

ACC E-News Brief 27 September 2019

Dear Members and ACC Contacts

The 2019 Assembly of Confessing Congregations Inc. AGM and Conference has concluded. Over 190 people joined together from 23-25 September at Alexandra Park Conference Centre on the Sunshine Coast, for worship, teaching and fellowship. Among the decisions made it is important for members to be aware of the following (impending) change to the constitution. The information below is an extract from the Unconfirmed Minute record of the 2019 ACC AGM, and any constitutional change agreed at the AGM needs to be approved as an Incorporated Association, and this approval will be advised in due course and a revised constitution provided.

Extract from the Unconfirmed Minute Record of the 2019 AGM of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations Inc. (to be advised when confirmed)

5.1 Future Direction of the ACC

Resolved: *That the Assembly of Confessing Congregations Inc. determine That for the sake of the mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes, the Assembly of Confessing Congregations Inc.,*

- a. affirm our prophetic calling and continue to seek ways of becoming more distinct from the Assembly of the Uniting Church;*
- b. change the criteria for membership to include non-UCA congregations, groups and individuals so that we can provide support and pastoral care for those who in good conscience cannot remain within the Uniting Church but wish to maintain the faith of the One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church as that faith is described in the Basis of Union;*
- c. change the criteria for an ACC 'Ministry Worker' to include appropriate non-UCA members approved by the ACC national council;*
- d. ensure that the criteria for ACC membership for non-UCA congregations, groups and Ministry Workers is still grounded in the Christian faith as outlined in the Basis of Union which commits us to living and working within the faith and unity of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;*
- e. ask the School of Faith to develop and implement policies and processes for accrediting and recognising ACC Ministry Workers;*
- f. vary the constitution accordingly.*

Papers and Presentations: Presentations (written papers and/or video) from the conference will be available on the website as soon as they become available. See the ACC home page.

September 2019 ACC Magazine: The 2019 Magazine is out in print now and is a helpful edition to provide to other church members. If you would like more copies to give away please contact the ACC office.

Further news and information will be provided in October. Please keep the National Council in your prayers as they meet and plan for the future.

National Council for 2019-2020

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