



The ACC Newsletter

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1. ACC National

Memberships: Some ACC State movements have sent out forms with their mailings. Please note these are not re-subscription forms, but membership forms to pass onto interested people. Members who need to renew their subscription have received an invoice from the National Office. If you have not returned your invoice, we encourage you to do so as soon as you can. Please return the whole invoice form and note any address corrections, or new e-mail on the section which includes your name (s) and address.

Donations: An acknowledgement letter for donations for the period October – December 2007 has now been sent. We appreciate people's support and patience during this time of bookkeeping changes.

Council Meetings: The National Council met by teleconference on Monday May 12. Among matters considered, the Doctrine and Theology Commission has been asked to examine 'progressive' theology.

Staffing: A professional bookkeeper and membership assistant is being sought (around 15 hours a week), and the present Interim Administrator and Executive Consultant, Peter Bentley has agreed to re-appointment for a 12 month term starting 1 July 2008, following a review and discussion within the Council.

Date for the next National Council meeting: August 11 – 12; Sydney. This will be a combined meeting with the Commission convenors and Board representatives. It is also an opportunity to finalise matters before the AGM. Matters or comments to the Secretary: Revd Ivan Kirk via the office, or e-mail: ivankirk@bigpond.net.au

Prayer Network: The National Prayer team held a prayer gathering for state convenors in Sydney: May 14-15. Revd Anne Hibbard led the members in gaining a fuller understanding of the network and the basis of the prayer ministry within the ACC.

2. State and Region Reports

NEW SOUTH WALES

The NSW Committee is exploring visitation of congregations and groups. Revd Peter Davis from Wesley Institute is the contact for this venture, so if you have suggestions please advise the NSW Secretary.

Continued Growth: Peter Bentley was able to visit the Hunter regional cluster in April, and Maitland Uniting Church in May, officially welcoming both to the ACC.

Next ACC NSW Committee: Friday 20 June. For further information contact the Secretary: Bruce Fairhall; **Email:** bruce@fairhall.id.au **Phone:** (02) 4571 1019.

WESLEY INSTITUTE Encouragement Day 2008

All NSW members should have received separate details of the Day Conference with Dr Joe Fantin to be held on: **Saturday 19 July 2008.**

QUEENSLAND

Two regional ACC fellowships groups are getting under way in Queensland. Interested people living on the **Sunshine Coast** may contact Revd Dr Lloyd Williams (Ph 07-54923603) for more information.

Contact Revd Denis Conomos (Ph.07-33929009) for information about a regional group on the **southside of Brisbane.**

Any readers interested in developing a fellowship group in their district please contact Denis Conomos.

Notice of ACC Queensland AGM: Friday Evening July 18.

Guest Speaker: Rev Prof Ian Breward

Venue: Uniting Church Centre – Chapel, 60 Bayliss Street, Auchenflower at 7.30 pm
Inquiries Revd Ivan Kirk 07- 33233483

Please put this date in your diary now and prayerfully consider for office bearers and involvement in the Queensland regional area.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ACC SA Resource: 'Confessing Christ from The Basis of Union'

The Uniting Church in Australia is celebrating its 31st Anniversary on Sunday, June 22, 2008. SA ACC encourages UC congregations all over the country to use the resource "Confessing Christ from the Basis of Union" in worship to mark the occasion. The Uniting Church was formed on 22 June 1977 when the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches united. The first service, held on the 26th of June, was broadcast live around Australia on ABC television.

See the ACC website – SA section or direct link:

http://www.confessingcongregations.com/uploads/Confessing_Christ_from_the_Basis_of_Union_SAACC_May08.doc

ACC Chair visit to South Australia: June 2008

ACC SA is pleased that Revd Dr Max Champion has accepted an invitation to visit again. Come and hear Max bring a biblical perspective to the challenges of our culture with an urgent message for the church.

Saturday June 7 @ 9:30 am to 11:30 am:

'The New Tolerance—a Challenge for the Confessing Movement', followed by a Q&A session

Glenunga Uniting Church, 138 L'Estrange St Glenunga

Saturday June 7 @ 5 pm: Shared tea at 6:30 pm

'ACC - Part of a Global Movement' followed by a Q&A session

Murray Bridge Uniting Church, Narooma Boulevard Murray Bridge

Sunday June 8 @ 10 am

Guest Preacher at Tusmore Memorial Uniting Church, 384 Portrush Rd Tusmore

Enquiries: Rev Dr Phil Marshall ACC-SA Chairperson 8396 3252 office.

