

Heads, Hearts and Hands: What can dialogue do for us?

Gathering of Councils of Christians and Jews from Australia and New Zealand coinciding with a visit from the ICCJ Board

Sunday, 2 February 2025 (Trinity College Theological School)

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| 13:00 (60 min) | 14:00 (30 min) | 14:30 (30 min) | 15:00 (45 min) | 15:45 (30 min) | 16:15 (40 min) | 16:55 (10 min) | 17:05 (50 min) | 18:00-19:00 |
| Registration (tea & coffee provided) | Welcome to Country & smoking ceremony Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation | Formal opening Welcome from our hosts Welcome to special guests and others A brief intro to the theme | Keynote opening address David Sandmel: "Heads, Hearts and Hands: What can Dialogue do for us?" | <i>Space for people to talk about what they have heard</i> | Sharing about the pain that Jewish and Christian communities have experienced since Oct 7. | <i>Space for silence and reflection</i> | Healing, reconciliation & dialogue after the referendum | Canapes and drinks |

Monday, 3 February 2025 (Trinity College Theological School)

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| 8:45 | 9:00 (120 min) | 11:00 | 11.30 (90 min) | 13:00 | 14:00 (60 min) | 15:00 | 15:30-17:00 (90 min) | 17:00 (30 min) |
| Reflective moment (led by Christian participants) | Session 1: What is dialogue today? <i>A general introduction to dialogue from a panel of interfaith practitioners.</i> | Morning tea (30 min) | Session 2: What is unique about Jewish-Christian Dialogue? This session will explore the particularities of Jewish-Christian dialogue. | Lunch (60 min) | Session 3: Practical workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Addressing 'drip feed' of anti-Judaism and other 'drops' of prejudice</i> • <i>Eat your way to the heart of dialogue.</i> • <i>Challenges and fruits of Jewish-Christian Relations - A Protestant Perspective from Germany</i> | Afternoon tea (30 min) | Session 4: Current Challenges in Jewish-Christian Dialogue Jewish Christian Dialogue is difficult. What can we do about it? What are the cracks in Jewish Christian Dialogue? | Session 5: Drawing the threads of day one together Feedback for sessions one, two, three (workshops) & four and directions for Tuesday's program |

Tuesday, 4 February 2025 (Temple Beth Israel)

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| 8:45 | 9:00 (120 min) | 11:00 | 11.30 (90 min) | 13:00 | 14:00 (60 min) | 15:00 | 15:30 (75 min) | 16:45 (45 min) |
| Reflective moment (led by TBI) | Session 6: How to overcome challenges in Jewish-Christian dialogue. <i>Delegates will consider how we might overcome the challenges facing Jewish-Christian dialogue with interaction with a panel of interfaith practitioners.</i> | Morning tea (30 min) | Session 7: What can we all do together? The role of religion in civil society. <i>Our panel will explore the role that Jews and Christians can play in confronting the environmental crises we are currently facing.</i> | Lunch (60 min) | Session 8: Practical workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can we address the 'drip feed' of anti-Judaism? A concrete proposal</i> • <i>Abrahamic Dialogue</i> • <i>Learn About the Victorian Jewish Community</i> | Afternoon tea (30 min) | Session 9: Where does our learning lead us? What is our response from the heart? Delegates will engage in a dialogical process to bring the threads of the Gathering together and imagine a way forward. | Session 10: Formalities and the launch of the year of celebration marking 40 years of the CCJ (Vic) |

All sessions will include opportunities for facilitated dialogue among delegates and interaction with panel members, who include local and international Interfaith practitioners and scholars.
The program is subject to change.