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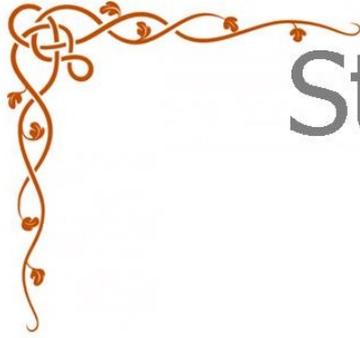
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Transition

Transition requires internal change

"Tis the SEASON to be jolly"

Time is a process of seasons, one to the next. There are seasons of the calendar, seasons of ministry and seasons of life. When we transition from one season to the next, it inevitably involves change. Change is easy if it's just external, like when we can get a new car, update the decor or even move to a new location. But if all we have done is change the external, we haven't really transitioned anything. **Transition requires internal change.** It requires a different response to what is happening around you. Not the same old response.

We do external change well, but transition (internal change) - that's another story. Jesus modelled transitions, amongst other things, very well for us. In particular, Jesus' transition from a carpenter to Rabbi is noteworthy and worth an in-depth study but we don't have space here so I will share some observations:

1. Jesus celebrated this moment of transition with a public ceremony, we call it baptism. A public ceremony is celebrated when we transition from a single person to a married person, we call this a wedding.
2. For 40 days Jesus embraced nothing; no food, no people, no assignments, just himself. Clearly there were some dark moments during this time but it was manifestly important for him to do nothing. Even built into the process of time itself, as we move from one day to the next, is the time of solitude called night. This time of emptiness must be that important. With mobile devices, busy schedules and a pressing need to get into the new season; this time of 'Selah' can be put off and seen as unimportant or something to get to later. A review of our priorities in this respect may be necessary.

My prayer as we transition from one year to the next is that you take time to celebrate and that you have some 'Selah' time. Allow for some time to get away, to leave the old and prepare to embrace the new.

From Francine and my family to you and yours, have a safe and meaningful holiday season and a prosperous new year.

John Hunt
ACC QLD/NT: State President





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2014 State Conference

The ACC QLD/NT Conference continues to grow, attracting just over 1000 registrants at this year's event.

Keynote speaker Leon Fontaine, from Canada, ministered around the theme "Spirit Contemporary". He encouraged pastors to model how the gifts of the Spirit could be used in the marketplace to see people won to Christ.

"In a church service we sometimes move in the gifts of the Spirit in a way people could never do in the marketplace," he said. "And so people in our churches don't know how to operate in the gifts because they've never seen it modelled or demonstrated in a way that could work for them. That's our challenge. To always be Spirit-led but in a contemporary way that a mother or a doctor or a teacher or a business person could easily emulate in their world amongst the people to whom they minister."

Pastor Leon also addressed a special session of leaders aged under 30, urging them to deal with issues of insecurity so that they could minister to the needs of their generation without the complications of mixed agendas. "When you are at ease with who God has called you to be you can forget about yourself and focus on serving others," he told the session.

In the business session State President John Hunt was overwhelmingly endorsed for another term along with members of the Executive team. Pastor John took time to reiterate to Conference that as a Movement we must continue to focus on church planting and on bringing the next generation into leadership, both in local churches and within Regional and State teams.

Other highlights of Conference included the ordination of 26 new ministers and a moment to honour Pastor Steve and Joyce Dixon from Hillsong Brisbane for the outstanding leadership they have demonstrated over the past two years.

Queensland/Northern Territory again broke new ground nationally with the introduction of online voting. Watched closely by other States, the system worked well and is likely to be replicated around the country.

