



# ACC E-News November 2010

## 1. National Council

The National Council will hold the last meeting for the year via teleconference on 15<sup>th</sup> November at 1 pm (AEDT). If you have any urgent matters needing consideration please email the details to the office and Walter Abetz [w.abetz@confessingcongregations.com](mailto:w.abetz@confessingcongregations.com), as soon as possible. There are many matters to consider, particularly following the 2010 AGM. Please uphold this meeting and other ACC events in prayer – further points in the Prayer Diary below.

## 2. 2011 AGM and Conference

One important matter for the Council is to determine the location and timing of the 2011 AGM. After further consideration by local members and ACC Council members in Victoria, a group in Victoria have indicated their availability to help with this conference, so the 2011 AGM and conference will be held in Melbourne, though there are a few issues to be worked out concerning the location.

## 3. Queensland Happenings

The Queensland Committee has been actively working on publicity and followed up an earlier mailing, completing a mailing now to every minister in placement in the Synod. This included a copy of the ACC Magazine, covering letter and the theological declaration. It is helpful to have this direct contact as people cannot say they do not understand what the ACC is doing.

### **Revd Dr Max Champion's Visit to Queensland: 29/10/11 to 31/10/10** **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

A Seminar titled: '*Progressive Christianity – A conspiracy to Re-invent Jesus*' was held at the Qld Synod Offices Chapel commencing at 7.30 pm. Max addressed a group of almost 60 people for about 45 minutes and this was followed by another 30 minutes of questions.

An opportunity was taken to promote the work of the ACC and complimentary material was offered. A small number of attendees registered for more information. The evening concluded with refreshments organised by Jenny and Denis Conomos.

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

The same seminar was offered at Alexandra Headland Conference Centre. About 30 people were in attendance. A number of visitors from the Presbyterian Church were welcomed. The seminar followed much the same format and was followed by considerable discussion.

The Centre provided refreshments and costs were covered by an offering of \$341.10.

### **Sunday 31th October**

Max preached at our ACC congregation at Paradise Point. He was much encouraged by the vitality of the congregation and the effective ministry of the Revd Colin Shenfield. The service was followed by morning tea and then a question and answer session on the ACC. About 30 people stayed for this session.

### **Vote of Thanks.**

Jenny and Denis Conomos, Lloyd Williams and Col Shenfield worked hard to promote the events. Max was billeted with Ivan and Margaret Kirk. Ivan had the weekend off parish duties and transported Max to the various appointments.

*Ivan Kirk*

## **4. Emerging Leaders Camp – final call for nominations.**

ACC South Australia is running a highly resourced weekend camp for SA ACC Churches in February 2011 for young and emerging adults who are shaping as leaders in our churches. The camp runs from February 3-6, 2011 at the Longwood camp in Stirling in the Adelaide Hills. *To register:* Kevin Fielke, Treasurer ACC SA, 8278 2608; [patanga@picknowl.com.au](mailto:patanga@picknowl.com.au); Registrations by 7 November 2010.

## **5. A Helpful idea from Ted Curnow in Victoria. Help the Pin Speak!**

Wearing the ACC Pin can arouse interest and provide an opportunity to introduce others to the Confessing Movement.

Here is a suggestion to help the Pin speak. ... By preparing and passing on a small card listing helpful websites when people enquire you can help the Pin to continue to speak.

### **A Suggested sample.**



*To learn about the Confessing Movement within the Uniting Church and to join others who pray regularly for Church renewal and Christian Mission visit these websites.*

[www.confessingcongregations.com](http://www.confessingcongregations.com)

[www.unitingviews.com](http://www.unitingviews.com)

[www.confessingcongregations.com/prayer/monthly-prayer-diary/](http://www.confessingcongregations.com/prayer/monthly-prayer-diary/)

## 6. PRAYER DIARY - NOVEMBER 2010

**Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Heavenly Father, we bring to you and commit in faith our prayers and requests, knowing that we have a great priest over the house of God who we can hold to unswervingly in the hope we profess. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen**

- **November** - Hedley Fihaki (on leave and also attending important meetings)
- **November 15** – ACC National Council teleconference
- **November 12 – 21** - Uniting Prayer and Fasting will be having 10 days of prayer and fasting leading up to and during the Assembly Standing Committee, and all ACC are invited to join us in prayer for UCA and ASC at this time.
- **November 19th to 21<sup>st</sup>** - Assembly Standing Committee as they meet. Pray for strength, wisdom and protection for Fatai Tapuelulu who is a member of the ASC, and for all the members of the committee, including Terence, Alistair and Andrew. Pray that all decisions would be in keeping with the will of, and to the glory of God our Father.
- **November 19** - SA Movement steering committee meeting, 7pm at Coromandel Valley UC.
- **November 19** – NSW ACC Committee 10am at Wesley Mission.
- **November 26-28** - Rod James is doing a teaching weekend at the Belfield UC (ACC member) in Sydney. The theme of the weekend is *Reaching out to the community*.
- **November 28** – Peter Bentley will visit a group of ACC members in Canberra and speak at a service held by the Canberra Christian Fellowship in the Methodist Tradition

### **Tasmania**

- Southern Cluster member - Bob Imms has had a mild stroke and pneumonia and is recovering.
- Thanks for the visit of Gil Cann to the Hobart area and for follow-up as people continue to meet together and encourage one another.

## SA

- **Mt Gambier** as they bring together a cluster, to bring encouragement and support. And for future meeting/encouragement time's presented by the SA Movement.
- Pray for each individual member of ACC SA, for all groups and clusters and that new clusters will be raised up.
- Rod James and his work on **relationships**. Prayer for others to offer their time, gifts and talents.
- Prayer for a possible Feb meeting at **Pt Augusta**; of a Hope/ACC joint teaching day.
- **Pray for our planning for 2011 & the "Dig Here" type meetings this coming 2011.** Pray for continuing to connect and re connect where we have visited in 2009/2010.
- Prayer for **leadership** of the SA Movement, and Rod James as he facilitates leadership.
- **Prayer Retreat** May 12 - 14th called "Connection" at Halbury in the Mid North SA.
- **Emerging Leadership** - Give thanks that organising is progressing well, with meetings bringing much joy. Pray for more leaders to accept their invitations and commit themselves and also for key speakers. Pray for nominations of the young people to come in (closing date is 7th November); pray for the young people that God wants to come on the camp.

**Please remember Friday - our National Day of Prayer and Fasting**

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