

APTO 2018 Conference

Weaving Theology in Oceania: Culture, Context and Practice

Afternoon Saturday 17th
November 2018 to Evening
Wednesday 21 November 2018

Suva, Fiji



CALL FOR PAPERS

Academics, reflective practitioners and higher degree research students, from all Christian denominations from of the peoples of Oceania (including, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Samoa, Fiji Islands, Kiribati, Cook Islands) are invited to submit a proposal for a paper-workshop to be presented as part of the Association of Practical Theology in Oceania's (APTO) 2018 Conference.

A major part of the 2018 APTO Conference is a three-day shared event in which APTO partners 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, Cook Islands.

Proposals are particularly welcome that directly address the conference theme *Weaving Theology in Oceania: Culture, Context and Practice* from various disciplines and perspectives, and contribute to the broader work of practical theology.

Papers of interest 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.**

Consistent with APTO's inclusive character, abstracts are also invited from academics, reflective practitioners and higher degree research students, from all Christian denominations in the whole range of topic areas that operate under the umbrella of Practical-Pastoral Theology including:

Mission • Welfare • Health Care • Theological education • Formation for Ministry • Environment • Social Justice • Politics • Housing • Employment • Story -Preaching

• Adult Faith Education • Pastoral Care • Clinical Pastoral Education • Social Media • Economic policy • Neo-Colonialism • Marriage and Family • Disability • Social Research • Church Life Research • Domestic Violence • Women in the Church • Migration & Refugee policy • Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Education • Religious Education - Catechetical Instruction.

The following information must be included in your proposal (please only submit .doc, .docx or .pdf files).

Proposer's name (& title):

Institutional affiliation:

Mailing address, phone and fax numbers:

Email address:

Working title of paper; and, Brief abstract (100-400 words)

Length of sessions is forty-five minutes long. Presenters are free to use the time-frame consistent with the purpose of their paper/workshop.

Higher Degree Research Students (HDR) and Reflective Practitioners are invited to submit proposals for short papers (2000 words). These should be related to the Student's / Practitioners current Research /Practice. Twenty minutes will be allowed for the delivery of such papers with ten minutes for questions to follow.

HDR students whose proposals are accepted are required to forward to Dr Bob Dixon by 4 May 2018 a statement that their supervisor has reviewed the completed paper. The information listed above should be provided with such proposals.

Reflective practitioners whose proposals are accepted are required to forward to Dr Bob Dixon by 4 May 2018 a statement that their senior ecclesial mentor has reviewed the completed paper.

Abstracts to be sent by email Dr Bob Dixon r.dixon@pro.catholic.org.au by 4 May 2018 (you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt email once your proposal has been successfully received). Successful proposals will be notified by email in early June 2018. For further information, please contact Dr Bob Dixon r.dixon@pro.catholic.org.au