



Victorian
Council of Churches



Council News

August 2019

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Reflection

Recently, I was at a conference where the presenter suggested that Western society had lost its Balance, that it had forgotten the difference between 'sufficient for the day' and 'greed for tomorrow'. She went on to say that greed was now so pervasive that the institutions that formed the foundations of society were tainted with the priorities of greed and not the wellbeing of society.

In the current cycle of readings within the lectionary, Luke is inviting his readers to reflect on, and make decisions, around similar questions of balance, whether it's between tradition and faithfulness, engagement or withdrawal, building bigger barns or sharing of one's resources... Luke is inviting his hearers both then and now to examine this question of balance...

For us living in Victoria, who claim to be followers of Jesus, we need to heed this call of discernment.. How balanced is our living?

- Ian

I am currently establishing my diary for rest of 2019 and early 2020 and would welcome opportunities to come and share stories of the Council activities with your Church or organization – you can contact me on 03 9650 4511 or email at ian.smith@vcc.org.au

News from the Council

July has seen Council active on a number of fronts ;

- As Standing Committee has a number of new members —orientation for new members has taken place
- The President, past President and Executive Officer have begun on a visiting program to speak with each senior leader of our Member Churches with a hope of building stronger links.
- Standing Committee is actively seeking to fill a number of vacancies following our AGM . Of particular urgency is to find a person who is able to become the Council's Treasurer. If anyone has skills in this area please don't hesitate to contact Rev Ian Smith at the Office who will explain the role.

The new Office

The temporary office of the VCC is housed in the IBM building in Southbank . We are on the 18th floor sharing with Plan International.

Access to the building is via the Plaza which joins the IBM building to the Southgates shopping facilities.

If you wish to visit please ring 9412 8487 and arrange with Nicholas Tsigos

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NCCA Safe Church Program



National Council of Churches in Australia Safe Church Program

The 9th biennial Safer Churches Conference will

be the first conference held by the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) Safe Church Program since the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse recommendations were released in December 2017.

The theme for the conference, "Transforming Cultures: *Listening, Reflecting, Acting*" will provide the framework across the two-day event.

The key themes explored during the conference will include:

- exploring the churches' obligation to the vulnerable, particularly those with disabilities and the elderly
- being inclusive of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and Indigenous groups within our community
- listening to the voices of children and survivors, and understanding 'Trauma Informed Practice' and the complexities of spiritual abuse
- creating a culture of child safety throughout our Christian organisations.

Feel free to edit if you need to. We would love more people to follow on FB.

Here's the website link below:

<https://www.transformingcultures.net>

Here's the FB link:

<https://www.facebook.com/NCCASaferChurchesConference2019>

You can subscribe to the Safe Church Monthly newsletter here:

[https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?e=\[UNIQID\]&u=4d220f6000501502ae74c5e40&id=73cc418aa7](https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?e=[UNIQID]&u=4d220f6000501502ae74c5e40&id=73cc418aa7)

World Council of Churches



WCC mourns passing of Bishop Mondal, advocate for theological education throughout South Asia

The World Council of Churches (WCC) is mourning the loss of Bishop Barnabas D. Mondal, known for his support of theological education in South Asia, and for being the first national bishop and the former moderator of the Church of Bangladesh. He passed away on 29 June in Dhaka.



USA faith leaders call for diplomacy, not war, with Iran

Faith leaders across the USA released on 9 July a jointly signed statement entitled “Back from the Brink: Faith leaders call for diplomacy, not war, with Iran.”



Theologians from around the world debate intercultural Christology

The Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz hosted an international conference on “The Many Faces of Jesus Christ: Contextual Christology in a New World Come of Age.” Meeting from July 4-6 on the university campus, the conference brought together 20 scholars from Asia, Africa, Europe, and North America to listen to and debate new developments in Christology from around the world. Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Pentecostal and Reformed theologians made presentations on Christology, as reflected in theological writings, poetry, art, music and murals, and lived experience.



