

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LAY PREACHERS
CENTRE FOR THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY, PARKVILLE JULY 7- 10, 2017**

PROGRAMME AND PRESENTERS

Friday, July 7

from 3.00 pm	Registration, accommodation
5.00	Welcomes and Introductions
5.30	Opening Worship
6.00	Dinner
7.30	Keynote 1 <i>Reformation 500 - and us</i>
	with guests Pr Gordon Wegener, Lutheran Hospital Chaplain Very Rev Denis Stanley, Ecumenical Vicar Melbourne Archdiocese; Dr D'Arcy Wood Uniting Church theologian and liturgist
	Supper

Saturday July 8

9.00 - 10.30	Keynote 2 Dr Sunny Chen <i>Rethinking Christian Faith in Light of Ancient Semantics</i>
10.30	Morning Tea
11.00 - 12.30	Keynote 3 Dr Sunny Chen <i>The Wedding Imagery in the Gospel of John</i>
12.30	Lunch
2.00 - 3.30	Workshops 1
	Peter Blackwood <i>The Art of Prayer Through Art</i>
	Chris Barnett <i>Intergenerational Ministry: the 'what' and 'why'</i>
	Rod Horsfield <i>The Art of Public Prayer</i>
	Colin Jenkins <i>Singing the Psalms</i>
3.30	Afternoon Tea
4.00 -5.30	Workshops 2
	Peter Blackwood <i>The Art of Prayer Through Art</i>
	Chris Barnett <i>Messy Church: what it is and why it works</i>
	Rod Horsfield <i>The Art of Public Prayer</i>
	LouAnne Stabb <i>Singing New Hymns</i>
6.00	Dinner

7.30 Evening programme Chris Meneilly *A Little Magic: making worship more engaging*

Sunday July 9

9.00 Conference Service with Communion at the CTM

10.30 Morning Tea

11.00- 12.15 Keynote 4 Dr Paul Forgasz *Recovering the World of Jesus the Jew: the quest for the historical Jesus*

12.30 Lunch

2.00 - 3.15 Keynote 4 continued Dr Paul Forgasz *Recovering the World of Jesus the Jew*

3.15 Free time, including Afternoon Tea
Sydney Road or Lygon Street walks
Melbourne General Cemetery?

5.30 National Meeting of Lay Preachers - Max Howland , President of the National Lay Preachers' Committee

6.30 Dinner and Dr Avril Hannah-Jones *Geek Worship*
Supper

Monday July 10

9.00- 11.30 Keynote 5 Dr Jenny Byrnes *Faith and Brain Matters*

Morning Tea Included

12.00- 12.30 Closing Worship

12.30 Lunch and Departures

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE PRESENTERS



Jenny Byrnes Faith and Brain Matters

Jenny is an ordained minister and has worked in congregational and educational settings.

Her passion is for vibrant and healthy leadership across the Church. Jenny is currently Executive Director of the Centre for Theology and Ministry within the VicTas Synod. Jenny is a life-long learner always looking for new insights and perspectives to grow her own and others' faith and discipleship.



Sunny Chen Rethinking Christian Faith in Light of Ancient Semantics

The Wedding Imagery in the Gospel of John

Sunny is Chaplaincy Co-ordinator and the Ecumenical Chaplain at The University of Melbourne. He is a board member of the Centre for Theology and Ministry of the Uniting Church (Synod of Victoria and Tasmania). He also lectures at the College, currently teaching New Testament Greek. He is an honorary researcher at the University of Divinity, and his current research areas include Greek grammar, linguistics, Pauline epistles and the Gospel of John and intertextuality.

Sunny was a secondary school teacher in Hong Kong before completing his masters' degree in theology in the USA. He came to Australia in 1998 and, later, was ordained as a Uniting Church minister.

Paul Forgasz Recovering the World of Jesus the Jew: the Quest for the Historical Jesus

Paul is an associate of the Australian Centre for Jewish Civilization at Monash University where he lectured in biblical, as well as medieval and modern Jewish history, for almost two decades. He also taught about leadership in the university's Faculty of Education. In a previous life he was headmaster of the secondary school campus of Mount Scopus College. Paul is semi-retired.

Avril Hannah-Jones Geek Worship

Avril Hannah-Jones is a Minister at Williamstown Uniting Church. Previously she served four Uniting Churches in the Macedon Ranges. Prior to that placement Avril lived for six months as part of the World Council of Churches' International, ecumenical community at the Chateau de Bossey, outside Geneva. In 2011 comedian Adam Hills made fun of Avril on national television and as a result the Church of Latter-Day Geeks was born.

Chris Meneilly *A Little Magic: making worship more engaging*

Chris Meneilly is an ordained minister in the Southern Mornington Peninsula Parish of the Uniting Church. He studied in Fiji for ordination in the Methodist Church and was ordained there. Chris was a minister in the Indian Division of the Methodist Church in Fiji and retains strong links with Fiji. His interests include designing liturgical stoles. Chris and his wife Eseta designed and made stoles for the national gathering of the Fiji Methodist Church. Some of their stoles have been displayed in the Immigration Museum.



Denis Stanley *Reformation 500 - and Us*

The Very Rev Denis Stanley EV is Rector of the Catholic Theological College, Corpus Christi College where he is a member of the Department of Systematic Theology. He lectures on ecumenism. He was appointed Episcopal Vicar for Ecumenism and Inter-faith Relations. Denis' qualifications include the Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome. Denis' current research interests are Reformation History, Ecumenism and Liturgy. He is a Catholic representative to, and previous president of, the Victorian Council of Churches.

Gordon Wegener *Reformation 500 - and Us*

Gordon Wegener is an ordained minister of the Lutheran Church. He is on the staff of the Victorian District Office as Pastor for Service and Witness, and District Hospital Chaplain. He is an accredited Pastoral Supervisor with the Australasian Association of Supervision and provides Pastoral Supervision for those engaged in ministry. Gordon has served for many years as the Lutheran representative to the Standing Committee of the Victorian Council of Churches.

D'Arcy Wood *Reformation 500 - and Us*

D'Arcy Wood is an ordained minister who lectured in theology and Liturgy at Parkin-Wesley College, Adelaide. He was Moderator of the Synod of South Australia and, later, President of the Uniting Church 1991-94. A staff member of the Australian Council of Churches, D'Arcy was a member of the WCC commission on Orthodox participation in the WCC. D'Arcy was very involved in the movement towards Union, being secretary of the committee. He also helped develop the consensus decision-making process. One of D'Arcy's long-term involvements has been as member of the Australian Hymnbook Committee, which published *Together in Song*. He received the Percy Jones Award for outstanding service to liturgical music. Perhaps his most unusual activity was in the crowning of Tupou VI as King of Tonga in 2015.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS



Chris Barnett *Intergenerational Ministry: the 'what' and 'why'*

Chris is the Children's and Families' Ministry Co-ordinator for the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania. Working out of the Centre for Theology and Ministry, Chris' role includes working with congregations to develop, resource and support effective children's and families' ministry. Chris has a long history of ecumenical involvement. He currently serves as Chairperson of the Victorian Council of Christian Education and of the Victorian Children's Ministry Network. He is an executive member of the Christian Playgroup Network and a longterm Scripture Union Volunteer.

Chris Barnett *Messy Church: what it is and why it works*



Peter Blackwood *The Art of Prayer Through Art*

Peter Blackwood is a retired minister who has painted icons since 2003, learning from Rob Gallacher and, more recently, from Philip Davydov and Olga Shalamova (St Petersburg). He is currently co-ordinator of the Uniting Church Icon Schools where he teaches artists to paint their first icons, and curates icon exhibitions. A current project is to paint 130 icons of saints and people of faith in the Uniting Church's list of Other Commemorations.

The session will examine the use of icons as liturgical art in the Eastern Churches and explore possibilities for allowing icons into Protestant worship.



Rod Horsfield *The Art of Public Prayer*

Rod is a retired Minister of the Word. He was Director of Continuing Education for Ministry and Principal of Otira College, Melbourne, for ten years and a Past Moderator of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania. He has taught worship and preaching to Lay Preachers through the CTM. He is involved in the Banyule Network, developing new forms of congregation for mission. Rod is passionate about Christian communities, worship and people living as credible witnesses to the gospel. He is a keen cyclist, former bee-keeper, and writer of poetry, hymns and prayers.



Colin Jenkins *Singing the Psalms*

Colin completed a Bachelor of Music at Melbourne University in piano and singing. Later he completed a Master of Urban Planning. He was a teacher,, lecturer in Music and Education for 20 years, teacher of piano and pipe organ, conductor of the Australian Boys' Choir and accompanist for several choirs. Colin was Organist and Choir Director of Wesley Church Melbourne from 1986 to 1999. and is now an extremely busy locum organist. He was organist for the complete recordings of *Sing Alleluia*. Colin has taken many workshops on both organ skills and choral tone production and has had several arrangements and compositions published. He has been active in The Society of Organists (Vic), RSCM Australia and the Melbourne International Festival of Choirs.



LouAnne Stabb *Singing New Hymns*

LouAnne, a retired primary school teacher, is passionate about music. Growing up in a culture of choral singing in Minnesota, USA, singing together with others is a vital part of her life. Since coming to Australia she has been involved with the Uniting Church and is currently President of the VicTas Lay Preachers' Association. Singing in three different choral groups at the moment ensures that a day doesn't go by without a warble or two. She lives in Wodonga and is active in the life of Emmanuel Anglican and Uniting Congregation there.

THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE



Joan McRae, Alastair Davison, Maureen Postma, Lyn Brolmage, LouAnne Stabb
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