

National Urban Mission Conference: Pilgrim Church 12 Flinders St Adelaide  
***The Postsecular City. Implications for congregations and their community engagement***  
 September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 2013

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>
10.00 Welcome and introductory session. 10.45 Opening prayers	9.30 Opening prayers	9.30 Opening prayers
11.00 Dr Chris Baker. <b><i>The Postsecular City: characteristics and opportunities.</i></b> Chris will introduce a topic each day and invite members of the conference to reflect on their experience and join an ongoing conversation.	9.45 Dr Chris Baker. <b><i>Urbanism of Hope: The role and contribution of faith.</i></b>	9.45 Dr Chris Baker. <b><i>The City as Text: Towards an urban practical theology.</i></b>
12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch
	1:15 President of the Uniting Church Prof Andrew Dutney. <b><i>Mid way reflections and observations.</i></b>	
1:30-4:30 <b><i>Where Theory and Action Intersect: Introduction to community development practices.</i></b> Jana Norman Minister Pilgrim Uniting Church. Graeme McKerracher. Project manager with Community Centres SA. Reading the city.  <i>The issues of critical consciousness are not just about understanding external forces, but also about understanding myself and my practice.</i> Street walk and reflections.  5.00pm Close. 5.15pm Service of Lament for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Followed by informal dinner in Central Market precinct.	1.45-4.30 <b><i>Framing the Question: Open space methodology.</i></b> Peter McDonald from Uniting Communities and Joanna Hubbard of Marion Life  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">6.00pm to 7.15pm Public Forum with Dr David Radford, Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Hawke Research Institute, UniSA, Dr Deidre Palmer, Moderator elect UCA in SA and Chris Baker. <b><i>The Contribution of Church in a Postsecular Society</i></b></div>	1.30-3.30 <b><i>Empowering Communities of Practice: faith, hope and action.</i></b> Ali Ayliffe from Uniting Communities.  3.45 - 4.00pm. Closing session. Evaluation.  Looking ahead... Skype conference Friday Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>  Australian Association of Mission Studies Conference Adelaide. <b><i>Margins, Mission and Diversity.</i></b> 2-5 October 2014

Conference members are invited to a Friday morning round table from 9.30 to 12.30 at Pilgrim Centre with Chris Baker. This event is sponsored by the South Australian Council of Churches and the topic is... *The Place of Religion in Public Policy and Social Development*. An ecumenical event offering space and content for people to explore the evolving place of religious organisations in public policy and social development in relationship to local community. Dr Chris Baker is the Director of Research, William Temple Foundation, Director of the Centre for Faiths and Public Policy and Senior Lecturer in Urban and Public Theology, University of Chester, UK <http://www.chester.ac.uk/cfpp>  
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