

## ***Justice and Christian Ministry***

Alphacrucis College, Melbourne Campus is excited to announce our eighth annual research conference. This year the conference tackles a topic of increasing focus and discussion across the Christian church: Justice and Christian Ministry. There are other conferences on justice from a Christian perspective. The distinctive feature of this conference will be relating such themes to the practical work of Christian ministry, broadly defined, and its research focus.



Our keynote speaker is **Dr Ash Barker**. Ash Barker lived and served in Bangkok's largest slum for over 12 years (2002-2014). Originally from Melbourne, Australia, Ash founded and led Urban Neighbours Of Hope (1993-2014) and Surrender Conferences (2003-07) before moving to inner city Birmingham, UK to establish Newbigin School for Urban Leadership ([NewbiginHouse.uk](http://NewbiginHouse.uk)) and to Co-Convene [UrbanShalomProject.org](http://UrbanShalomProject.org). An inspiring activist, speaker and educator, Ash is the author of 8 books.

### **Program Contents**

Dr Ash Barker will give two keynote addresses around the conference theme. Then a number of scholars (postgraduate students, lecturers from Alphacrucis and other colleges and ministers) will present papers during both days of the conference.

These papers will address topics linked to these areas, among others:

- Justice in the workplace
- Economic justice and Christian ethics
- Pastoral care of church attenders with tough issues
- Local churches and the wider community
- Equality and inequality in churches
- Biblical and theological perspectives on related topics

- Servant leadership
- Christian ministers and their families

There will be a conference dinner on the night of Thursday, September 6.

**New venue this year:** CityLife Church, 1248 High Street Road, Wantirna South 3152

**Time:** 8.30 am to 4.40 pm both days

**Dinner:** Thursday, September 6 at 6.30 pm, Wantirna Club, Stud Rd, Wantirna 3152

Registrations close on Monday, September 3; Early Bird prices valid to July 13.

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