

ACC E-News July 2011

1. ACC 2011 Conference and AGM - Accommodation

Please email the ACC office for further information about Accommodation for the 2011 Conference. All members will have received the conference brochure with the June ACCatalyst magazine.

2. ACC Southern Tasmanian Cluster

A growing number of cluster groups meet around Australia. The Southern Cluster is made up of members from the Hobart area and meets regularly at the Melville Street Hobart UC, and on July 3rd at 2 pm, Rev. Rod Peppeatt from the North Hobart Congregation will be speaking. If you are visiting you would be very welcome.

3. Contact details for congregations, groups and clusters are provided on the ACC website under the state sections:

<http://www.confessingcongregations.com/states/>

Please advise the ACC office of any changes and corrections. This is a helpful section for people travelling around Australia. The office often has queries about ACC congregations to visit, and it is good to keep this section as up-to-date as possible.

4. ACC SA ACC Movement

SA members will receive separate notice, but if you are visiting Adelaide, I am sure you would receive a warm welcome at the AGM of the ACC-SA Movement, which will be held at Glenunga Uniting Church on July 22nd at 7:00 pm. It will be preceded by a prayer meeting at 6:00 pm and followed by a light supper. We are pleased to announce that David de Lima from "Family Voice" will be speaking on "Finding a way through the great Australian marriage debate" Please bring something to share at the supper. There will also be an offering that we will pass on to "Family Voice", please bring what the Lord prompts you to bring.

5. The next ACC National Council meeting will be held by teleconference on 18th July 2011. If you have any matters needing the consideration of the Council please advise the ACC office.

6. ACC – Statement on Marriage

The ACC Statement on Christian Marriage prepared by the Task Group on Christian Marriage and the Family has now been prepared as a pamphlet. Copies will be available at the September conference, but can be downloaded from the website now. Follow the link below for the pdf reference:

<http://www.confessingcongregations.com/news-views/item/marriage-an-acc-statement/>

7. NSW – Sydney. **BEYOND EGYPT SEMINAR** '*Someone I Know is Gay*': 30th July 2011.

Beyond Egypt is a Christian ministry for men and women struggling with unwanted same-sex attraction, as well as other forms of sexual and relational brokenness. Our aims are to: Support those who struggle with these issues to move towards sexual and relational wholeness, through a deeper understanding of God and his love for them; Equip others to understand the issues and to demonstrate the love of Jesus to those who do struggle. Beyond Egypt is offering **A day of equipping Christians and their churches: to understand same-sex attraction, to encourage those who struggle, and to show homosexuals the love and compassion of Jesus: Saturday 30th July 2011**

St Paul's Anglican Church Carlingford, cnr Moseley St & Vickery Ave. Begins: 9:00am; Ends: 5:30pm

Concession: \$20 (students & pensioners), Group Discount: \$20 (4 or more)

Some of the seminar topics

Pro-gay Theology and the Bible's Teaching on Same-Sex Attraction Christians who support gay relationships usually do so in the belief that that "the bible does not prohibit loving monogamous gay relationships" and "the gospel is all about love, how can loving another person of the same sex be wrong?" These statements and similar ones form the basis of Pro-gay Theology. This seminar attempts to look at this position in the light of the Bible's teaching about gay love and sexual relationships in the context of God's redemptive purposes.

The Genesis of Same-Sex Attraction: A Biological Basis? Lady Gaga has a great hit on her hands with the song "Born This Way". Overwhelmingly the gay community believes their sexual orientation was genetically predetermined and unchangeable. This seminar seeks to examine this position in the light of the latest scientific evidence, and will touch on the very controversial issue of whether sexual orientation can be or should be changed.

Living with Someone Addicted to Pornography. Discovering that your partner is using pornography, whether the information is volunteered or not, is often a devastating time in a relationship. The maelstrom of resulting feelings are overwhelming and attention is often focused on the user, rather than those they live with. This workshop will provide a place to learn and think about the journey from discovery to acceptance and eventual recovery.

Please email for a Group Booking form. Please register on or before Mon 25th July for catering and planning purposes. Full-day registration includes morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea. Please let the organisers know of any special dietary requirements when registering: info@beyondegypt.org.au Or post with payment to: Beyond Egypt, C/o St Paul's Group of Churches, PO Box 5099 Kingsdene NSW 2118

8. Oxygen 11 Conference – Sydney: ACC NSW Group now finalised.

ACC NSW is using part of their budget to subsidise the attendance of 10 people at this inaugural conference in late August. The group subsidy arrangement has now been reached, so we thank NSW members for their interest. It will be a helpful to have a network of members from ACC attending.

9. Victoria – Melbourne. God's Undertaker!! Has science buried God?

Dr John Lennox (Oxford University)

Friday 22nd July 7.30pm

Melbourne City Conference Centre, 333 Swanson St Melbourne.

For further information: Robert Martin 0412632435; www.citybibleforum.org

10. SA – Adelaide. The Word of God and the Armies of Heaven

The next **New Creation Teaching Ministry School** will be held at an ACC member church 25th to 29th July 2011.

Coromandel Valley Uniting Church, 415 Main Rd Coromandel Valley, South Australia.

For further information: Telephone (08)82701861; www.newcreation.org.au

Please remember Friday is the ACC National Day of Prayer and Fasting.

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