Thursdays in Black toolkit

Raise awareness about gender-based violence and the need to stand in solidarity against rape and violence.

In addition to the [promotional resources](#) for Thursdays in Black, the following resources for study, prayer and action can assist your congregation or group to reflect on the root causes of violence, our Christian calling for peace and justice, and the need for public solidarity. Materials will be posted in different languages as available. Resources will be regularly added; follow #ThursdaysinBlack on Twitter for updates.



National Council of Churches



Message from the President

How can we better open hearts?

“Jesus have mercy” is the ancient and contemporary “Prayer of the Heart”. [Read more »](#)



Message from the Secretariat

NCCA 10th National Forum

Living and Walking in the Holy Spirit: called to transforming discipleship

In the cold but pleasantly sunny surrounds of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Canberra approximately 60 people from 11 member churches came together for the 2019 Triennial Forum through prayer and reflection, dialogue and discernment. We gathered to renew the purpose of the Council and provide direction on Council activities and issues of focus for the next three years. [Read more »](#)



Add West Papua to the UN Decolonization List

Sign the Petition!

For the past six decades West Papuans have lived within genocidal conditions, experiencing violence, injustice, torture, and gross human rights violations. Join us to have the Australian Government support a motion at the UN General Assembly in September to register West Papua on the UN Decolonization List. [Read more »](#)



Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia

Enthronement of Archbishop Makarios

We rejoice with our brothers and sisters of the Greek Orthodox Church at the Enthronement of Archbishop Makarios at the Holy Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos in Sydney on Saturday 29 June 2019. [Read more »](#)





SIDE DOOR SOCIAL JUSTICE HUB PRESENTS

COMMUNITY ORGANISING BASICS

Workshop session with Denisse Sandoval, Community Organiser and Social Justice Advocate

AUGUST 24TH 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
ST. JOHN'S UNITING CHURCH
567 GLEN HUNTLY ROAD,
ELSTERNWICK, VIC
MORNING TEA PROVIDED

This workshop will include: Basics of Community Organising, Lobbying & Campaign Strategy
*Open to all, Wheelchair accessible
Please RSVP via email: mforbes57@gmail.com



Helen Beeby, the Southern States Relationships Fundraising Partner is available to share stories and engage your communities. Contact her on:

hbeeby@actforpeace.org.au

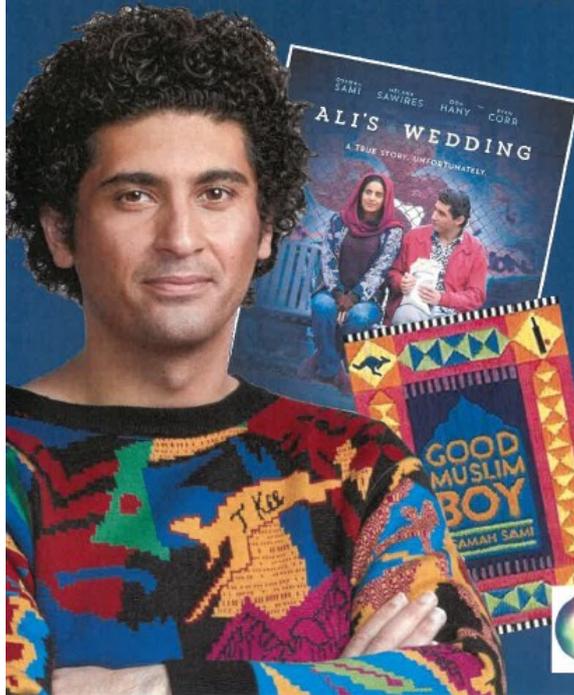
- More resource material available Online www.actforpeace.org.au
- This coming Christmas season marks the 70th anniversary of the beginnings of Christmas Bowl, details of special events are on the web at www.actforpeace.org.au
- The latest edition of 'The Link' is available—this is a magazine styled information booklet available by contacting Helen Beeby on hbeeby@actforpeace.org.au

A night with Osamah Sami
"THIS IS A TRUE
STORY..."?

