



**VICKY BALABANSKI**  
**Uniting College for Leadership and Theology, SA**

Vicky is Director of Biblical Studies teaching New Testament writings, biblical hermeneutics and Greek. She has taught in Chiang Mai, Thailand and been a visiting scholar in the Indian Church of South India Diocese of Madras. Vicky is involved in fostering ecumenical thinking and acting. She has a deep care for creation and living sustainably in kinship with the earth.



**DAVID RITTER**  
**Greenpeace Australia Pacific**

David worked as a lawyer and an academic before spending five years with Greenpeace UK. In July 2012, he came back to Australia to become CEO of Greenpeace Australia Pacific. He is also a writer, honorary fellow of the Faculty of Law at the University of Western Australia, and a research affiliate of the Sydney Environment Institute and an Adjunct Professor in the Sydney Democracy Network.



**AMELIA TELFORD**  
**Seed, Indigenous Youth Climate Justice**

Amelia is a young Aboriginal and South Sea Islander woman from Bundjalung country, and is the National Director of the Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network. She was named National NAIDOC Youth of the Year 2014, Bob Brown's Young Environmentalist for the Year 2015 and Australian Geographic Young Conservationist of the Year 2015 for her commitment to building a more just and sustainable future for all young people.



**MAINA TALIA**  
**Tuvalu Indigenous Rights Defender**

Maina is a Tuvaluan, undertaking his doctoral studies at the Charles Sturt University, focusing on the role of Indigenous Knowledge in Climate Change Adaptation in Tuvalu. He has attended various United Nations meetings on Climate Change, Indigenous Peoples Forum and the Expert mechanism on the rights of Indigenous peoples. Mania advocates for his community in Tuvalu in response to the challenging political posture of the Australian Government.



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# REGISTRATION FORM

## Personal details

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Congregation / Faith Community / Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Do you have any dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Online registration

Go to [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com), click 'buy tickets' and type 'Justice and International Mission Conference 2019' in the search field to find this event.

**Cost: \$40 for metropolitan participants**  
**\$30 concession and non-metropolitan participants.**  
 Tea/coffee and lunch included.

## Payment details

EFT/Direct Debit – to:  
 Account Name: Uniting Church in Australia  
 BSB: 033 157 Account Number: 34 41 36  
 Use "JIM Conference" as Transaction Reference.

## Or

I have enclosed a cheque for \$.....  
 (Cheques payable to the Uniting Church in Australia)

## Or

Please debit \$..... from my  
 MasterCard  Visa   
 Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature.....

Return by Friday 30 August 2019 to:  
**Ann Byrne**  
 Centre for Theology and Ministry  
 29 College Crescent, Parkville, Vic, 3052  
 For more information, contact Ann Byrne on  
**(03) 9340 8815 or email: [ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au)**



equipping Leadership for Mission

Justice & International Mission

**WHEN:** Saturday 7 September, 9am-4.45pm

**WHERE:** Centre for Theology and Ministry,  
29 College Crescent, Parkville

**COST:** \$40 for metropolitan participants  
\$30 concession and non-metropolitan  
participants

Uniting Church members have understood that preserving creation for future generations is an essential part of their faith. The Justice and International Mission Conference this year takes stock of where the Uniting Church can continue to make a difference on how Australia impacts on environmental issues, including climate change.

As the world discovers climate change as a moral prerogative that cannot be delayed, younger generations are taking to the streets, as we've seen with the school-strike movement, to stand for what they believe in. With climate change becoming widely recognised as today's moral imperative, we become obliged to ask where we stand as individuals, members of our community and global citizens?

- How do we respond to the threats facing the natural environment as Christians?
- How do we find hope in our faith to take what actions we can?
- How do we empower our communities to face the threat of climate change?

Join us and be part of the conversation to inform the future direction of the Uniting Church's social justice mission as we unpack the urgency of climate change we are all facing.

This conference will examine a broad range of environmental concerns facing our planet, including displacement of people as a result of climate change, ecotheology, electric vehicles, illegal logging, renewable energy, ethical investments, and Indigenous youth perspectives on climate change.



## PROGRAM

### 9AM

Registration, with tea and coffee available

### 9.30AM

Introduction, acknowledgement of country and opening worship

### 9.45AM

Panel of speakers

### 11AM

Morning Tea

### 11.30PM

Table talks: discussing climate themes

### 12.15PM

Lunch

### 1PM

Discussion on the work areas of the Justice and International Mission Cluster

### 2PM

First round of workshops

### 3PM

Afternoon tea

### 3.30PM

Second round of workshops

### 4.30PM

Wrap up and closing worship

### 4.45PM

Finish

## WORKSHOP OPTIONS

From the list below, please list the top three workshops you would prefer to attend – using the number of the workshop (not the name). List them in your order of preference, and you will be assigned two – for example, “8, 2, 5”. Workshops will be run based on the number of participants and will not be run where there are not enough participants.

- 1 Indigenous youth perspectives on climate change
- 2 The politics of climate change
- 3 Eco-theology and the climate change conversation in the church
- 4 Electric vehicles – addressing emissions from transport
- 5 Eliminating Illegal logging – unfinished business
- 6 Solar panels and fairness – How do we make the transition to renewable energy equitable?
- 7 Climate change and displaced peoples
- 8 Ethical investment in a time of climate change

## WORKSHOP PREFERENCES

1ST PREFERENCE:

2ND PREFERENCE:

3RD PREFERENCE: