



THE JUSTICE
CONFERENCE
OCT 26-27 || MELBOURNE

2018 Conference Program

Friday schedule

- 10:00^{am}** **Main session**
Welcome to Country Ceremony **C**
Rev. Ray Minniecon | Justice is a Joke **K**
Australians Together | What's the Fuss About January 26th? **G**
- 11:30^{am}** **Morning break**
- 12:00^{pm}** **Electives (see pages 10 & 11)**
- 1:00^{pm}** **Lunch break**
- 2:30^{pm}** **Main session**
Seed | Ordinary People Making an Extraordinary Difference **G**
Micah Australia | Our Micah Moment **G**
Timothy Coghill | Musical Performance **C**
Anna Jane Joyner | Fill the Cracks with Gold **K**
Alex Sangster | And the Little Child Shall Lead Us **C**
- 4:00^{pm}** **Afternoon break**
- 4:30^{pm}** **Electives (pages 12 & 13)**
- 5:30^{pm}** **Dinner break**
- 7:30^{pm}** **Evening session**
Joel McKerrow and The Mysterious Few | Poetic Justice **C**
World Vision | Don't Wait for the New Until it's Gone **G**
Lisa Sharon Harper | Gender Justice and The Very Good Gospel **K**
Dawn Faith | You're Never Defined by Your Circumstances **C**

KEY **K** Keynote **G** Glimpse of Justice **C** Cultural or Creative Expression

Electives Friday 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Navigating a Sexed-Up World

Melinda Tankard Reist

Main Hall

The lives of young people are increasingly conditioned and shaped by hypersexualised imagery and messaging in media, advertising, pop culture and porn. Research shows pornified images and messages are harming the ability of our young people to form healthy respect-based relationships, with clear links made between porn and sexual harassment and violence against women. Porn kills love – how can we act so that real love wins?

Content warning: This session will contain content of a sexual nature.

Justice Hack – Part I

The Seed Team with Micah Australia & Tim Costello

Supper Room

We're turning the conversation around! This is not a workshop where you will hear from the experts, it's your opportunity to be part of a dynamic experience led by the Seed team where together we will help Micah Australia solve a real-life problem that will help them engage Aussie Christians to make a dent in global poverty in the lead up to the next Federal Election. No expertise required, we just want you and your insights. And you'll also leave with some tools that will help you solve justice problems in your own context!

This elective is brought to you by: 

Social Justice as a Lifestyle

Major Brendan Nottle, Amanda Merrett, Lieutenant Brad McIver & Captain Kris Halliday

Yarra Room

The invitation to participate in God's restoring work extends to all – not just the qualified or missionaries! What does a lifestyle of justice look like in your workplace, your neighbourhood, and even your home? Join Salvos engaged in community transformation as well as policy to discuss what it means to seek justice in all the spaces of our lives. This panel will be moderated by Casey O'Brien Machado.

This elective is brought to you by:



Content warning: This session may include content related to domestic violence.

When Justice & the Gospel Collide

Scott Slingo

Condell Room

When two elements collide they create impact. When social justice and the Gospel collide, the impact is transformational – for both the local community and the local church. Discover how Christians Against Poverty brings these elements together to reach the poor and vulnerable across Australia both practically and eternally. And discover how you can be part of this impact.

This elective is brought to you by:



Electives Friday 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Proximity to Power: Christians in the Political Sphere

Joel Edwards, Jo Knight & Tim Costello

Main Hall

The battleground of politics needs more prophets: those who will speak truth to power (without ending up in its pocket). Join three modern-day prophets from the Australian and Global Church, as they recall their diverse political encounters, whilst providing both tips and sound theological grounding for this crucial task. This panel will be moderated by Matt Darvas, Campaign Director for Micah Australia.

This elective is brought to you by:



We Are Makers...Not Just Thinkers

Tim Goh & the Seed Team

Supper Room

This workshop focuses on helping you turn your belief system into an embodied reality. Deep down many of us still think about faith as something we believe, or maybe it influences the way we behave. But how is faith expressed in the things we make? How can we make things – pieces of art, campaigns, financial instruments, buildings, apps, curriculums, marketplaces – that show the world what Jesus is like? This workshop will give you tools that focus on imagination, design & creativity to bring justice in your own workplace, community or culture.

This elective is brought to you by:

Build Your Online Influence for Good

Richenda Vermeulen

Yarra Room

Social media gets a bad reputation, but it can be used to promote social good in the world. In this elective with integrity Agency CEO and social impact influencer Richenda Vermeulen, you'll learn how to grow your influence on social media platforms like LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook, and how to effect change with strong, impactful messaging.

This elective is brought to you by:

Content warning: This session uses examples from Richenda's work and advocacy, which can include distressing messages about child exploitation and adult themes.

Partnering with God in Gender Justice

Dr Melba Maggay, Helen Parker & Sharon Minniecon

Condell Room

In the New Testament, Jesus shows through his interactions with women that they are victims of systemic injustice. With gender parity still 200 years away, it is clear that these systemic injustices continue to oppress women. Yet, despite this oppression, women are the ones most likely to bring about change in their communities. During this elective we will hear from women from a range of contexts, sharing stories of struggle and triumph and how we can partner with God to bring about gender justice.

Men are encouraged to come along and hear how they can play a part.