James Macpherson
ACC QLD/NT: Stronger Churches





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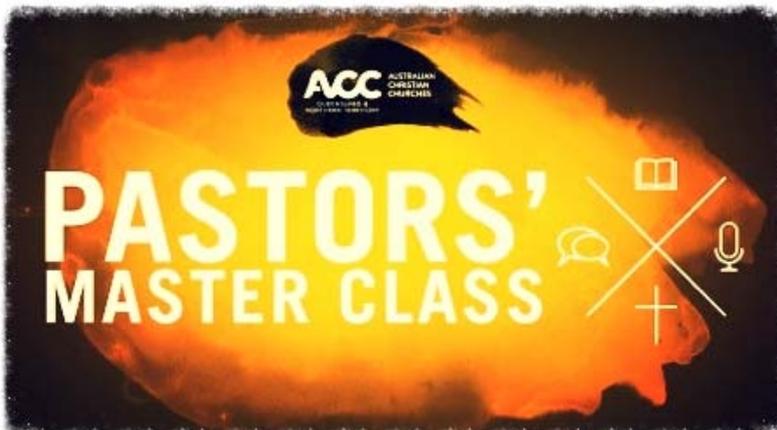


Pastors' Master Class Series '15

Pastors' Master Class a new ACC QLD/NT Initiative

The Pastors' Master Class will provide:

- Two days of rich input from one of the experienced ministry couples in our State/Territory
 - Ps John & Francine Hunt (Centro Church, Ipswich QLD) **26-27 May**
 - Ps Keith & Sue Ainge (Desert Life Church, Alive Springs NT) **17-18 June**
 - Ps Wayne & Lyn Alcorn (Hope Centre, Brisbane QLD) **17-18 June**
 - Ps James & Sam Macpherson (Calvary Christian Church, Townsville QLD) **16-18 Aug**
- The opportunity to ask questions and find the story behind the story
- An opportunity to meet with some of the ministry leaders from the host churches
- Two days of fellowship with other ministry colleagues



Applications close 30 January 2015



Murray Averill
ACC QLD/NT: Stronger Leaders



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Compliance & Governance Webinars

QUEENSLAND church leaders will be kept up to date with the latest governance and compliance issues via a series of online seminars in 2015.

The seminars (or webinars as they are known) will be presented by solicitor Graham Corney and can be watched live or at a later date. Already State Executives from around the nation are requesting the webinars also be made available to churches interstate. Those watching the webinars live will be able to interact with the presenters and ask questions. The webinars will be available on the State website for pastors to watch with their church board members and teams at a time that is most convenient to them.

The 2015 program of webinars will be as follows:

Tuesday March 10, 2015 at 1pm

"LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE"

Join us for a one-hour discussion on lessons learned from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. This one-hour webinar will help you to ensure your church policies and procedures are best practice in light of experiences that have been shared at the Royal Commission.

Tuesday May 19, 2015 at 1pm

"PRACTICAL KEYS FOR BUILDING STRONG CHURCH BOARDS"

This one-hour webinar will provide practical assistance to pastors and church boards for putting together and leading healthy boards. Topics covered will include The Importance of Boards (Legally and Practically); How to Select and Appoint Board Members; Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members; Ongoing Professional Development of Board Members; Running Board Meetings that Attract and Keep High Capacity People and more.

Tuesday August 18, 2015 at 1pm

"PRACTICAL CHECKLIST FOR PROVIDING STRONG CHURCH GOVERNANCE"

Every church pastor, business manager and/or administrator will benefit from this one-hour checklist of areas of organizational governance they need to be giving attention to. Over the course of an hour we will look at everything from taxation issues to staffing, policies required of organizations and processes that need to be monitored to ensure our churches stay not only on the right side of the law, but strong, efficient and effective. In the course of leading a church there are a number of things which can be easily overlooked or neglected. This is a timely mid-year reminder to help churches ensure their affairs are in order, giving you the leader confidence and peace of mind.

Tuesday November 3, 2015 at 1pm

"LEADING STRONG CHURCHES IN AN EVER-CHANGING LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT "

This webinar is the definitive update on changing attitudes to and legislation affecting governance and compliance. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. Join Graham Corney for a one-hour "heads up" on things church leaders need to be aware of in an ever-changing legislative environment.

Please [Click here](#) to view the 2014 Compliance & Governance Webinars

James Macpherson
ACC QLD/NT: Stronger Churches





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Starting Strong - Church Planter Training

Church Planting is an effective model of mission in Australia indicated by the data collected from the National Church Life Survey (1991,1996,2001)

WE HELP YOU START STRONG:

We show you how to:

Build your launch team and RAISE FUNDS

Form a worship team

Develop your children’s ministry

Gain momentum – so you can open your doors with excellence. If you start strong, you have a greater chance of growing strong. Ed Stetzer, a missiologist, states that strong church plants grow fast and are ‘intentional about their outreach priorities’.

OUR MISSION

IS TO ASSIST CHURCH PLANTERS IN PLANTING LIFE-GIVING CHURCHES IN QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN TERRITORY. THE STARTING STRONG PROGRAM OFFERS RELATIONSHIP, TRAINING AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Research from Stetzer on over 600 church plants that were 4 years old concluded:

MODEL

Church Planters who **engage in a process** or model increase the likelihood for success.

ASSESSMENT

Church planters who engaged in assessment were **20% larger** than those who did not.

TRAINING

Church planters who completed church planter training were 27% larger than those who did not. ‘Training is a key component. The main reason many new churches fail is because they are started with un-educated enthusiasm’. (Rick Warren –*The Purpose Driven Church*, 1995)

OUR DESIRE

IS TO EMPOWER LEADERS, CHURCHES AND CHURCH PLANTERS TO START STRONG, VIBRANT CHURCHES.

COACHING & MENTORING

Stetzer concluded that church planters who regularly met with a mentor or supervisor were better off. ATTENDANCE IN THESE CHURCHES WAS 25% STRONGER THAN THOSE WHO DID NOT.

FUNDING

Stetzer's research shows Church planters cite more work should be done before they arrive on the field including demographics and raising support. Churches who raise finance are more successful than those who do not.

STARTING BIG – (STRONG)

The BIG first meeting. Stetzer comments that churches that use 'intentional positioning' that targets a specific population through advertising etc are larger than those that do not.



TEAM

Churches who build a strong team before launch day have ATTENDANCE OF ALMOST DOUBLE that of church planters who just start out slow and on their own, at the four year mark.

Stetzer's research is based on discovering the elements that provided the most likely scenario for success. **STARTING STRONG MODEL IN QLD & NT** provides all the vital ingredients that will give you the most proven elements of success.

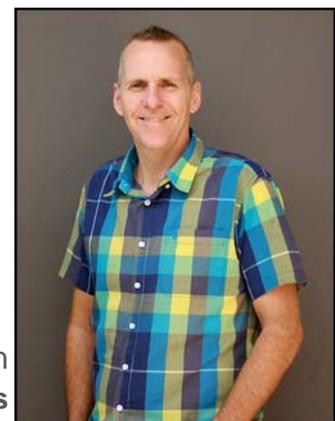
Stetzer Ed. (May 2003) *An Analysis of the Church Planting Process of SBC Church Plants*. A NAMB self study

CHURCH PLANTING IN QLD & NT

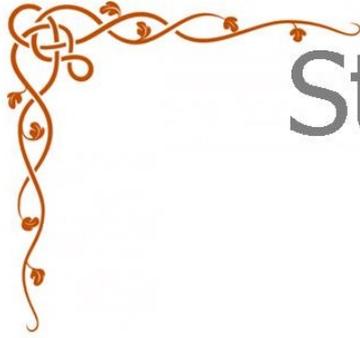
This new approach to church planting in Queensland and Northern Territory is not the only way to plant a church. Churches can and will continue to plant churches in a variety of ways.

We are believing that this new strategic approach will strengthen church planting and empower church planters for a fruitful season ahead.

Next STARTING STRONG PROGRAM
5-7 MAY 2015



Craig Tomkinson
ACC QLD/NT: New Churches



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Online Credential Process

It's been said that technology is a terrible master, but a brilliant servant - the point being, we need to make technology work for us! That's the thought behind taking our credential process online.

Firstly, I'd like to say a big thanks to Neil & Sabrina Scott who refined and maintained the previous system over many years and did the initial groundwork on getting that process digitalized.

There are several things we hope to achieve by taking the process online:



Shortened timeframes from application to receipt of credential

The greatest culprit of slowing down the process is simply missing information. The nature of a web based program enables us to put the onus on the applicant to chase information, not the state or region.

In-Service Training

Questionnaires provided for both supervising pastors and regional leaders, will reiterate and reinforce key aspects of the culture of our Movement.

Standardization of evaluation

Interview templates that focus on expedient topics will remove some of the subjective nature of evaluation and preparation of candidates.

Stronger Pastoral involvement with candidates

We are looking to all senior/supervising pastors to take the responsibility of mentoring and coaching candidates through the process. Often this is the first time a candidate will have had to articulate their key beliefs. This is the best opportunity you'll have to shape their thinking and direct them to solid biblical truth as outlined in Article 4 of our United Constitution.

Top tip:

Throughout the site you'll find short explanatory **video clips** and **notes** at critical points.

Please observe them - at least the first time through - they will help you!

We will continue to simplify and develop the site. It is a work in progress.

We need constructive feedback from those using it. So please contact the State Operations Centre with any difficulties. An email list of any problems encountered would be very helpful to the development team.

Thanks for your patience and HELP in moving us forward to harness the power of technology.

Online Credential Portal



Login

Simply login using your **email address** (as recorded on the ACC National Database) as your User Name. **Pastor priority code** (as printed on your credential card) as your Password *[Please note that the password is case sensitive]*.

Username/Email

Password 

Remember me [? WHAT'S THIS.](#)

Auto log in [? WHAT'S THIS.](#)

[Forgot your password?](#)

N.B. If you forget your password/Pastor priority code you will be issued with a new password which you will then need to update the password, this is a standard security measure. This does not affect passwords used in any other ACC website or portal.

For more information please contact the ACC QLD/NT State Operations Centre on p: (07) 3496 1486, f: (07) 3496 1485 or email applications qldacc.org.au.

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ACC QLD/NT: New Leaders





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Emerging Leaders

'The Australian Christian Churches has always had a wealth of young leaders but that should not be taken for granted. In an ageing population it was essential that churches were intentional about equipping and releasing up-and-coming leaders', State Conference was told in October.

To help local churches do that, ACC QLD/NT will again run its Emerging Leaders camps in the South East of the State and in North Queensland. Last year more than 100 leaders aged 18-30 attended the three-day camps.

As well as providing an excellent avenue to network and build relationship with other young leaders from around the State, the camps include sessions covering topics like, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Serving Well on Team, Moving in the Gifts of the Spirit and Making Sure of Your Calling.

The Emerging Leaders program has been copied by other States and by Movements overseas.

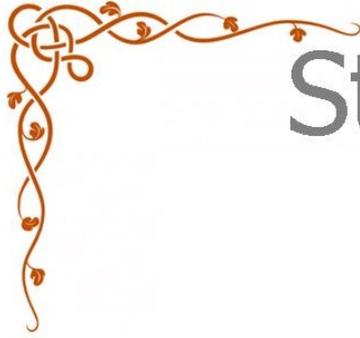
Emerging Leaders will run in Proserpine **July 15-17** and on the Gold Coast at Mount Tamborine **July 20-22**.



Register your emerging leaders for 2015

James Macpherson
ACC QLD/NT: Stronger Churches





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Look What God Has Done

Good News Stories & Changes

Property Purchase - Riverside Christian Church:

Pastored by Jim & Paive Cameron, Riverside have recently acquired their own property in Chelmer, Brisbane. The site was formerly a TAFE Extension Campus, and owned by the State Government. Considerable renovations will be undertaken and plans are to move in mid 2015.

Property Purchase – Fassifern:

Pastored by Dennis and Jane Lumley, the church at Boonah last year purchased some 6.5 hectares (16 acres) on the edge of town. They recently held a Baptismal service on the new site baptising 10 people. They are now talking with the local Council regarding their proposed new building.

