

let *Justice* *now*



THE **JUSTICE**
CONFERENCE
NOV 15-16 | MELBOURNE

CONFERENCE
PROGRAM

FRIDAY

10:00^{AM}

MAIN SESSION

Welcome to Country | Aunty Di Kerr
Glimpse of Justice - Historical Context of Amos | Lynn Moresi
Keynote - A Call to Remember | Brooke Prentis

11:30^{AM}

MORNING BREAK

12:00^{PM}

ELECTIVES (see page 3)

1:00^{PM}

LUNCH BREAK

2:30^{PM}

MAIN SESSION

Glimpse of Justice - Redemptive Capital | Christian Super
Keynote - A Call to Places of Pain | Ruth Padilla DeBorst
Creative Moment - Book Launch | Joel McKerrow

4:00^{PM}

AFTERNOON BREAK

4:30^{PM}

ELECTIVES (see page 4)

5:30^{PM}

DINNER BREAK

7:00^{PM}

MAIN SESSION

Glimpse of Justice - Biblical Call to Righteousness | Rev Tim Costello
Keynote - A Call to Righteousness | Micah Australia Panel
Creative Moment | Fatai



FRIDAY | Electives 12:00^{PM} - 1:00^{PM}

Pursuing justice | Plenary

Prof. Stephen Fogarty, Dr. Jacqueline Service & Paul Flavel

A theology of justice provides the hanger on which all of the biblical causes such as giving to the poor, fighting for the vulnerable, freeing the captive etc. are hung. It is the foundation upon which we do the work of resisting unjust systems that oppress people. Without a Jesus centered theology of justice, our efforts fall apart into disconnected causes rather than being strung together into an inseparable whole. Come along to this session to begin to unpack what a theology of Justice is and how it changes everything. (The Justice Conference and Alphacrucis College are thrilled to announce their new course 'Pursuing Justice - Exploring theology that transforms.)

Releasing vulnerable children from cybersex predators | Room 105

Noel Pabiona (presented by Compassion Australia)

Noel will address the impact of the cybersex industry on children of poor families. Parents are approached and offered comparatively big money to allow their children be taken for a few hours and used in live-streamed sex acts. Compassion staff are encountering this and intervening with parents, educating them as to the dangers. And in conjunction with other agencies have been able to bring some perpetrators to justice.

CONTENT WARNING: Please note that this session will cover content of a sexual nature, which some may find distressing.

Justice and prophetic imagination | Room 106

Joel McKerrow, Anna McGahan, Andrew Naylor & Fatai | ROOM 106

Creativity calls us to a new way for seeing. It calls us to imagine a whole new order of things. Often side-lined within the church or left on the periphery of our Christian walk we do a great disservice to the power of Creativity. It is something that can help change the world, a prophetic imagination for a new way of being.

Leave no one behind | Room 109

An immersive experience presented by CBM | ROOM 109

How would you help people with disabilities in the poorest communities of the world prepare for a disaster? Join an immersive experience as a humanitarian aid worker and help build an inclusive and resilient community in the face of increasing, extreme weather events. Got questions? Visit the CBM stand for more.

FRIDAY | Electives 4:30^{PM} - 5:30^{PM}

We are not free, while any woman is unfree | Plenary

Brooke Prentis, Anna McGahan & Jo Pride

"I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own." (Audre Lorde). Across the world, women are disproportionately impacted by inequality and the shackles of inequality look different for every woman. Yet we know that God's heart is for all his children to flourish, regardless of their gender. Hear from three experienced female leaders about the way that gender justice informs and strengthens their faithful work in very different contexts. Men are encouraged to come along and consider how they can work towards gender justice in their world.

CONTENT WARNING: Please note that this session is likely to cover content that may be distressing to some, including (but not limited to) sexual and domestic abuse and violence.

Effective fundraising in a digital world | Room 105

Ophelie Lechat & Garth Stirling (presented by ntegrity Agency)

Fundraising is the lifeblood of not-for-profit organisations. How can NFPs leverage the massive shift in the digital habits of Australians to create more effective fundraising campaigns? In this session, you'll learn how to combine digital tactics and fundraising trends to create impactful, high-return campaigns, based on our experience working with hundreds of Australian NFPs at ntegrity Agency.

Justice and rights approach to mental health and inclusion | Room 106

Helen Fernandes, Steph Cantrill & Becca Allchin (presented by TEAR Australia)

Good development must focus on the whole person, family and community. This means addressing both physical and mental health needs. Mental health promotion and inclusion are important justice responses in the restoration of God's kingdom. This workshop unpacks the links between mental health and poverty, and some of the systemic causes of injustice in this space. It will help you develop frameworks with which to understand the nexus of mental health and development. and share global examples of organisations working in psychosocial inclusion, rights and mental health.

