

# Pax Christi Australia

(International Christian Peace Movement)



## National Conference & National Meeting

### A WORLD WITHOUT WEAPONS, a Vision and a Challenge.



28-30 August 2015  
Kildara Centre  
39 Stanhope Street, Malvern Vic

## The Conference will

- explore the possibilities and challenges of a *World Without Weapons*, spiritually and politically
- drawing on our faith traditions.
- hear from people who are already “living the dream.”
- consider key challenges the issue poses for people of faith in Australia and Pax Christi in particular.

## Programme.

### Friday 28 August:

- 5.30 Registration Tea / coffee  
6.30 Light meal (catered)  
7.30 **Opening liturgy.**  
7.45 **SETTING THE SCENE:**  
Welcome & introductory comments  
Rev Harry Kerr  
8.00 **OPENING UP THE CHALLENGE :**  
Rev Dr. Wes Campbell,  
Fr Brian Johnstone  
8.40 **DISCUSSION IN GROUPS:**  
Participants invited to share their own hopes & perspectives.  
9.00 Plenary discussion.  
9.30 Close

### Saturday 29 August

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

- 9.30 **HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND JESUS' COMMAND TO "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES" IN TODAY'S WORLD?**  
Bible Study: [Rev. Merrill Kitchen](#)  
Q&A followed by discussion in groups

10.45 Morning tea

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

11.15 **A WORLD WITHOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS: AUSTRALIA'S RESPONSIBILITY**

Prof Tillman Ruff

Q&A followed by discussion in groups

12.45 Lunch (catered)

1.45 **CHALLENGING A VIOLENT WORLD**

[Dale Hess](#) will introduce a panel of activists who are actively engaged in challenging the culture of war and finding alternatives for living

Panel discussion and questions followed by open discussion.

3.15 Afternoon tea

3.45 **TOWARDS A WORLD WITHOUT WEAPONS, NEXT STEPS**

introduced and facilitated by Professor Joseph Camilleri

What are the key challenges the issue poses for Christians in Australia?

A set of questions will be prepared to guide the conversation

How should Pax Christi Australia respond

5.15 Liturgy

6.00 **Evening meal (catered) & social evening**

### Sunday 30 August

9.00 **FORMAL MEETING OF PAX CHRISTI AUSTRALIA**

- Reports on activity in Pax Christi branches
- Report from Bethlehem Assembly
- Issues / campaigns for 2016
- Recruiting New members
- Elections followed by lunch, catered.

## Speakers.

**Rev Dr. Wes Campbell** is a retired Uniting Church Minister, theologian and artist. He was previously chaplain at Melbourne University and Peace and Justice Secretary in the Uniting Church in Victoria as well as serving in parishes in Melbourne and Perth. He has been a peace and justice activist since the Vietnam War and is currently active in Rural Australians for Refugees in Castlemaine Vic.

**Fr Brian Johnstone, C.S.S.R, STD** is a Redemptorist Priest and Moral Theologian. He has taught a wide range of courses on the ethics and theology of Peace and War, Human Rights, Bioethics and Good and Evil. He has taught in Yarra Theological Union, Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo di Manila, Philippines, the Catholic University of America, the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Alphonsian Academy, Rome.

**Rev Merrill Kitchen OAM** is Churches of Christ minister and New Testament Scholar. She trained as a Medical Scientist and worked in hospitals in Melbourne and Israel / Palestine. She has been Principal of the Churches of Christ Theological College in Melbourne and Dean of the Evangelical Theological Association. She is a Fellow of the Melbourne College of Divinity. She is a frequent visitor to the churches in Palestine/Israel.

**Associate Professor Tilman Ruff OAM** is an infectious diseases and public health physician, with particular involvement in the urgent public health imperative to abolish nuclear weapons. Tilman chairs the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). He was one of two civil society advisors to the International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, and a civil society delegate to the inter-governmental Conferences on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons in Oslo (2013), Mexico and Vienna (2014).

## Registration

### Location:

Kildara (Brigidine) Centre  
39 Stanhope Street Malvern.

*(Stanhope Street runs off Glenferrie Road  
Train from any city station on Frankston,  
Cranbourne or Pakenham lines to Malvern.  
Walk or tram 16 up Glenferrie Rd, stop 56*

*Or*

*Take 16 tram from the city (Melbourne Uni,  
Swanston St, St. Kilda road. )*

*Or from Kew, to stop 56.*

### Accommodation

We hope to **provide billets** for interstate and overseas visitors.

There is also a wide range of hotels, motels, and hostels within a reasonable distance.

We will help you find one when we know what you are looking for.

### Costs

**Friday-Sunday , Conference and  
National Meeting:  
\$120 or \$80 low income.**

**Friday and Saturday, Conference only  
\$100 or \$70 low income.**

**Friday Evening  
\$30**

## Registration form

### Name(s)

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### Address

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**Phone.....Mob.....**

**Email.....**

**Dietary preferences.....**

**(All meals vegetarian)**

**Are you registering for**

**The whole week-end      Y      N**

**Friday & Saturday only    Y      N**

**Friday Evening m only    Y      N**

**Do you require accommodation? Y    N**

Please send with cheque for \$30 deposit or full fee to **Pax Christi P.O Box 31, CARLTON SOUTH, VIC 3053 by 21 August**  
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