New Church Plant – Collingwood Park:

Centro Church in Ipswich, pastored by State President John & Francine Hunt, has recently planted a new church in Collingwood Park. Another great church start using the Starting Strong model.

Good News re Prayer Need – Toby Wedrat:

Toby is the 16 year old grandson of Pastors Nev & Jenney Wedrat. He was diagnosed earlier this year with Hodgkin's lymphoma, and was in a very serious condition. He underwent radical Chemotherapy treatment in September. News just in is that he is in full remission. He will be monitored for some time for the possibility of cancer cells returning but we are grateful to God for this great news, and Nev & Jenny pass on their thanks for the prayer support.

New Season - Pastor Ron & Mary Anning:

Ron & Mary have recently announced their resignation from Harvest Life Christian Church at Emerald. After 24 years of very successful ministry there, they will finish up early in the New Year. Their immediate plans are to take a good break before embarking upon their next season in ministry.

Pastor Rod & Jan Best - Gayndah:

Rod & Jan will commence as the senior pastors at Riverlands Assembly of God in February 2015.

Dysart Family Fellowship:

This week, Pastor George & Angie Gebran drove 700km (one way) to pick up the keys to a brand new accommodation unit on behalf of Dysart Family Fellowship, as they had previously ministering at Dysart for 10 months. Dysart Family Fellowship is the only church in the town and the unit was purpose built for Visiting Ministry and generously donated by Hutchinsons Builders.



Gary Swenson
ACC QLD/NT: State Ministries



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2015 Dates



Youth Alive Conference

12-15 January Brisbane
14-6 January Townsville
19-21 January NT - Alice Springs

ACCKids & Youth Training

7 February - Central Region (Emerald)
17 February - Gold Coast/Brisbane Region (Highway Church)
18 February - Brisbane West & South West Region (TBC)
23 February - Northern Region (Townsville)
24 February - Whitsunday Region (Mackay)
25 February - Capricornia Region (Rockhampton)
26 February - Wide Bay Region (Bayside CC)

Compliance & Governance Webinar

10 March - 1pm
'Lessons Learnt from the Royal commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse'

Momentum Leadership Event

25 March

National Conference

21-23 April - Gold Coast

ACCKids Ministry Leadership Summit

24 April - Gold Coast

Starting Strong

5-7 May - Brisbane

Compliance & Governance Webinar

19 May - 1 pm
'Practical Keys for Building Strong Church Boards'

Youth Alive Young Adults Pastors & Leaders Summit

25 May

Pastors' Master Class - Ipswich

26 - 27 May - John & Francine Hunt - Centro Church Ipswich

QCW Regional Visits

29-30 May

ACCKids State Training Night

2 June

QCW NT Regional Visit

11-12 June

QCW Regional Visits

12-13 June

Pastors' Master Class - Alice Springs

17-18 June - Keith & Sue Ainge - Desert Life Church Alice Springs

Pastors' Master Class - Brisbane

17-18 June - Wayne & Lyn Alcorn - Hope Centre Brisbane

Pastors' Intensive In-Service

24-26 June - Gold Coast
'Developing You—The Leader'

Emerging Leaders North

15-17 July - Proserpine

Emerging Leaders South

20-22 July - Mt Tamborine (Gold Coast)

Pastors' Intensive 'Essentials'

27-29 July - Gold Coast (PMC Holders)

United We Stand (Youth Alive)

31 July

ACCKids Outreach

2 August

Pastors' Master Class - Townsville

12-13 August - James & Sam Macpherson - Calvary Christian Church Townsville

Compliance & Governance Webinar

18 August - 1pm
'Practical Checklist for Providing Strong Church Governance'

Pastors' Intensive 'Essentials'

17-19 August - North QLD (PMC Holders)

Kidshaper Conference

21-23 August - Melbourne

State Conference

5-8 October - Sunshine Coast

Compliance & Governance Webinar

3 November - 1pm
'Leading Strong Churches in an Ever-changing Legislative Environment'

Chaplaincy Conference

7 November

YA National Leadership Night

November TBA (each state)

For all 2015 Regional Event Dates [please click here](#)