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Devotional: Making Disciples *with Rev Matt Kang*

At the June 2022 Confessing Christ gathering (online), Rev Matt Kang gave an excellent talk on *Making Disciples: Responding to Homosexual practice as Confessing Congregations with Biblical Truth and Christ's Compassion*. Below is a precis of the talk, and the link to the whole talk is included at the end. [This includes more extensive biblical references].

Over the last couple of centuries, our society has approached the topic of homosexual practice in different ways; as wrong, a sickness, a medical issue, a crime and a legal issue. Same-sex attracted people have been subject to all kinds of verbal and physical violence over this period.

But more recently, there's been a radical change in the way homosexual practice is viewed. Homosexual practice is now widely considered to be a valid form of human sexuality, and in the last few decades, there's been a concerted effort, particularly in politics, the arts and media and sport toward full acceptance, and even celebration of the homosexual lifestyle in some contexts. And of course, more recently, legislation has been introduced to recognise same-sex marriage in Australia.

As Christians, we are not immune to the prevailing views of our society and there is often confusion about the issue. Christians and churches, all across the country, continue to ask *What should we think about homosexual practice and same-sex attracted people?*

Firstly, homosexual practice, and the Bible. Well, let's start at the beginning. God creates people. He created them male and female and then he gives them a job to do. We read in Genesis 1 that the people have to fill and rule the earth. That is God's mandate for Humanity.

And in Genesis, chapter 2, it's revealed that the context in

which this is to happen is marriage. One woman and one man united in marriage and their sexual union fulfils God's plan to have a people of his own, under his blessing and rule.

Now, as we move through the Bible, humanity rebels against God, they lose their place in the Garden of Eden. But despite human sin, God's original plan continues, and God gives the law to Israel and in this law, it is clear that homosexual practice continues to be contrary to the will of God, to God's creation of his people as male and female and their life.

Then in the new covenant God's command to fill and rule the Earth is fulfilled by the Lord Jesus Christ. In the New Testament as highlighted in Matthew 28, the command is to make disciples; to bring everyone under the rule of King Jesus, which is how God will have his people in his place under his Blessing.

This does not mean that marriage and having children is finished. The task though for Christian parents is to raise children in the Lord. To give them every opportunity to know Jesus as their Saviour. Jesus reaffirms heterosexual marriage as being part of

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BOOKS

with Peter Bentley



Them Before Us

Them Before Us: Why We Need a Global Children's Rights Movement provides child-centric answers to questions about marriage, family, parenthood, surrogacy, adoption, reproductive technologies, divorce, same-sex parenting, cohabitation, polygamy and more.

HERE'S THE TRUTH CHILDREN HAVE RIGHTS

Yes. They do. Children have a fundamental right to be known and loved by the two people who made them: their mother and father. It's a right that's recognised worldwide.

CHILDREN HAVE NEEDS

And it goes way beyond being "safe and loved." Children are made for the daily love and involvement of both their biological mother and father.

CHILDREN NEED A VOICE

"I want my mom and dad to love me and I want them to love each other." – Jocie, age 7. If children could order their own world, that's what they would say.

HERE'S WHAT MATTERS GENDER MATTERS

Gender differences are a real phenomenon. From their brains, to the way they communicate, to their physical bodies, men and women are gloriously different. When it comes to parenting, those differences offer complementary benefits to children.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Marriage is not just some outdated religious concept. It's simply the combination of three things that children need to thrive- mother, father, and stability. These are the three staples in a child's social and emotional diet.

BIOLOGY MATTERS

Biological connection matters to children. Not only does it provide them with the adults who are most likely to be protective of, attached to, and invested in them, but it also gives them access to their biological identity.

**Them
Before Us**
*Why We Need
a Global
Children's
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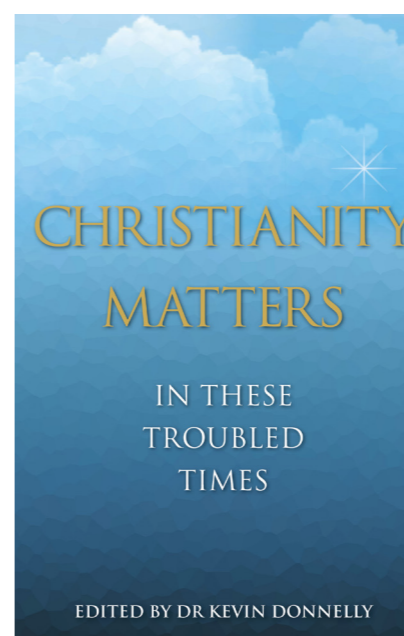
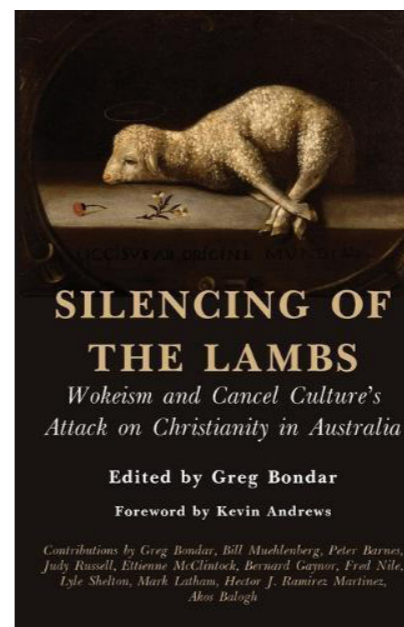
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**Silencing of
the Lambs**
*Wokeism and
Cancel Culture's
Attack on
Christianity in
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**Christianity
Matters**
*In these
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Wokeism and Cancel Culture's Attack on Christianity in Australia

