



ACC E-News December 2010

Please note: This will be the last E-news until February 2011. Please check the ACC website over the December – January period for new resources, sermons and devotional material: www.confessingcongregations.com

1. 2011 ACC Conference and AGM – Please put this information in your diary now.

The Council is pleased to announce that the 2011 ACC Conference will be held at Brimbank Anglican Church (East Keilor, Melbourne, with the assistance of the Waverley ACC Cluster.

Dates: Thursday 8 September – concluding with lunch on Saturday 10 September 2011.

2. December ACCatalyst

The December edition will arrive well before Christmas, and if you would like extra copies to provide to friends or members please let me know. ACCatalyst is helpful summer reading!

3. Euthanasia debate

SA Members have mentioned the following resource sites (the first with material for the SA Parliament debate, but relevant for wider sue.

http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/?page_id=112

and

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2010/may/10051903.html> (Over 30% of Euthanasia Cases in Belgian Region Did Not Give Consent: Study)

4. The Centre for Public Christianity (CPX) is pleased to announce the release of ‘Christmas Snaps’ – a series of short videos available for free download and public use. Each of the videos is under three minutes duration, and picks up on important themes that emerge from the Christmas story. They are designed for churches and ministries to use in the lead up to Christmas. Combining vox pops and short interviews with historian Dr John Dickson, ethicist Dr Brian Rosner and cultural studies lecturer Dr Justine Toh, the videos ask:

- Why December 25th?
- What’s the point of giving gifts?
- Where’s the hope in Christmas?
- Whatever happened to ‘peace on earth’?
- Why a baby in a manger?
- What do shepherds, wise men and straw have to do with real life?
- How did Christianity become a world religion?

“The baby in the manger has been sentimentalised to the point of irrelevance today. By highlighting aspects of the Christmas story that have been lost to many of us, we aim to show how Christmas is still a much-needed source of hope.”

Simon Smart (Director CPX)

All seven videos will be online for viewing and downloading at

www.publicchristianity.org

5. **ACC 2010 Conference Photos now on ACC website** (thank you to photographer Robyn Painter for undertaking this large task)
<http://www.confessingcongregations.com/gallery/category/C52>

6. **For NSW Members.**

COMMISSIONING SERVICE for Mandy Jones and Wayne Oldfield

2.30pm, Saturday 4th December 2010 (with afternoon tea to follow). Eagle Vale Anglican Church, Cnr Eagle Vale & Emerald Drives, Eagle Vale
ACC Members Mandy and Wayne invite you to their commissioning service to pray for, encourage and send them out, in the name of Jesus Christ. Mandy was employed by the NSW Uniting Church Board of Education. They are being sent to Nungalinga College in Darwin, not just by CMS but by individuals and churches. This is an opportunity to join and praise God together and pray for God's work in the Northern Territory. It will also be a time to say goodbye although we they may see other members at CMS Summer School at Katoomba from 8th to 14th January.

The Convenor of the NSW ACC Movement, **Reverend Ian Weeks will be inducted to the placement at Belrose Uniting Church**

on Friday **7th January 2011 at 7.30 pm**. Ian and Anne Weeks would love to have ACC members in attendance. Please come and support them in this new placement.
Location: Belrose Uniting Church , corner of Morgans Road and Forest Way, Belrose.
(Entry from Morgans Road)

Dates for the Diary

April 2, 2011 - NSW ACC AGM at Sutherland Uniting Church, 10.45 am.

April 16, 2011 - Annual Wesley Institute Seminar – Speaker: Dr Craig Keener, Duke University. USA.

August 29 – 31 - Oxygen 11, the First National Conference for Pastors and Leaders. Speaker - John Piper (ACC has been invited to join this event organised by the Katoomba Christian Convention): August 29- 31, 2011, Redfern, Sydney:

<http://www.kcc.org.au/Piper>

and remember: September 8 – 10, 2011 ACC National Conference – details above

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