Everyone loves a good story, but what happens when our stories get us into trouble?

Join JCMA for a conversation with writer, actor & poet Osama Sami + a screening of the film based on his story

'Ali's Wedding'



7:20pm,
Saturday
24 August
Knox Lecture
Theatre
383 Albert
Street
East Melbourne

\$10 entry at door

Or book online:
[https://jcmatruestory
.eventbrite.com.au](https://jcmatruestory.eventbrite.com.au)

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Honouring our Differences THROUGH TELLING OUR STORIES



Rabbi Zalman Kastel



Rufiath Yousuff



Rev Ian Smith

Our personal stories give meaning and depth to our lives. Come along and hear from **Rabbi Zalman Kastel**, National Director of Together for Humanity, **Rufiath Yousuff**, a lawyer and active advocate for Muslim women and **Rev Ian Smith**, VP of the Jewish Christian Muslim Association of Australia. With welcome and introduction from **Rabbi Gabi Kaltmann**.

An opportunity to **connect & engage** through stories as people of the Abrahamic faiths.

25 August 2019 | 3:00pm - 5:00pm | Registration opens at 2:30pm
ARK Centre 7 Cato St Hawthorn East
To Book: <https://jcmatellingourstories.eventbrite.com.au>

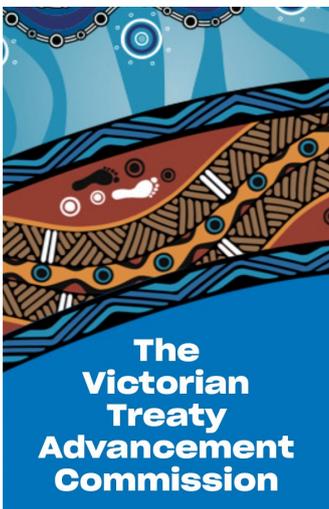
This is a free event



Limited numbers, book early
Enquiries: David 0400 978 938
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TREATY FOR VICTORIA

UPDATE



The Victorian Treaty Advancement Commission is continuing to accept candidate nominations for the assembly and urging all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Victoria, as well as Victorian Traditional Owners living interstate, to enrol to vote in the assembly election between September 16 and October 20.

Candidate nominations close on August 16. More information and to register.

Jewish Christian Muslim Association

Donations

JCMA is a not-for-profit organisation and donations go directly towards delivery of our many events, forums and conferences and to support our workshop programs in primary and secondary schools. As a listed harm prevention charity we have DGR (Deductible Gift Receipt) status. Your donations are tax-deductible (donations over \$2 are tax-deductible). If you would like to make a donation to help support the work of JCMA please go to our website <http://jcma.org.au/donation>.

JCMA Membership

JCMA is a membership based organisation for Jewish, Christian and Muslim people of faith. If you would like to find out about joining JCMA as a member you can go to our website at <http://jcma.org.au/jcma-membership> or call Ginette Everest on (03) 9287 5590 or email to: memberships@jcma.org.au.

Up-coming Events

i. Friendship walks -

JCMA are planning two friendship walks this year :

- i. Melbourne walking between Mosque in Nth Carlton, a Church in Carlton and a Synagogue - this will be held in October
- ii. Ballarat - again walking between Church, Mosque and Synagogue. This will be held In November

For more information and details on any events see website: www.jcma.org.au

Dignity not Destitution: Changes to Support Services for People Seeking Asylum

The foundational principle of the campaign Dignity NOT Destitution is the belief that **no person lawfully residing in Australia should be forced into destitution through the removal of access to financial and housing supports.**

Up to 12,000 people seeking asylum in Australia may be at risk of losing core services and financial support due to Government changes in the Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS). Charities are already struggling to support destitute asylum seekers, but this level of destitution will be unprecedented.

Read about why this is a deep concern for people seeking asylum as well as Churches and Charities. You CAN take action to support.

