Ministry (Worship, Discipleship and Evangelism, Community Support, and Facilities and Property) and
- 2) elect up to 9 Church Council Leaders. Please note that Clive Finter's term continues on until 2022.

The Zoom link for this meeting will be emailed to all contacts after the 9am Worship Service has concluded on 21 March.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the matters raised above.

Your brother in Christ,

  
Kerry Armstrong,

BRUC Congregation Chair