



ACC E-News August 2010

Dear ACC Members

1. ACC Conference: 2- 4 September: Camden Uniting Church

It is pleasing to see registrations coming in. Please consider coming and joining our growing fellowship.

Forms are available at: <http://www.confessingcongregations.com/news-views/item/2010-national-conference-and-agm/>

Below are the rates for day visitors. You can use the registration form to indicate you are coming on a certain day. These rates are for those people who are having a main meal and refreshments, and also help to cover our other costs. If you want to attend an assembly presentation or speaker session you can consider making a small donation at the conference, or if you come to the rally there will be an opportunity to make an offering. If you need a meal please let me know by August 26th for catering purposes.

Thursday – \$20.00 (including Dinner)

Friday –(\$40) – lunch and dinner

Saturday – (\$20) including Lunch

Accommodation possibilities – please note that the Polding Centre is no longer available as an accommodation venue (it is still listed on the Camden Tourism site).

Transport from the airport

For those travelling by plane and arriving on the morning of Thursday 2nd September, (and you have indicated on the form your arrival time and need transport), I can report the following arrangements for transport to the Camden Church.

The local committee has made arrangements for a shuttle bus service. This will be kindly provided by a local Sydney church (Woollahra-Double Bay), and if you are able, you are encouraged to contribute toward the cost.

Location departures will be provided closer to the time. **Departure times planned: 10 am and 12 noon.**

A larger bus will be arranged to take people to the airport on Saturday 4th September after the lunch – probably about 1.30 pm - 2 pm. It will take about 1 hour to reach the airport so please factor this into your flight times.

2. Abortion Paper (Social Responsibility Commission) - ABORTION IN THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

This important new paper from the Social Responsibility Commission discusses the situation and laws regarding abortion in Australia and appropriate attitudes and actions. The paper is on the website and a new version allowing double-sided printing is also now included. A printed version will be available at the 2010 Conference. Full versions for download can be found at:

<http://www.confessingcongregations.com/national/item/abortion-in-the-australian-community/>

3. Miriam Imms provides a word of encouragement from Tasmania.

“Like so many smaller churches right around our country, we look into 2010 with queries in our minds. What is ahead, how can we be more effective, what are our finest assets, how do we fulfill Christ's command to go into all the world, including our local community, and live the gospel?”

<http://www.confessingcongregations.com/news-views/item/working-on-a-21st-century-future/>

4. Membership renewals

Membership renewals will be sent over the next 2 weeks. A number of individuals and couples have already renewed and I have hopefully removed this group from the mailing list. If you receive a form by mistake please let me know.

5. Prayer Diary for August 2010

A downloadable poster format of the prayer diary can be found at:

http://www.confessingcongregations.com/uploads/prayer_diary_for_august_2010.pdf

Greetings all, prayer requests for this month.

- Emerging Leaders Award, for the ongoing preparation work, workers and helpers and prayer support.
- Executive committee, for our wisdom and discernment for all decisions and new initiatives.
- For our field workers.

- For our ongoing work in areas already reached, that we may be used to build lives and transform communities.
- For all individuals and congregations
- Pray for Leaders with passion for the cause of the Kingdom, who lead communities and be a part of ministry that touches communities for Christ.
- Pray for Leaders to be raised up who will empower churches in their endeavours to build lives, bring restoration and transform communities.
- Please pray for the guidance of God, in regard to "How shall we pray for the natural environment, including other creatures God has made and declared to be 'good'?"
- "Give thanks for the recent ACC Youth Rally at Sutherland Uniting. Pray that many young people of ACCY would begin to come together and be encouraged in their faith in the Lord. Pray for wisdom for them in the planning for the worship at the Friday Night Rally at the ACC Conference. Pray for Lupe as she leads ACCY , to be given wisdom and understanding of what is needed to gather the young people together."
- Pray for our national conference coming up next month 2-4th September.
- Please continue to uphold in your prayers our National Chair Rev. Dr. Max Champion, National Council, Commissions and boards.
- Pray that God will continue to provide for our financial needs as the ACC. We give thanks to God for all who have donated funds already to support the work and mission of the ACC.

A few verses that have been important to me by St. Paul in my personal devotion and reflections this week:

Phi 1:7 You are always in my heart! And so it is only right for me to feel as I do about you. For you have all shared with me in this privilege that God has given me, both now that I am in prison and also while I was free to defend the gospel and establish it firmly.....16 These do so from love, because they know that God has given me the work of defending the gospel... 29 For you have been given the privilege of serving Christ, not only by believing in him, but also by suffering for him.

May God continue to give us strength and wisdom and we seek to be faithful to His calling to Confess the Lord Jesus Christ, Proclaim the Truth and Renew the Church.

***Please remember Friday is our National Day of Prayer and Fasting.
from Hedley Fihaki.***

6. Book Launch in Sydney

Revd Dr Dean Drayton will launch the new book by Robert Evans
*"Matthew Burnett – the Yorkshire Evangelist: Australia's Greatest
Evangelist and Social reformer.*

Date and Time: Saturday August 7th, 2pm.

Uniting Church Historical Society (NSW), at the Centre for Ministry,
16 Masons Drive, Nth Parramatta.

7. Church Pews Available

Following a decision by the Camden congregation to replace the existing seating Camden will soon have available up to **32 pews**. These are tubular steel framed, foam padded and upholstered in a fawn coloured material. The pews are either 3.6 metres or 4 metres in length. The condition of the upholstery is mixed. Camden would be pleased to make these pews available to any church that would find them useful to their needs. In return Camden would be happy to receive any donation the recipient could afford. Contact: (02) 4655 9303. Email:

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