[How you can help: click here for a list of organisations helping people seeking asylum.](#)

[Background information on this issue can be found here, from the Australian Churches Refugee](#)

[Taskforce](#)

[Click here for a downloadable brochure with actions to take.](#)

From JIM Unit



WHAT SHE MAKES
IS KEEPING HER IN POVERTY

MADE IN BANGLADESH

MADE IN VIETNAM

MADE IN BANGLADESH

OXFAM
Australia

For further details contact Ian
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Join Oxfam,
Manningham &
Koonung Heights
Uniting Churches,
other community
groups, church and
faith groups to learn
how we can support
achieving wage
justice for women
garment workers.

5th August

At 7.30 pm at

**Koonung
Heights Uniting
Church,**

**Cnr of Belmore and
Winfield Roads,
Balwyn East.**

What She Makes

Date: 5th August, 7:30pm

Place: Koonung Heights Uniting Church, Cnr of Belmore and Winfield Roads, Balwyn East.

Contact: Ian 0438 118 995 or iananderson@sandi.com.au

All of us buy clothing which directly connects us to Australia's \$23.5 billion fashion industry. But do we think about from where it has come? By whom and in what conditions it is made? Mostly it is produced overseas by women working in exploitative conditions which entrench their poverty. If this concerns you, there are things we can do to improve the lives of these women and their families. With minimal increased cost to consumers, Oxfam's *What She Makes* campaign is successfully pressing for the major Australian brands to take the action needed to ensure that garment workers making our clothing receive a living wage and work in safer and fairer conditions.

Jointly presented by Manningham and Koonung Heights Uniting Churches and Oxfam.



We are delighted to announce our next Short Course in Theology commencing at the ACU Melbourne Campus on Wednesday 7 August 2019:

The Bible and Belief: Truth, Authority, and Religious Commitment in the 21st Century

This upcoming short course will explore the following topics;

Alternative facts, fake news and the search for truth
Mind the gap: The Bible and belief
Before the Bible: Coming to terms with plurality of the Biblical tradition
A-dieu to truth?

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Dates: Wednesday 7, 14, 21 and 28 August 2019

Time: 6 – 8pm (refreshments from 6pm, lecture starts at 6.30pm).

Venue: Mercy Lecture Theatre, ACU Melbourne Campus, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.

Cost: \$50 per person – Attendance only, \$100 per person - includes a Certificate of Participation for accreditation purposes, Free for all current ACU staff and students (*not requiring a Certificate of Participation*).

Accreditation: This short course is approved for 6 hours towards Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School (CECV).

It would be very much appreciated if you could distribute this information and attached flyer through your various networks. The flyer can be used electronically or printed.

You can find more information about this short course on our website: <http://www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-melbourne>.

Please note, registration via the website is essential. *This short course in theology consists of four Wednesday evening sessions and is suitable for parishioners, teachers, youth groups, university staff, students, and the general public.*

For more information visit <http://www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-melbourne>

If you have any questions about this short course, or our short course in theology series, please contact us at ShortCourses.FTP@acu.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming you in August.

Kind regards,

Faculty of Theology & Philosophy
Australian Catholic University



HIROSHIMA DAY REMEMBRANCE

When: Tuesday August 6

Time: 7.00 for 7.30 Free Entry

**Where: Blackrock Civic Hall
Corner Balcombe Rd and College Gr, Black Rock VIC 3193**

Parking Available. For Public Transport: take a train to Sandringham Station and catch 922 or 600 bus to Balcombe Road and Ebden Avenue and then walk 140 m to the corner of College Grove & Balcombe Road.

