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ACC-SA Movement Newsletter

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Mission Statement.

Welcome to the third ACC - SA movement newsletter. The ACC is committed to assisting believers live out a vibrant, evangelical, reformed and orthodox faith within the UCA. Central to this is the confession of Christ crucified as our hope and salvation.

2009 AGM.

The ACC-SA movement will hold its AGM on Friday 8th May at Glenunga Uniting Church at 7:30 pm. Rev Dr Phil Marshall, the state coordinator will present his report highlighting events of the last year and introducing the program for this year, which will feature a series of seminars in regional areas on the topic of **"Confessing Christ from the Basis of Union**". The ACC SA Executive is now focussing its efforts on 2009-2010 by encouraging congregations and individual members in SA as we "Confess Christ" together said Dr Phil Marshall.

Review of 2008

The Springboard year of 2008 was a good year. The highlights of were the increased communication with ACC members via e-mail and newsletter, regional touring by Rev Rod James and a visit by the Rev Dr Max Champion our National Chairperson. A huge effort went into hosting the successful ACC National Conference in September. A special note of thanks goes to the host congregation, Coromandel Valley Uniting Church who gave sacrificially to the conference participants in the name of Christ.

The National Conference Sept 3rd to 5th 2009

The conference details are still being finalised, but the venue is at **Alexandra Park Conference Centre** at Alexandra Headland on the Sunshine Coast 90 minutes North of

Brisbane. The centre is nestled amongst 10 hectares of secluded rainforest and just a short stroll to the popular Alexandra Headland.
On-site accommodation caters for up to 250; providing comfortable and modern facilities in three styles of accommodation – budget friendly dormitory style rooms, ensuite rooms and two-bedroom bungalows.
Some speakers are Brian Edgar, our Social Responsibility Convenor, and David Millikan, who was featured in the December ACCatalyst.

ACC Website.

Nationally a small website committee including our own Robyn McKay is focusing its attention on building the ACC website as a reliable source of fresh information about the ACC and the denomination to which it belongs, and to make the website a place of Christian fellowship for its dispersed members.

The Rev. Rob Tann from Port Lincoln is providing a specially shortened version of his weekly sermon for the benefit of us all, and the retired Methodist minister in Tasmania, the Rev. Bob Imms, is providing his weekly devotionals. Bob's pieces are like poems and quite encouraging.

There has been some discussion about reports from congregations. ACC members are thin on the ground across Australia, and information from like-minded folk in other places can encourage others in faith in Christ, and is one way that members can positively and informatively pray for each other's concerns. Further, regular reports with pictures may be emailed to Robyn at romans5v8@westnet.com.au. Go to http://www.confessingcongregations.com/ to see the latest changes.

Dinner Invitation

There is a unique opportunity to hear Stuart Piggin, the Director of the Centre for the History of Christian Thought and Experience at Macquarie University. He is visiting Adelaide at the invitation of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union as Guest Speaker at their Convention's Opening Dinner. He has over 100 published articles and books ranging from "The Mount
Kembla Disaster", "Evangelical Christianity in Australia" to "Shaping the Good Society in Australia".

The President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Australia, Mrs Ellen Chandler, invites you to dinner on Wednesday 27 May 2009 at 6.30 pm at The Salvation Army Hall, 277 Pirie Street, Adelaide.

COST - $20 per person - (Cash or Cheques payable to "National WCTU" posted to WCTU, 255 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Cowandilla SA 5033. Please book early.

The SA – ACC committee meets on the first Tuesday of most months at Glenunga UC at 1:00 pm. We are well aware that this time and place will inconvenience some, but if you wish to attend you are most welcome. Call the secretary Ian on 08 8289 2627 to check beforehand. Also if you have a point of view or suggestions please do not be shy in contacting any of the following.

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The Victorian Fires.

Rev Rod James has spent some time in Victoria after the devastating fires in Victoria. Following on from this under the leadership of Russel Flavel and Frank Milne from Aberfoyle Park UC, a series of work parties to are being set up. The kind of people needed are those who are competent outdoors, with skills such as chainsaw operation and handling outdoor tools and fencing materials. It is important that the people in our work teams can handle themselves.

At this stage there are people from at least 8 different congregations in SA and Qld who have indicated a desire to assist in the work teams. If anyone can help during could they please contact Russell Flavel on 08 8381 5757 or 0451 050 892.