

ACC Supporting Membership: Individuals, Couples or Families

ACC operates on a financial year (1 July – 30 June) basis and new members are sent publications for the current year to comply with membership conditions and are regarded as members for that year, unless requested otherwise.

Note: new members need to agree to support the ACC rules and objects by signing below.

Individual Couple Family (Please Tick)

Title(s): Rev Dr Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Surname(s): _____

Christian Name(s): _____

Signature(s): _____

Address: _____

_____ State: _____ P/C: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Congregation: _____

Family, Individual or Couple:

\$20.00 (incl GST) \$ _____

Family, Individual or Couple

Concession: **\$10.00** (incl GST) \$ _____

Donation: (GST free) \$ _____

ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Credit Card: MasterCard Visa

Amount \$ _____ Expiry (mm/yy) ____ / ____

Name on card _____

—> Signed _____

For **direct deposit information** (internet payments, or at a local Westpac bank) please contact the office: accoffice@confessingcongregations.com

Please make cheques payable to 'Assembly of Confessing Congregations' and post to: ACC, PO Box 968, NEWTOWN NSW 2042.

The objects of the Association shall be:

- a) To confess Christ according to the catholic, reformed and evangelical heritage in the Basis of Union, by:
 - i) upholding the Scriptures' prophetic and apostolic testimony to Christ as the final authority for the Uniting Church's faith and life;
 - ii) calling the Uniting Church to determine matters of doctrine and ethics according to the teaching of the Scriptures and the faith as understood by the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church;
 - iii) calling the councils and congregations of the Uniting Church to uphold the Basis of Union and Constitution:
 - iv) providing biblically grounded leadership in partnership with other confessing movements;
 - v) developing ecumenical partnerships for the more effective proclamation of the Gospel in our pluralist nation; and
 - vi) establishing national, state and territory bodies to implement the Charter as approved by the inaugural meeting of the Association, and seeking the renewal of the Uniting Church.
- b) To undertake such other religious, educational or other charitable activities that are incidental to the above objects.

Extract from the Rules (Constitution) of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations approved 21 May 2007

Assembly of Confessing Congregations Inc.

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Introducing The Assembly of Confessing Congregations of the Uniting Church in Australia

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proclaiming the truth,
renewing the church.*

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Q & A ABOUT THE ACC

Q1. Why form the Assembly of Confessing Congregations (ACC)?

Unfortunately, some decisions and processes of the UCA have not been faithful to traditional Christian teaching. However, we believe that it is important to continue to work within the UCA to try to bring about its reform under the Word of God. We have taken this action for the sake of the gospel and to fulfil better the purposes for which the UCA was established.

Q2. How does the ACC fit within the Uniting Church structures?

The ACC recognises the structures of the UCA and encourages its members to continue to work within those structures to the extent that they serve the gospel and the wellbeing of the Church. The ACC's own structures have no direct links with those of the UCA and are not intended to be copies of them.

Q3. How is the ACC structured?

The ACC has an annual National Assembly of members, a National Council to provide ongoing spiritual leadership, a National Secretariat to deal with administrative matters, and networks to undertake specific tasks and roles.

Q4. Is the ACC divisive?

The ACC is not divisive. It is committed to the Basis of Union, and to preserving the faith and unity of the worldwide Church. Our concern is that the UCA has moved away from the historic and ecumenical Church by weakening the authority of the Word of God. Our aim is to strengthen the unity of the UCA with the rest of the Church by encouraging our leaders to confess the teaching of Scripture about the expression of sexuality and other important matters of doctrine.

Q5. Why get involved in church politics?

Many in the Uniting Church are weary and wary of 'church politics'. The ACC is not in opposition to the Uniting Church leaders and councils, but is their servant, faithfully and humbly bearing witness to the truth of God. In the end, divisive political strategies can never prevail in the church of God, while faithfully confessing the truth will prevail.

Q6. What benefits do ACC members receive?

Members receive regular email news and information, resources via the website and Facebook and occasional printed resources.

Meetings, events and seminars are held to assist believers to grow in their faith; be active in prayer, worship, evangelism and fellowship; develop their congregations as vibrant expressions of the Good News; and experience God's Word in action through healing broken lives and reconciling relationships.

PERSONAL CRITERIA:

Individual, Couple or Family Supporting Membership of The Assembly of Confessing Congregations within The Uniting Church in Australia is open to:

1. individuals who are members of the UCA and/or attending and/or are committed to a congregation of the UCA or
2. individuals who are friends of the UCA who accept the Objects and Rules (Constitution) of the Association.

(For details of congregational membership, please contact the ACC office.)

The information provided on the form overleaf will be used only for the purposes of the ACC and, unless specifically authorised by the signatory, will not be provided to any other group within the UCA or other organisation.

RESOURCES

ACC has produced a number of Bible study guides, including DVD study guides and devotional reflections. For further information see the ACC website. A selected list of ACC brochures is included below:

- **The Charter and Statement on Sexuality** (2006)
- **Cross Cultural Commission Statement** (2008)
- **The Church's Social Responsibility** (2008)
- **Theological Declaration and Commentary** (2009)
- **Abortion in the Australian Community** (2010)
- **A Christian Response to Euthanasia and Medically Assisted Suicide** (2011)
- **Marriage** (2011)
- **Marriage DVD** (2013)
- **Gospel and Grace** (2016)



The founding documents are available on our website: www.confessingcongregations.com