Commemorate Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Understand Australia's position on the UN treaty to ban nuclear weapons

Learn about the effects of nuclear weapons in Central Australia and the Pacific

Speakers



Dimity Hawkins

Dimity has campaigned for years to see the abolition of nuclear weapons and is one of the founders of ICAN, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. Today the Melbourne-born campaign is a coalition of non-governmental organisations in one hundred countries. In 2017 ICAN became the first Australian organisation to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

J.D. Mittman

JD Mittmann is Curator and Manager of Collections at Burrinja, the Dandenong Ranges Cultural Centre in Upwey. He has developed and toured the award-winning art exhibition *Black Mist Burnt Country - Testing the Bomb: Maralinga and Australian Art* which was presented at ten public galleries and museums across Australia from 2016-2019, including the National Museum of Australia in Canberra. JD Mittmann has a background in journalism, film-making and arts management. He is currently the chair of the Board of Management at Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre and since 2018 board member of the Public Galleries Association Victoria (PGAV).



Hiromi Ikeda

Hiromi Ikeda is a Social Work post-graduate student at the University of Melbourne but grew up in the city of Kure, which is about 25 km away from Hiroshima city. She is a third generation Hibakusha- the name given to those people affected by nuclear bombings. Her great grandfather and grandfather on her mother's side were victims of the nuclear bomb, although her grandfather survived until the age of 70. Her grandmother on her father's side, who passed away early this year, often recalled seeing the cloud of the bomb beyond mountains.



From Australian Intercultural Society

Please find below an invitation to AIS' upcoming events. Please click on each event to register to attend. Please feel free to circulate these invitations to people within your networks who may be interested. Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you at these events.



"There is No Place Like Home" : Panel Discussion

Date: Thursday 8 August 2019

Time: 5:30pm- 7:30pm

Venue: Salvation Army, Level 1, 69 Bourke Street, Melbourne, 3000

[Click here](#) to register or please call (03) 9867 2248 if you have any questions

Victoria Police encourages Faith leaders to exercise safety and security measures around their places of worship

<https://www.police.vic.gov.au/pair-charged-following-burglary-series-places-worship>

Burwood & District Interchurch Council—International Day of Peace

The Burwood & District Inter Church Council will celebrate the International Day of Peace this year with a Q & A style forum. This will be held at **7.30pm on Saturday 21st September 2019 at the Hartwell Church of Christ, 248, Highfield Road Camberwell**. The focus will be the Peace Quote by *Lao Tzu*. *Visitors welcome*.

"If there is to be peace in the world, there must be peace in the nations. If there is to be peace in the nations, there must be peace in the cities. If there is to be peace in the cities, there must be peace between neighbours. If there is to be peace between neighbours, there must be peace in the home. If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart." - Lao Tzu

Our M.C. Rev. Tim Costello is one of Australia's most respected leaders and a voice for social justice, leadership and ethics. Tim was Chief Exec. of World Vision Australia. He received the Order of Australia, Victorian Australian of the Year and named one of Australia's 100 National Living Treasures.

Dr. Ree Boddé is the CEO of Think Prevent an organisation providing prosocial behaviour / bystander intervention education and leadership training programs to prevent family violence and violence against women. Dr Boddé received her PhD from the University of Auckland in 2007.

Tim McCowan was the founder and director of the Building Bridges. He teaches the Art of Reconciliation, and lectures in the spiritual life at Stirling Theological College.

Glenn Loughrey is a Wiradjuri man from NSW and a priest at St. Oswald's Anglican Church, Glen Iris. He is an artist who fuses Indigenous art styles with Western forms of storytelling. He is passionately concerned with Indigenous justice, and a speaker on Reconciliation. He was a semi-finalist for the 2018 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize.

Sherene Hassan is the Education director of the Islamic Museum of Australia and was vice president and secretary of the Islamic Council of Victoria. In 2007 the Age newspaper selected her as one of Melbourne's 100 Most Influential people and was 'Muslim Woman of the Year' at the Australian Muslim Achievement Awards.

Date: Saturday, 21st September, 2019

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Hartwell Church of Christ

Address: 248 Highfield Road, Camberwell

From Ethos—Engage

Grounded: in the Body, in Time and Place, in Scripture. The 2019 Evangelical Women in Academia Conference.