The next SA ACC Movement Committee will be held on 23 June commencing with prayer at 12.30 pm at Glenunga Uniting Church. All welcome.

VICTORIA

Come Celebrate and Explore the Grace and Lordship of Christ! Invigorate and sustain your orthodox, evangelical and Reformed faith and maintain your witness in the Uniting Church in Australia and to the world!

Venue: Ashburton Uniting Church

5 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton 3147 (Melways 60D10)

Friday evening 8pm 20th June 2008: A Celebration Service.

Speaker: Revd Malcolm White

Saturday 21st June, 9.30 - 3.30pm: Sessions and Workshops:

Keynote speaker: Revd Graeme Harrison:

"What does it really mean for Jesus to be Lord and Saviour?"

Saturday will include the AGM Of the Victorian Branch of the ACC in the afternoon.

Cost: \$20, \$15 concession (payable at the time).

(Includes Saturday lunch and refreshments)

To register, email:

revharro@bigpond.net.au or

revjpayne@rabbit.com.au by 16th June

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The following diary provides a helpful outline of what a Rod James Ministry tour can look like, Rod will be available on-line at the June web chat to talk about ACC matters and reflect on his experiences. If you would like to contact Rod to consider a visit, or encourage your state ACC Movement to explore a tour contact rodjames@internode.on.net; (08) 8381 8345.

WA Ministry Trip: A daily Diary Report by ACC Fieldworker Rod James

9th—30th April 2008

Observations on evangelical developments in WA:

The PNEUMA group of ministers and congregations (PNEUMA = Pastoral Network of Evangelicals Uniting in Mission Action) is going well. My approach, from an ACC point of view, was to rejoice in and encourage the new profile and activity of evangelicals within the Synod, and then to talk with leaders about the relationship of this group to their counterparts in the rest of Australia, explaining the development of the ACC and the way it has attracted some very credible and gifted UCA persons. I also reassured them that the stance of remaining within the Church and calling it back to its own confessional documents was hardly disruptive and divisive. At this stage there is the possibility of me making another trip to WA in September following the National Conference, and there are several areas of interest in ACC that can be followed up.

Wed 9th—Fri 11th	Drove to Western Australia
Sat 12th—Sun 13th	Participated in a New Creation Teaching Ministries weekend at Newdegate UC (ACC congregation).: The theme was <i>Living in the great truths of God</i>
Sun 13th am	Spoke at Newdegate on <i>Complete in Christ</i>
Mon 14th—Wed 17th	Ministered at Pingelly encouraging and assisting the members and leaders of the Pingelly Family Church (ex UCA congregation).
Thurs 17th am	Visited a number of UC households in and around Narrogin sharing about the ACC and leaving resources and information.
Evening	Spoke at Kojunup ecumenical prayer meeting on <i>The mission of God in the book of Acts</i> .
Sat 19th afternoon	Held a three part teaching seminar at Boyup Brook UC (ACC congregation) on <i>The full gospel</i>
Sun 20th 9.30am	Preached at Boyup Brook UC
2.30pm	Preached at Wilga UC (ACC congregation). The service by folk from Greenbushes UC (ACC congregation).
Mon 21st	Drove to Margaret River
Tues 22 nd am	Visited UCA minister and other folk in Margaret River
afternoon	Spoke about the ACC and confessing movement to a meeting of 18 ex and current UCA members in Busselton
Wed 23rd	Drove to Perth, calling on ACC supporters along the way evening Spoke at Bicton UC (ACC congregation) on ACC and the confessing movement.
Thurs 24th—Sat 26th	Visiting UCA ministers and others leaving ACC resources and my own leaflets.
Sun 27th 8am and 10 am	Preached at Kalamunda UC and distributed own and ACC resources to the Ministers and congregation.
Mon 28th	evening Called on a UC Minister and shared ACC materials
	Called on a UC Minister in Canning Vale and the UC Minister in Merredin , shared about the ACC and left information.
Tue 29th—Wed 30th	Drove home from Western Australia

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