

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Faith tradition (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Medical or religious dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Fees Please tick

#### Cost:

\$260 passionate

\$220 full fee

\$120 concession

Includes all meals except breakfasts

### Accommodation

The conference does not have any hotel accommodation deals. For low-cost options, you could try Air bnb or Stayz. We can offer some billeting, but cannot guarantee availability. If you can either offer a bed or if you need one, please contact [info@arrcc.org.au](mailto:info@arrcc.org.au) by Oct 25.

### How to register

Register via the ARRCC Home page [www.arrcc.org.au](http://www.arrcc.org.au) or complete this form and send this with a cheque to 264 Pitt St, Sydney. Alternatively, send the form and arrange a direct bank transfer.

Account name: ARRCC, Incorporated  
BSB: 313 140

Account number: 12038597

As "Description" please put your surname and "conference".

*Please consider low-carbon travel options, or off-set air travel via Greenfleet.*

**Closing date for registrations is 25 October 2019**

**Contact [info@arrcc.org.au](mailto:info@arrcc.org.au) if you want to register after this date.**

## CONFERENCE OUTLINE

Conference participants are welcome to arrive after 4 pm and mingle. Before dinner, there will be a brief ceremony called "Kiddush" to welcome Shabbat.

Each morning and afternoon of the conference will begin with prayer or meditation in one of the great religious traditions.

### Friday night

Welcome, including Welcome to Country, introductions, Multi-Faith Prayer and Reflection, Aboriginal struggles to defend country today (especially in relation to mining).

### Saturday morning

Academic speakers are **Prof. Lesley Hughes** covering climate science today; **Assoc Prof. Mehmet Ozalp** and **Dr Miriam Pepper** on religious responses in the Islamic and Christian traditions, and **Dr James Whelan** facilitating discussion on the special role people of faith can play in addressing the climate emergency.

### Saturday evening

Informal conference dinner at the venue.

### Saturday afternoon and Sunday

A mix of presentations, skills workshops and discussion, and some time spent celebrating and analysis of positive local ARRCC stories. **Josh Creaser** from Tipping Point, **Tejopala Rawls**, **Dr James Whelan** and **Thea Ormerod** will facilitate workshops in community organising skills.

There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and contribute, with breaks in which people can network with each other. When you leave, you will have had a chance to think about where you might best contribute in your own contexts.

# ARRCC

National Conference

8-10 November 2019

Australian Centre for

Christianity and Culture,

15 Blackall St, Barton (Canberra)



  
AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR  
**CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE**  
WISDOM FOR THE COMMON GOOD



## Faith in Action: A religious response to the climate emergency

The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) warmly invites you to participate in our inaugural national Conference.

The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture is an official sponsor.

ARRCC has a unique role in Australia in bringing together diverse people of faith as witnesses to both our common humanity and respect for the earth. Local faith groups in many different parts of the country have supported ARRCC initiatives such as Carols Against Coal, Funerals for Coal, and Living the Change - which promotes climate-friendly lifestyles.

Come along and meet other people of faith who have been taking action on the climate crisis. The Conference will be an opportunity to hone our skills and capacity to do this more effectively.

It will serve to:

- Build knowledge, skills and confidence to organise at a local level, especially politically (nonpartisan)
- Inspire people to act on the climate emergency
- Empower people of diverse faiths to take ARRCC-inspired action together
- Help form and strengthen active local groups

We will share and learn with the help of inspirational campaigners, skilled community organisers, Aboriginal activists, faith leaders and experts in their fields.

### Academic presenters

**Prof. Lesley Hughes**, Professor of Biology at Macquarie University, Councilor with Climate Council of Australia.

**Dr James Whelan**, community educator & campaigner, widely published on participatory democracy & environmental justice.

**Assoc Prof Mehmet Ozalp**, theologian, author & academic, Executive Director of Islamic Sciences and Research Academy.

**Dr Miriam Pepper**, founder of ARRCC, researcher at National Christian Life Survey, member of Uniting Church's Uniting Eco Group.

### Prayer Room

A Prayer and Meditation Room will be available on site. Conference participants are very welcome to take time out for prayer or meditation at any time, in accordance with their religious observances.

### Catering

All meals and morning and afternoon teas will be provided, except breakfasts. Food will be vegetarian or vegan. Strictly kosher or halal food can be arranged on request. No alcohol will be served at the Conference venue. Please inform us of your dietary needs for either medical or religious reasons when you register, or by October 25th.



“Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world.”

*Pope Francis,  
Laudato Si', para. 231*

