



# THE BISHOP PERRY INSTITUTE FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION

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The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

## FAITH AND RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Presentations on completed and near-completed research in:

Anglican identity across generations

Parish growth and vitality

Ministry satisfaction, and more (see overleaf for full details).

9.30am – 2.30pm Tuesday 28 November 2017  
Ridley College, 170 The Avenue, Parkville

**Keynote Address:** 'Generational decline in Anglican identity (and on being an Anglican today),' Associate Professor Andrew Singleton (Deakin University).

The recently published census figures showed a continued decline in the number of Australians identifying as Anglican. Associate Professor Singleton is nearing completion of this major study into Anglican identity at an opportune time. The study explores the decline in generational commitment to Anglicanism with a view to seeking to understand why successive generations are less likely to commit to Anglicanism, with a particular emphasis on how the results of the study may impact on, and influence, our mission and ministry today and into the future.

### **Insights, learnings and challenges from two projects on parish growth and vitality.**

(1) 'The impact of the Diocesan Coaching Program for parish growth in the Diocese of Melbourne 2102-2013,' The Revd Canon Dr Richard Trist (Ridley College).

Dr Trist conducted an extensive research project into the impact of this program on six selected parishes in the Diocese of Melbourne from 2012-2013. The report provides a detailed analysis of the changes that occurred as a result of the initiative during the first two years of its implementation, through an empirical study of National Church Life Survey data as well as interviews with selected participants.

(2) 'The parish growth project,' The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Ames & Mr Colin Reilly.

Dr Ames and Mr Reilly conducted an evidence based study into parishes from across the Diocese, in a range of settings, that have experienced numerical growth over the past few years, using an extensive statistical analysis of extant data collected by the Diocese, supported by site visits and case studies of participating parishes.

### **Insights, learnings and challenges from two research projects into pastoral ministry:**

(1) 'Capacity building in multi-cultural contexts – the Karen community,' The Revd Ron Browning.

A research project borne out of extended practical experience, on capacity building among the Karen community in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, providing a potential model for ministry among refugee and migrant communities in the future.

(2) 'Factors impacting pastoral ministry satisfaction among English and Chinese speaking Ministers of Religion,' Mr Paul Shi (Singapore).

A research study for the Melbourne School of Theology with assistance from the Bishop Perry Institute, exploring the factors that impact on pastoral ministry satisfaction among English and Chinese speaking Ministers of Religion, with analysis of the factors that make the greatest difference for those in active ministry in terms of satisfaction and longevity.

### **An introduction to 'The Ecclesia Anglicana Australis' data base and its uses.** Mr Colin Reilly.

Melbourne layperson and statistician, Mr Colin Reilly, will introduce the functionality and capability of the database, and the potential uses and applications of the 'compendium' extracted from it and now published on the Bishop Perry Institute website, as a resource to both the national Anglican church, individual dioceses, and researchers.

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**There is no cost, this is a free event: morning and afternoon tea and lunch provided**

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