

“In essentials *unity*...”

A conversation about the anchor points that underpin our unity in Churches of Christ.

Four events | Four locations

Churches of Christ do not have an official statement of faith or creed. We prefer to take the New Testament as our standard for doctrine and practice.

We say, *‘Where the Bible speaks, we speak; where the Bible is silent, we are silent’ and ‘In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity’.*

This allows us to take a generous stance as we engage in debate

about disputable matters, reserving the option to agree to disagree.

But this begs the question: what are the “essentials”? What are not matters of liberty but are core items that are intrinsic to identifying as a part of Churches of Christ?

ACOM invites you, as a leader within Churches of Christ, to a Roundtable conversation about this topic. A Roundtable is very different to a seminar.

There is no keynote speaker who will attempt to give definitive answers. It is rather a facilitated exchange of ideas in which each participant is both a contributor and a learner.

We’re convinced that theology is done best in community, and that truly useful theology can emerge from a community of wise, experienced practitioners.

Not that we will all come out of this conversation thinking the same thing,

but we’ll all have a richer understanding of the issues and be better equipped to exercise godly leadership.

Please let us know you’re attending, by registering via the ACOM website. To ensure everyone can participate freely, numbers are limited to 12 participants at each venue. We will also send you some pre-reading that will help you to engage deeply in the conversation on the day.

Facilitators: Dr Rick Lewis / Leon Munro / Dr Stephen Smith / Catherine Kleemann

Roundtable

#1

Date: 5 March
Time: 10am - 4pm
Location: Restore Church
47 Britannia Road,
Castle Hill

Roundtable

#2

Date: 19 March
Time: 10am - 4pm
Location: LifeGate
35 Cahors Road,
Padstow

Roundtable

#3

Date: 9 April
Time: 10am - 4pm
Location: Your Church,
30 Loaders Lane,
Coffs Harbour

Roundtable

#4

Date: 10 April
Time: 10am - 4pm
Location: Forster/Tuncurry
Church of Christ,
14 Douglas Ave, Tuncurry

All events are free, for catering purposes please register at:
www.acom.edu.au/events

Roundtables are a part of a wider research process that contributes to a understanding of issues facing Churches of Christ today and into the future.