

Assembly of Confessing Congregations E-News **January – February 2020**

Dear ACC members,

There are a few opportunities to grow in faith in the next few months and I want to commit these different ACC activities to you, for your consideration and prayer to decide if you can take part in any of them.

Wesleyan Leadership and the Basis of Union

Firstly, our Confessing School of Faith has worked hard with Kingsley college to develop an accredited course at certificate level on Wesleyan leadership and the Basis of Union. Praise God that it has now been officially approved! The online course is at a certificate IV level and is ready to begin for the first time in February. While it was originally purposed for those doing the fuller ACC Lay Preachers course through Kingsley, it would also be suitable for any ACC member in leadership in a congregation or the ACC who are wanting to grow in Christlike leadership and also understanding and integrating the Basis of Union for ministry in the UCA. The practical working together of the Basis of Union and ministry is becoming increasingly fragmented in the UCA. It is hoped that this course can not only help ACC members but also others to reconnect with the good foundations that we have as a denomination. If you are interested in doing this Wesleyan and Basis of Union leadership course please contact Kevin Brown from Kingsley College, email: kingsley@kingsley.edu.au and also let us know at confessingschooloffaith@gmail.com. We are hoping to have a zoom service before the course starts with all students enrolled. Please pray for the students who will be doing this course and for all arrangements in the lead up.

Weekly Prayer Times

Secondly, we would like to invite you once again to join our weekly ACC online Zoom prayer times. A faithful and dynamic group continues to meet by Zoom every Wednesday at 8am – 8:45 am (AEDT-NSW, Vic, TAS). and every Sunday at 3pm – 4pm (AEDT – NSW, Vic, Tas) for communion. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and prayer and we are always open to new members. We would love you to join us. You can join us by telephone, computer or device. You can even be added to the call if technology is difficult for you.

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer or device: <https://zoom.us/j/5061472018>

Meeting ID: 506 147 2018

Ring on the Phone:

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Add. Meeting ID: 506 147 2018. Then ##

One tap mobile: +61871501149,5061472018# Australia

Please contact me (Anne Hibbard) if you would like more details on how to connect in (annehibbard.acc@gmail.com).

Prayer Retreat Poatina

Thirdly, we commend the ACC Prayer Retreat at Poatina to you, 24th-26th February.

This retreat is for all ACC members and leaders who would like to seek the Lord's face together regarding our future direction as the ACC. It is being facilitated by Peter and Kathryn Yaxley who are going to be leading workshops on "Enjoying and Resting in God's Whispers". Go to the link <https://www.confessingschooloffaith.com/2020-prayer-retreat-poatina> for more details about registration.

NSW ACC ARISE COUNTRY CAMP

Fourthly, for those of you in NSW, please save the dates for our ACC and ARISE Country Camp, 19th-21st April, flyer coming soon.

ACC NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Finally, a reminder that our ACC National Conference will be held from the 4th-6th September on the Sunshine Coast. Mark the date now.

Please pray for all these ACC Activities happening throughout the year and prayerfully consider joining in. We would also ask you to please uphold the ACC National Council. We will be having an important face to face meeting in Sydney from the 8th -10th March. Please pray that we will be discerning and hearing together what the Lord Jesus Christ is calling us to do in this next stage of this Confessing Movement he has called us to.

Prayers for the Bushfire Crisis

We join with other Christians all over the world in praying for our country. The prayer team has received specific prayer requests from members, and these have been included in the regular prayer meetings. Please send updates and advice to Rev Anne Hibbard or the ACC office.

Please pray for all those affected by the bushfires and bad pollution during the last few months and provision for those who have lost businesses, homes, and even loved ones. Please especially remember in your prayers those ACC members and congregations which have suffered during this time that the Lord would strengthen and comfort them, and that they could be salt and light in their communities. Give thanks to God for the miracle of the rain down the east coast of Australia and continue to pray for more that the fires would be put out and recovery begin.

Pray that as a country we would come in humility, repentance and trust before our Creator through Jesus Christ. Pray that God would by His mysterious ways, work good in this terrible disaster for our country and her people and that we would rise as a nation to become who the Lord wants us to be.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NIV)

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ."

May God richly bless you all as you confess the name of his son, our Lord Jesus Christ in your church and local neighbourhood.

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