Silencing the Lambs

Greg Bondar would be well-known to ACC members through his wider ministry with Family Voice (NSW) and in particular the topical online seminar series. Greg has ably coordinated contributions from a number of public figures to produce a timely and focussed book that enables Christians to see how our culture has been impacted over the last few decades and the issues confronting the Christian faith.

Contributors: Bill Muehlenberg, Peter Barnes, Judy Russell, Ettienne McClintock, Bernard Gaynor, Fred Nile, Lyle Shelton, Mark Latham, Hector J. Ramirez Martinez, Akos Balogh.

ACC has purchased 10 copies of the book and while stocks last a copy is available on request as a gift for our membership.

In These Troubled Times Christianity Matters

This is an excellent companion book to 'Silence of the Lambs' and provides an excellent account of the issues and areas of concern for Christian practice and belief in Australia and the world, with particular reference to the Catholic Church in Australia.

Contributions by Stephen Chavura (Universities), Stuart Piggan (The story of Maria Yellomundee), Augusto Zimmermann (Legal issues), Tim Costello (Health and Welfare), Peter Craven (The Arts), Stephen Elder (Catholic education), (Christian citizenship), and articles examining our Christian heritage and future by Kristian Jenkins, Martyn Iles, Tess Livingstone, Cardinal George Pell, Peter Rosengren and Wanda Skowronska.

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Chapter One of
Them Before Us



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Note: the (new) website now contains the collection of ACCatalyst magazines.
confessingcongregations.org.au/accatalyst-magazine/

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God's plan on this earth and confirms the sanctity of marriage in Matthew Chapter 19. First Corinthians Chapters 6 and 7 confirm the holiness and purity of heterosexual marriage and that there is no basis for affirming homosexual practice in the church.

Point 2. How should Christians and the church relate to same-sex attracted people? Firstly, we are not living in a theocracy and the law doesn't change our hearts. It is the gospel, the power of God for salvation and for transformation.

There are plenty of people within our churches and friendship circles who experience same-sex attraction.

When a member of my own church struggles in this particular area, or with celibacy or faithfulness in the heterosexual marriage, I remind them that it is the grace of God that teaches us to say no to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled upright and Godly lives in this present age while we wait for Jesus to return.

We need to welcome and love same-sex attracted people as with all people and we need to call on them to repent of any sinful practice and to trust and obey King Jesus. As Christians we do same-sex attracted people no favours by telling them the lie that homosexual practice is okay. We must not be deceived about this; nothing could be less loving to same-sex attracted people.

Instead, we should proclaim the truth and say we want to walk with you as fellow sinners seeking to turn from our sin and to live for the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray that we will be truthful and clear in our call, for the need to repent, and to put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, father, and by the Holy Spirit, to live our lives in accordance with your word.



Scan this code if you would like to listen to Matt's full talk.

or go to: youtu.be/VN1orTgvNIE



This talk and other resources are available on the ACC School of Faith website.

or go to: confessingschooloffaith.com

In Christ Alone

ACC National Conference
9-11 September 2022

Moving forward together in sole loyalty to Jesus Christ the living head of the church (Basis of Union paragraph one)

Alex Park Conference Centre

13 Mari St, Alexandra Headlands Qld 4572
on the Sunshine Coast.



Registration online via Eventbrite (additional fees to book online) or hard copy brochure via Facebook download or ACC office.

Notice of the 2022 AGM of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations Inc. 10 September 2022 @ 1.30 PM
Alex Park Conference Centre and online.



WHO WE ARE

Within the Uniting Church context of a very broad range of theology and practice, the Assembly of Confessing Congregations Inc. is a nationwide body of congregations and individuals whose vision is:

- Confessing the Lord Jesus Christ
- Proclaiming the Truth
- Renewing the Church.

For more about the ACC visit: confessingcongregations.org.au

We do this by:

- Prayer, with our prayer network and regular (online) prayer meetings.
- Encouraging the confession of Christ according to the faith of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, as that faith is described in the UCA's Basis of Union, particularly within the ACC School of Faith.
- Providing resources through our websites, social media, newsletters and gatherings that build up believers, develop their gifts, and equip them for life, mission and works of service.