Saturday 3 August at 9am–5pm, Ridley College, Melbourne. Speakers: Dr Paula Gooder and Dr Jude Long.

Cost: \$110/\$70. Plus an informal women's evening of personal stories on the theme 'Grounded' on Friday 2 August at 7-9pm. Cost: \$10. More info and registrations [here](#).

Disability in Mission: The Church's Hidden Treasure. Seminar and book launch.

Monday 12 August at 9.15am-1:00pm, Melbourne School of Theology, Wantirna. Cost \$15-\$45 including morning tea and lunch. More info and registrations [here](#).

Christians for Biblical Equality Annual Dinner: Men in the Kitchen: Food, Culture and Community.
Speaker: Simon Holt.

Friday 26 July at 7pm, Burwood, Vic. Cost: \$50/\$40. (BYO drinks.) For more details contact Andrew Newmarch by [email](#) or on 0425 776 253, or Janet Woodlock by [email](#) or on 0405 758 286. Register [here](#).

'A Curious Machine': Wesleyan Reflections on the Post-Human Future. Tenth Australian Centre for Wesleyan Research Conference, 13-15 September, Melbourne. Papers due Friday 31 May. More info and registrations [here](#).

From JIM

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY WITH REV DR SAMUEL WELLS

Samuel Wells is a preacher, writer and theologian. He has served as Church of England parish priest in England for over 20 years, often in places of social disadvantage. Dr Wells spent seven years as Dean of Duke University Chapel in the US. He is currently priest at St Martin-in-the Fields, London, and visiting Professor of Christian Ethics at King's College London. He has published 33 books, including academic studies and textbooks in Christian ethics, explorations of social mission, liturgy and faith, and four collections of sermons. His most recent book is *Walk Humbly* (2019)

Lecture: *Citizens of Heaven: Identity, Inclusion and the Church.*

When: Thursday 8 August, 7.30pm Northey

Where: Brunswick Uniting Church, 214 Sydney Rd, Brunswick

Cost: Free. Please register for seating. Light refreshments available.

Preaching in a diverse culture: a morning for preachers and worship leaders

When: Friday 9 August, 9.30am-12.30pm

Where: Centre for Theology & Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville

Cost: \$10, includes morning tea.

Reclaiming the Missional Heart of the Church

At the heart of the Church lies a call to mission, to engage with the world. Dr Wells affirms the world as part of the kingdom, the sphere of the Spirit's work beyond the Church. With the introduction of the welfare state, the Church retreated from social engagement and "by concentrating on personal faith and spirituality, the churches denied themselves the lifeblood that social engagement had long given them" (*For Good: The Church and the Future of Welfare*).

When: Saturday 10 August, 10am-4pm

Where: Centre for Theology & Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville

Cost: \$80 per person, or \$160 for a team of 3 from your congregation, includes lunch morning and afternoon tea.

Bookings for all three events: www.trybooking.com/BBUSG

The Gospel in a Consumer Culture

WED 14 AUG | PUBLIC LECTURE AND BOOK LAUNCH

Humanity in the 21st century faces enormous challenges. Australian Christianity in the 21st century is also facing enormous challenges. It will be argued that both of these challenges are linked to a crisis of the dominant mode of living in the West: consumer culture. This lecture will consider the tasks of Christian witness in Australia if it is to take these twin challenges seriously. How might ecological responsibility and economic justice be linked to the health of faith and the content of witness? And what might this actually look like?

Find out more →



UCA CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY – MAY /June UPDATE

Highlighted Opportunities

Highlighted Victorian Events for your diary

Aug 3	<u>Generations</u>
Aug 24	<u>Make it Messy 2019!</u> (live from July 1)
Sep 6	Prayer Day for Schools
Oct 22	CPN Dinner & AGM
Sep 10	<u>Diving Deeper (preparing adults and youth for baptism/confirmation)</u>
Oct 22	<u>CPN Dinner & AGM</u>

Intergenerational Ministry

Intergenerational resources (strandz)

Why intergenerational? (GenOn ministries)

Effective intergenerational small groups (book)

Effective intergenerational small groups (dropbox)

Families and Faith

Everyday family Faith (book)

Parenting Young Adults (podcast)

What makes for a spiritually vibrant household?

