

Voices for Justice 2019

CONFERENCE PROGRAM



30 NOV 2019

Saturday

LOCATION: AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

11:00	Lobby Group Leaders Registration The Pavillion	16:30	Lobby Group Breakout Various Locations Your lobby group leader will help you find a spot on the property. Start to identify some roles within the team based on where everyone is at in their advocacy journey! It's also the time to reflect on the policy briefing to come up with any questions you want answered about points in the policy or how to approach your conversations with MPs and Senators to be answered in our next panel.
11:30	Lobby Group Leaders Briefing The Pavillion	17:00	
12:00	Registrations The Chapel foyer (Registrations open)	17:30	Politics Expert Panel: Rev. James Bhagwan, Jo Knight (TEAR) and Tim Costello The Chapel This is your opportunity to hear from and ask questions of those with political advocacy experience, on what to expect and how to approach your various meetings according to the politician's party and seniority.
12:30		18:00	
13:00	Main Session: Opening with the Micah Team The Chapel Tim Costello: "Why this is our Micah Moment".	18:30	Welcome to Country and Celebration Dinner Outside Dinner is provided on site. Please enjoy this time of fellowship with other delegates which will also involve a Welcome to Country.
13:30	Policy Briefing with Matt Darvas (Micah Campaign Director) The Chapel An overview of our Policy Asks at Voices for Justice 2019.	19:00	
14:00		19:30	
14:30	Pacific Perspectives with special guests The Chapel Hear from some of the Pacific leaders as they share their heart and vision for their region.	20:00	
15:00		20:30	
15:30	Afternoon Tea Outside		
16:00	How to structure your lobbying meetings The Chapel Matt Darvas will go through how to take the policy brief and Pacific Perspectives and structure them into a productive Lobby Meeting.		

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01 DEC 2019

Sunday

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8:00	Optional Pilgrim's Walk Pilgrim's Poles The Pilgrim's Walk is a physical expression of the ACCC commitment to reflect the relationship between Christianity and Australian culture – inspired by the parables of the New Testament in which examples from ordinary human life provide spiritual truth. The Pilgrim's Walk provides an opportunity to reflect upon the relationship between the gospel and life experience.	13:30	
8:30		14:00	
9:00	Morning Service The Chapel Join us for a time of worship and prayer with a devotion given by a special guest.	14:30	Mock Lobby Meeting The Chapel What should a good lobbying meeting look like? You're about to find out!
9:30		15:00	An interview with Louise Markus The Chapel Louise Markus (former Federal Member) will give an insiders view to Parliament and the political process.
10:00		15:30	Final Q and A The Chapel Matt Darvas will answer your final questions on lobbying meetings.
10:30	Morning Tea Outside Morning tea is provided onsite.	16:00	Afternoon Tea with Lobby Groups Outside Grab your afternoon tea and gather into your Lobby Groups, ready for your final breakout session.
11:00	Engagement tools with Beck Wilesmith The Chapel Beck will talk through Advocacy Tracker and engagement tools for use during lobby meetings as well as explain how to get around Parliament House.	16:30	Third Lobby Group Breakout: Mock Lobby Meetings Outside This is your final chance to meet with your lobby group before meetings kick off on Monday. Try a mock lobby group meeting and some role play and finalise your plan of attack for tomorrow!
11:30	Second Lobby Group Breakout Various Locations This is an opportunity to talk through Advocacy Tracker and the meeting tools and to finalise group roles and presentations for the lobbying meetings.	17:00	Prayer and Worship Time The Chapel Worship and prayer as we commit our time in Parliament House to God integrated with words and blessings especially from the Pacific leaders and delegates.
12:00		17:30	
12:30		18:00	Close
13:00	Lunch The Chapel		Member Organisation Dinners Various Locations A number of organisations will be hosting dinners for their staff and advocates. Details are available in Delegate Handbook.
			Pacific Leaders and Aboriginal Christian Leaders joint Dinner Various Locations Details will be provided by invitation.

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Monday

LOCATION: PARLIAMENT HOUSE

7:30	Front Lawn Event Front Lawn Meet at 7:30am sharp on the front lawns. This is our chance to announce our arrival in Parliament House, commit our day in prayer and hear from some of our Pacific Leaders.	13:00	Lobby Meetings
8:00		13:30	Workshop 3: Aboriginal Justice Workshop Theatre Aboriginal Christian Leaders will brief Micah delegates gathered on the important issues and work being done in this space right now.
8:30	Sign into Parliament House Main Entrance You will need your Photo ID! Enter through main entrance and go through security. Then wait in the main lobby to be signed in by the Micah team.	14:00	
9:00	Lobby Meetings 'Friends of the Pacific Family' Parliamentary Group Launch Meet in marble foyer to be escorted to Main Committee Room Our Pacific leaders will be officially welcomed to Parliament by the Minister for International Development and the Pacific Alex Hawke, with a brief reception in Parliament.	14:30	Workshop 4: Pacific Islander and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Solidarity Theatre A panel with the Aboriginal Christian Leaders and Pacific Leaders discussing the importance, spirit, focus and opportunities to build and work out of this solidarity.
9:30		15:00	
10:00	Workshop 1: Climate Change, poverty and Australia's role: how to talk to your MP TEAR Australia and Caritas Australia Theatre This workshop will help you talk to your MP about climate change and to remind them that Christians want to see our political leaders do more to tackle this urgent global challenge. Please note this workshop is repeated on Tuesday.	15:30	
10:30		16:00	Special event: In Conversation with Arthur Sinodinos - hosted by Tim Costello Theatre An intimate style 'Q & A' with special guest Arthur Sinodinos, former Senator and newly announced Ambassador to the United States.
11:00		16:30	
11:30		17:00	Debrief Theatre Time to hear about highlights so far and reflect on the day together.
12:00	Workshop 2: Ending Violence Against Children, World Vision Australia in partnership with Pacific Leaders Theatre Hear about World Vision's work in PNG using coalitions and social media to tackle violence against children, take a deeper look at the issue of global child rights through the lens of advocacy.	17:30	Close and Dinner Various Locations You are free to head out for dinner or back to your accommodation.
12:30			
13:00			

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8:30	Sign into Parliament House Main Entrance You will need your Photo ID! Enter through main entrance and go through security. Then wait in the main lobby to be signed in by the Micah team.	14:00	Lobby Meetings
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10:00	Workshop 5: Climate Change, poverty and Australia's role: how to talk to your MP TEAR Australia and Caritas Australia Dame Dorothy Tangney Alcove This workshop will help you talk to your MP about climate change and to remind them that Christians want to see our political leaders do more to tackle this urgent global challenge. Please note this is a repeat of the workshop held on Monday.	15:30	
10:30		16:00	
11:00		16:30	
11:30	Workshop 6: Is there a Biblical Theology for Foreign Aid? Dame Dorothy Tangney Alcove Daniel Lee, Micah Theology Fellow will present his paper on the theological reasons for Foreign Aid.	17:00	
12:00		17:30	Close: Final Session Front Courtyard Gather with us by the fountain for an informal gathering to pray and give thanks for our time together at #VFJ19 (for those who do not need to start the journey home right away!).
12:30	Workshop 7: Theology and Social Change in the Pacific, UnitingWorld Dame Dorothy Tangney Alcove Pacific Christian leaders will speak about the importance of theology in their work addressing family violence, gender inequality and climate change. Hosted by UnitingWorld.		
13:00			
13:30	Workshop 8: Celebrating International Day of People with a Disability Dame Dorothy Tangney Alcove Hear a Panel of emerging disability movement leaders from the Pacific talking about disability issues and the role the church can play in disability inclusion.		

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