Combating consumerism – learning to follow Jesus in our consumption choices | Room 109 | Presented by Seed

We live in a culture consumed by consumption. Our culture's story convinces us that happiness comes through the accumulation of more stuff. We know there is a problem – it's all around us! Jesus calls us to a different way. The Consumed campaign is a space for Christians to move beyond naming the problem and focus on finding and creating solutions. This workshop will help you combat consumerism in your own lives and give you an opportunity to help design creative solutions for the wider church and society.

SATURDAY

10:00^{AM}

MAIN SESSION

Glimpse of Justice - A narrative of hope | Australians Together
Glimpse of Justice - UNSEEN: Undercover with an IJM investigator | IJM*
Keynote - A Call from the Wilderness | Adam Taylor

11:30^{AM}

MORNING BREAK

12:00^{PM}

ELECTIVES (see page 6)

1:00^{PM}

LUNCH BREAK

2:30^{PM}

MAIN SESSION

Glimpse of Justice - Created for Community | Christians Against Poverty
Keynote - A Call to Lament | Jo Herbert-James

4:00^{PM}

AFTERNOON BREAK

4:30^{PM}

ELECTIVES (see page 7)

5:30^{PM}

DINNER BREAK

7:00^{PM}

MAIN SESSION

Keynote - A Call to True Worship | Andrew Gardener
Creative Moment | Fatai

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SATURDAY | Electives 12:00^{PM} - 1:00^{PM}

Faith-rooted advocacy and public discipleship | Plenary

Adam Taylor

Advocating for justice is an integral expression of Christian discipleship. This workshop will explore how to advance biblical justice in ways that are deeply shaped by our faith. We will also discuss key principles, strategies, and tools for effective campaigns and greater impact.

Exploring 'culture': the elements of identity that bring all Australians together | Room 105

Richard Cassady and Stewart Bogle (presented by Australians Together)

Learning more about our own cultural background and identity, we gain a better understanding of, and respect for, the cultures and identity of all people.

In exploring the elements of 'culture' we will see both uniqueness and the many things we have in common. It's these common elements that allow us to connect and empathise with the impact of colonisation on Indigenous peoples, and how that's shaped where we are today. A brighter future is possible for all Australians, but to get there we each need to play our part.

Power and privilege | Room 106

Brooke Prentis, Ruth Padilla DeBorst & Joel McKerrow

Western culture tell us that we need to amass personal power and influence. In Jesus, we see an example of someone who shared his power with others and who calls his followers to live differently to the world. Join us as we discuss how we can follow Jesus by relinquishing power in our own lives and how we can recognise and build healthy ways of sharing and shifting power in our every day.

Doing good without doing harm | Room 109

Matthew Maury (presented by TEAR Australia)

As Christians we are called to action as we seek to make biblically shaped responses to global poverty. However, too often well-intentioned efforts by the Australian church, Christian schools, and individuals have done more harm than good. Drawing on several decades of TEAR Australia's partnership experience, come learn about practical models and approaches for effective involvement with Christian international development.

SATURDAY | Electives 4:30^{PM} - 5:30^{PM}

Let's talk rubbish! No time to waste | Plenary

Jo Herbert-James, Emma Wyndam-Chalmers & Jo Knight (presented by TEAR Australia)

God has blessed us with a beautiful world to look after and treasure. But right now, we have a rubbish problem - and it's hitting people living in poverty hardest. Step inside TEAR's Rubbish Campaign and learn how you can advocate and make changes in your own lifestyle. Hear from global partners in the Rubbish Campaign, Jo Herbert James from UK, and Jo Knight and Emma Wyndham Chalmers from TEAR as they unpack the problem and solutions and how you can allow your love for God, for your neighbours and for creation to infuse every aspect of life.

Let justice roll in our society | Room 105

Jennifer Kirkaldy and Amanda Merrett (presented by The Salvation Army)

Our systems of government were designed on the principle of a 'just society' but they have never really delivered. As government and policy becomes increasingly complicated, the task of confronting injustice on a societal level can feel impossible – but it is not. Join the Salvos as they explore the fundamentals of Christian advocacy to a secular government and equip people of faith with practical ways to engage in effective policy advocacy.

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The power of purpose: justice and the local church | Room 106

Joel McKerrow, Dave McHugh & Bree Mills

The Australian church continues to see an exodus of young people from their communities. With only 13% of Australian Churchgoers being aged between 15 - 29 (2016, NCLS), we must ask some serious questions about what is happening here and consider the pivotal role that seeking Justice together may play in turning this trend around.

Co-Creators – Pursuing justice in your workplace or community | Room 109 | Presented by Seed

Every day we step out the front door into a broken and hurting world. Sometimes 'justice' feels overwhelming. Yet justice, ultimately, is not only about problems, it's about joining God in creating solutions. We are invited by God to be co-creators of justice – in the workplaces and communities where God has placed us. This practical workshop will help you develop the imagination, creativity, faithfulness and courage you need to pursue justice and change in your context.