Ultimate collection of family faith formation resources

Make it Messy! Saturday August 24 Parkville

Make it Messy! will assist those ***already engaged*** in Messy Church, churches ***contemplating beginning*** a Messy Church and people ***genuinely curious*** about the Messy Church phenomenon take the next step in their Messy journey. Join with others from churches across the state for a day of active engagement, stimulating discussions, encouraging stories and helpful electives that will empower *your* ministry in *your* local context – whether you are already engaged with Messy Church or not!

Across the day you will have the opportunity to connect with experienced Messy Church leaders around a range of topics including...

Starting a Messy Church

Practical ideas for Messy Worship

Developing Messy pathways for faith

Messy Church and Intergenerationality

Discipleship in the Messy Church context

More information and registration: [Make it Messy 2019!](#) or e-mail ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au

Intensive Units

A FLEXIBLE OPTION FOR YOUR STUDIES

If you can't commit to attending weekly classes, the following units might suit you:

World Religions

(part of the NAIITS indigenous theology program), Online unit, 12 August – 29 November. **Find out more** →

Hebrew Scriptures – Theology and History

(part of the NAIITS Indigenous theology program), Online unit, 12 August – 29 November. **Find out more** →

Rural Ministry

Residential intensive in Seymour, 5 – 9 September.

Find out more →

Personal Formation for Generational Ministry

Intensive Aug/Sep/Oct. **Find out more** →

Mapping the Soul with the Enneagram

6 Thursdays in August and October, at WellSpring Centre, Ashburton.

Find out more →

Biblical Practices

Diploma level intensive unit 23 – 27 September, at Anglesea.

Find out more →

Spiritual Formation: Shaping the teachers and leaders of tomorrow

Intensive 18 – 16 November.

Find out more →

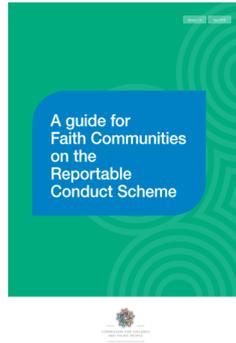
Chaplaincy in the Australian Defence Force

Are you interested in full time or part time opportunities to serve our Defence members in a rewarding and challenging ecumenical ministry?

More information here:

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/jobs/army/chaplain>

The Commission for Children and Young People



Please click on the image above for a downloadable pdf document of the Reportable Conduct Scheme

The Victorian Council of Churches through its Executive Officer, Rev Ian Smith, played a major role in the development, writing and delivery of this document. The VCC recommends all churches and church agencies familiarise themselves with their obligations under the Legislation.

Training portal at www.chilfsafestandards.org.au

Downloadable resource kit available on website

Child Safe Standards

A Reminder

As of January 1st 2017 the Victorian Child Safe Standards became mandatory for all Churches and Faith organisations.

For more details visit:
www.chilfsafestandards.org.au

How to implement the Victorian Child Safe Standards in your faith community that come into place on 1 January 2017.

The Victorian Council of Churches in partnership with the National Council of Churches in Australia – Safe Church Program has collaborated together to provide a toolkit and Training Portal to ensure that all Faith Communities in Victoria have the opportunity to ensure that they are prepared to implement the Child Safe Standards in their faith community.

We are pleased to partner with the Commission for Children and Young People (www.ccyp.vic.gov.au) in assisting faith based organisations to meet the Child Safe Standards by providing a range of faith-generic resources, tools and supports.

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The Victorian Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures and seek to fulfil together their common calling to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*** If you have an event that you want others to know about then contact at vcc@vcc.org.au excluding January we plan to publish a Council News each month ***

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