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Dear Ministers and Elders,

With much grief and sadness, I share with you, news that our brother Jens Norved, Minister of the Maroochydore Presbyterian Church passed away on Tuesday (5 May 2026). Jens had long struggled with depression and, despite receiving treatment, it appears he may have taken his own life. This loss is difficult, yet we hold to the promise that nothing can separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus.

Please keep the entire Norved family in your prayers, that comfort and peace, which surpasses all understanding, will guard their hearts and minds as they grieve. Pray also for Shane Wright and Heidi Drager, the ministry and support staff at Maroochydore, along with the elders and church family. Pray that the Presbytery and wider church will support them well during this difficult time.

If you are struggling after receiving this news, please reach out to someone you trust, or speak with me. My contact details remain available to you as listed below.

Details of a service to honour Jens and to support the Norved family, church family and one another, will be made available in coming days.

May we remind each other of the words of Paul in 2Cor 1:3-5

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

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