Saturday schedule

- 10:00^{am}** **Main session**
Christian Super | Can Capital Markets be Leveraged to Promote Justice? **G**
Maylene Slater-Burns | Musical Performance **C**
Krish Kandiah | Welcoming the Stranger **K**
- 11:30^{am}** **Morning break**
- 12:00^{pm}** **Electives (see pages 16 & 17)**
- 1:00^{pm}** **Lunch break**
- 2:30^{pm}** **Main session**
Dr. Melba Maggay | Lessons from the Underside of History **K**
Anna McGahan | Spoken Word **C**
Jenny Yang | Speaking Up: Pursing Justice through Advocacy **K**
CBM | New Hope for People Living with Disabilities **G**
- 4:00^{pm}** **Afternoon break**
- 4:30^{pm}** **Electives (pages 18 & 19)**
- 5:30^{pm}** **Dinner break**
- 7:30^{pm}** **Evening session**
Eloise Wellings | To Love Mercy and to Walk Humbly **G**
Joel Edwards | All Things New – Even You **K**
Dawn Faith | You're Never Defined by Your Circumstances **C**

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Electives Saturday 12:00pm - 1:00pm

A Relentless Revolution of Love

Krish Kandiah

Main Hall

Our homes and churches are meant to be hospitals – welcoming the broken, the needy, the fatherless, the oppressed and the poor. Krish Kandiah, founder of the adoption and fostering charity Home for Good, explores how radical hospitality can transform your life, church, city and nation.

Justice Hack – Part II

The Seed Team with Micah Australia & Tim Costello

Supper Room

This is your opportunity to be part of a dynamic experience led by the Seed team. Help us develop a collaborative solution that will support Micah Australia's efforts to engage Christians in action for justice in the lead up to the next Federal Election. This workshop will follow on from Part 1 yesterday but you don't need to have been part of that to join us for Part 2. Be part of shaping some real tangible change. No expertise required...and you'll learn some great tools that will help you solve justice problems in your own context!

This elective is brought to you by: 

Public Justice Systems & Prayer. Do They Really go Together?

John Tanagho

Yarra Room

How did a focus on prayer and the public justice system result in the collapse of the sex trafficking of minors in the Philippines? John is the International Justice Missions (IJM) Cebu Field Office Director. You will learn from him about how IJM's approach of spiritual disciplines and public justice system transformation helps protect millions from new forms of slavery threatening the vulnerable.

This elective is brought to you by:



Content warning: This session is likely to include stories of the online sexual exploitation of children or cybersex trafficking, and sex trafficking and other forms of slavery. This content may be distressing and may not be appropriate for children under 15 years old. We recommend parents accompany any children present.

From Charity to Justice

Shane Clifton, Jo Knight & Dave McHugh

Condell Room

The biblical narrative speaks of a God who cares for and identifies with those on the edges of society – the outcasts, the broken and the unheard. In Jesus, we are shown a God who lived among the poor and who prophetically challenged the systems which perpetuated injustice. Jesus challenged injustice and demonstrated that in order to see all things made new we must move beyond actions of charity and towards a holistic and biblically informed response. Come along and hear from our panellists what it looks like to make a biblically informed response to injustice in the 21st century.

Electives Saturday 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Activating the Church on Climate Change

Anna Jane Joyner, Mick Pope & Jo Knight

Main Hall

As those called to steward God's creation and speak up on behalf of the vulnerable, Christians should be at the forefront of the movement for action on climate change. And yet, despite the majority of church attendees in Australia believing they have a responsibility to be active about environmental issues, less than a third are actually doing anything about it. What can we do to mobilise those parts of the church in Australia who are inactive or even unconvinced? Drawing on the panel's rich theological, scientific, communications and campaigning expertise, this exciting discussion will explore the steps we can take to engage and activate our church communities on the issue of climate change in a way that has impact both here in Australia and on the global stage.

Spiritual Formation for Life as a Change-Maker

John Beckett & the Seed Team

Supper Room

We love action and we love great ideas, but we believe that at the very heart of God's plans for the renewal of all things are people whose lives are deeply shaped by Jesus and the Christian story. Only Jesus-shaped people will bring Jesus-shaped renewal in the world. Learn tips/tools and be inspired to draw yourself and your context closer to the heart of Jesus.

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Our Story: Finding Hope Beyond Grief

Sharon Minniecon & Larissa Minniecon

Yarra Room

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have experienced and continue to experience profound loss, grief and trauma. These losses are at a personal, communal and societal level. They include intergenerational grief from loss of land, culture and language, the stolen generations, racism and legal exclusion. We believe that by seeking to recognise, acknowledge, understand and help process these losses, women will take positive steps forward on the path towards healing and managing the impacts of these losses. When we place this experience of loss within a Christian theology of a world experiencing brokenness and suffering, but with ultimate hope being found in the radical love and healing of Christ, women can experience a deeper holistic healing that recognises past and present experience, and brings hope for the future.

The Dynamic Potential of Your Local Church

Christie Buckingham, Jess Groszek & Dave McHugh

Condell Room

The local church plays a pivotal role both as an incubator of faith formation and as a vehicle for social transformation. This workshop will explore how social compassion is nurtured and vigorously challenged in the life of a faith community. Come hear three leaders speak from their experience to the transformative potential of our local churches, as well as some of the hazards faced (and wisdom gleaned) in seeking to engage your church in a deeper justice journey.