

# APTO Conference 2018

## Weaving Theology in Oceania: Culture, Context and Practice

Afternoon Saturday 17 November 2018 to  
Evening Wednesday 21 November 2018



### Suva, Fiji

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**Accommodation and some events at:**

**Pacific Theological College (PTC)**  
**78 Vuya Road**  
**Veiuoto**  
**Suva**  
**Fiji**

**Conference to be held at:**

**Pacific Regional Seminary (PRS)**  
**461 Queen Elizabeth Drive**  
**Nasese**  
**Suva**  
**Fiji**

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As with all APTO conferences, the 2018 conference will be ecumenical in nature.

Part of the Conference will be a three-day shared event in which APTO will partner with the Catholic Episcopal Conference of the Pacific (CEPAC) that is conducting a formation event for 80 Catholic clergy from Tonga, Samoa, Fiji Islands, Kiribati and the Cook Islands.

Keynote speakers and other presenters will draw upon theological, cultural and social issues within the context of Oceania, including questions relating to **indigenous cultures and spirituality, dialogue between ecclesiology and the social sciences, questions on environmental ethics, political theology, economics, the theology of liberation.**

**Keynote speakers and major presenters**

- Rev Dr Seferosa Carroll - Uniting Church Minister and Theologian, originally from Fiji
- Archbishop Peter Loy Chong, Catholic Archbishop of Suva
- Sr (Dr) Malia Keiti Ann Kanongata'a, (Tonga)
- Dr Debra Snoddy - Scripture Scholar, Catholic Institute of Sydney, originally from Ireland
- Sr Evelina Tuia smf – Missionary Sister of Faith and expert on marriage issues in the Pacific
- Rev Dr Upolu Luma Vaai - Associate Professor and Head of Theology & Ethics at Pacific Theological College
- Dr Claire Wolfteich - Professor of Practical Theology and Spirituality Studies, Boston University (by video link)

**The Call for Papers has been extended and now closes on 15 June. See APTO 2018 Call for Papers and APTO 2018 Paper Proposal Form**

*Approx cost: Conference only (accommodation not included).*

- \$350 (Australian) for Australian and New Zealand residents.
- \$300 (Fijian) for Pacific Island residents.

*Accommodation options available shortly.*

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