Diocesan Ministry Conference

14—16 July 2026

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

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Welcome.

Dear friends,

Welcome to the Diocesan Ministry Conference, and thank you for your faithful ministry. We gather from many churches, traditions, cultures and local contexts, each carrying different responsibilities, hopes and challenges.

This conference is not simply about listening to presentations, though I hope there will be much to encourage and inspire you. Rather, it is a working gathering, rooted in prayer, worship, Scripture, listening and discernment. Through Listening in Lent and many conversations across our Diocese, we have sought to attend carefully to what God may be saying to his Church. Over these days, you will help refine and shape the emerging vision and direction for the next season.

I would love you to take part prayerfully, generously and expectantly. Listen well, contribute thoughtfully and encourage one another as, together, we seek the leading of the Holy Spirit for the renewal of Melbourne and Geelong in Christ.

Archbishop Ric

Program **Daily 9:00am** Optional Eucharist **Daily 1:00pm** