



A Call for Papers

**for the Australian Association of Mission Studies
Conference**

“Mission in a Globalised World: A New Vision for Christian Discipleship”

**22-25 September 2011
Mary MacKillop Centre, North Sydney**

Globalisation poses a number of complex and inter-related questions for Christian mission. Concern for the environment, the rise of secularism, changing social attitudes among the young and the increasingly plural nature of societies in terms of both culture and religion are all global issues, but they have unique resonance in the contemporary context of Australia and the Pacific. This calls for new responses in leadership and education for mission within our Christian Churches. This conference will not only pose the questions raised by our contemporary context but will seek to provide a positive forum for addressing their many challenges.

We welcome papers on the following focus areas:

Ecology and Mission

- What does faith say about creation care?
- Ecological mission as part of mainstream mission.
- Ecological mission and global networks.
- Ecological mission across confessional differences.

Mission in Australia and the Asia Pacific

- Crosscultural mission.
- The Australian context.
- Indigenous peoples.
- Religions and cultures in conversation.
- Solidarity with the poor.

Mission and Generational Change

- Implications of changing values for mission among young people.
- Mission and social networking.
- The presentation of the gospel in a new world.
- Mission and the generation gap.

Secularity and Secularism

- The “faces” of secularisation.
- The re-emergence of aggressive secularism.
- Mission in the public square.
- The secularisation of morality.

Leading & Educating for Mission

- Preparing leaders for mission.
- Educating in the modern/post-modern context.
- Education for mission - models and methods.
- Moving mission from the periphery to the centre of education.
- Building links between mission theology and practical theology.

Timeline for Papers and Possible Publications

We are anticipating publishing conference papers either through a book or up to two issues of the Australian Journal of Mission Studies (AJMS). It would be expected that authors provide permission for such publications.

Approval of papers will follow a two-step process:

- 1. Proposed topic, with 150–200 word abstract due 25 February 2011** with decision by AAMS Conference Planning Committee and acceptance of abstract communicated 14 March.
- 2. Final paper is due by 24 June** with decision by Committee on papers 22 July.

Guidelines for writing paper: Papers are not to exceed 5,000 words (including notes and references) for publishable items, and 2000 words for a 20 minute presentation within a 45 minute session. Writers will be expected to adhere to the Style Guide for *Mission Studies* (<http://missionstudies.org/index.php/journal/style-guide-for-mission-studies/>).

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