

## A Confessing Movement for Today



The Assembly of Confessing Congregations (ACC) is a network of Uniting Church Congregations, groups and individuals, who together confess Jesus Christ as Lord. The ACC provides support and encouragement to evangelical, orthodox and reformed Christians to help them provide reasons for the hope we have today as we live in this increasingly conflicted world.

The ACC was formed in 2006, and has built upon the traditions of previous reform and renewal groups within the Uniting Church. Matters about sexuality have often been a catalyst, but the ACC understands these issues to be intimately connected to biblical theology and how the bible is understood. The ACC provides members with a magazine (ACCatalyst), on-line resources, regional meetings and an annual conference to support, strengthen and grow our members in their faith.

Over two decades now there has been a concerted push from a part of the Uniting Church to change the UCA doctrine of marriage. Recently in 2018 this resulted in a Report on Marriage and Same-gender relationships. The report and the proposals will be considered at the UCA 15th Assembly in July. The report advocates for a change to the UCA doctrine of marriage in order that marriage would become a union of two people, enabling ministers of the church to celebrate marriages of two men or two women.

The ACC National Council will be providing a formal response to the 2018 report and this will be made available widely. Material will also be provided in the June ACC Magazine. In the interim period please see the ACC website <http://www.confessingcongregations.com/> and the <http://www.unitingviews.com/> website for resources, comments and critiques about the liberal push to change the ecumenical understanding of marriage.

For further information on the ACC's view on marriage see the documents on the website especially the 2016 Declaration on Marriage and the Family:

<http://www.confessingcongregations.com/national/item/declaration-on-marriage-and-the-family/>

The ACC has maintained a consistent position of supporting the UCA's current definition and doctrine of marriage, and material that outlines this is provided on our website. The current UCA understanding of marriage as being between one woman and one man is the biblical and ecumenical understanding and as part of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, the ACC will work to help the Uniting Church maintain this at the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly. If you would like to join the ACC and support other UC members confess the faith today please download a form from the website.

[http://www.confessingcongregations.com/uploads/ACC\\_member\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.confessingcongregations.com/uploads/ACC_member_brochure.pdf)

Thank you for your interest and support.

Peace and grace

***The ACC National Council***

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