

GROWING YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPIRITUALITY

2013 Conference
July 19-20

ABOUT

For centuries, faith has been transferred from one generation to the next. But in the 1970s, a huge change swept through the Western world. In smaller families, parents began to bring up their children to make their own decisions about how they approached life. The emphasis on critical thinking in education and the plurality of options presented through the media and through increasingly multicultural cities, made the growing of spirituality among young people a more individualistic and personal matter.

In homes, schools and churches, we are still working out how best to respond to the changes in Western culture. How can we best encourage the growth of a mature spirituality in the children who are growing up in our midst? This conference will look at the research around this issue and explore practical solutions for parents, youth leaders, pastors, teachers and chaplains.

SPEAKERS



Rev Dr Philip Hughes

Philip Hughes has been serving the churches of Australia as a research officer of the Christian Research Association since 1985. Much of his recent research has focussed on the spirituality of young people, churches, schools and chaplaincy. He is also actively involved in developing patterns of 'education for a purposeful life'.



Dr Kath Engebretson

Dr Kath Engebretson is a lecturer, researcher, and writer in the School of Religious Education at Australian Catholic University. She has conducted many research projects and written many books, most recently on interfaith education and the spirituality and religious education of teenage boys.



Rowan Lewis

Rowan Lewis is an educator, youth worker, writer and speaker who remains deeply committed to the tradition of spiritual formation in young people. He is the lecturer for Youth studies at Tabor College Victoria.



Peter Mangold

Peter Mangold is an experienced teacher and registered psychologist. He has worked as a government school chaplain for 15 years and his area of research interest has been the role of "meaning-making" in adolescent identity development.



Dr Rachael Kohn

Following a career in the academic study of religion, Dr Rachael Kohn joined the Australian Broadcasting Commission in 1992. She has continued to write books as well as present a variety of programs on religion and spirituality on radio and television. She is particularly known for her Sunday ABC National radio program 'The Spirit of Things'.



Karen Dymke

Karen Dymke has a Masters in Applied Learning and currently works as an instructional coach after being the Director of Learning at Luther College. Karen's educational experience has been as a consultant in teacher education and curriculum projects across TAFE, community education and schools.



PROGRAM

Friday 19th July

- 1.30 - 2.00pm** Opening of the Conference
- 2.00 - 3.00pm** **Philip Hughes** (CRA)
Schools, Youth and Spirituality
Current research findings and implications
- 3.00 - 3.30pm** Afternoon tea
- 3.30 - 4.30pm** **Rowan Lewis** (Tabor)
Faith development in perspective
Some things change, but some stay the same
- 6.30pm** Dinner and Speaker - **Naomi Swindon**
for **7.00pm**

Saturday 20th July

- 9.00 - 9.30am** Welcome and Opening Reflections
- **Rachel Kohn**
- 9.30 - 10.45am** Plenary panel
Perspectives for Growing Youth and Spirituality –
Curriculum, Schools and Chaplaincy
Spirituality and Curriculum
– **Kath Engebretson** (ACU)
Spirituality and Christian Schools
– **Stephen Chatelier** (University of Melbourne)
Spirituality and Chaplaincy
– **Peter Mangold** (ACCESS)
- 10.45 – 11.15am** Morning tea

- 11.15 – 12.45pm** Plenary Panel and Discussion Groups
Responses to Youth Spirituality
– Retreats, Programs and Scripture
Rites of Passage
– **Karen Dymke** (Luther College)
Christian Discipleship in Secular School Settings
– **Rohan Waters** (Veta)
Scripture and Spirituality
– **Angela Sawyer** (VCCE)
- 12.45 - 1.45pm** Lunch
- 1.45 - 2.45pm** Going Deeper Workshops
Spirituality and Curriculum
– **Kath Engebretson**
Spirituality and Christian Schools
– **Stephen Chatelier**
Spirituality and Chaplaincy
– **Peter Mangold**
Nurturing Youth Spirituality through Rites of Passage
– **Karen Dymke**
Nurturing Spirituality when you can't say Jesus
– **Rohan Waters** (Vetamorphus)
Spirituality and Scripture
– **Angela Sawyer**
National Perspectives on Spirituality
– **Rachel Kohn**
Spirituality and Sports Chaplaincy
– **Stephen Reid** (CRA)
- 2.45 - 3.15pm** Afternoon Tea
- 3.15 - 4.30pm** Break Out Groups and Final Plenary Session
Summary of findings

REGISTRATION

1. Registration Methods

- Via Christian Research Association website
www.cra.org.au/products-page/conference-registrations OR
- Complete and forward this registration form to
CRA, PO Box 206, Nunawading LPO, 3131, or fax to
(03) 9878 3477, or email scanned copy to admin@cra.org.au

2. Registration Options

All prices include GST. Confirmation of your registration and a tax invoice will be sent within 7 days of registration.

	Early Bird (before 15th May)	Registration (after 15th May)
Full Conference (Incl. Dinner)	\$210.00	\$230.00
Full Conference (No Dinner)		\$210.00
Dinner only (Fri night)		\$45.00
Friday Sessions only (No Dinner)		\$90.00
Saturday Sessions only		\$140.00

3. Contact Details

Please complete a registration form for each attendee.

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INCLUSIONS: Afternoon tea is included on Friday, and morning tea and lunch is included on Saturday.
The Friday night dinner is not included if you register for one day only.

For more information contact **Peg** (CRA) on **(03) 8819 0123** or **Jess** (Tabor) on **(03) 9790 9200**.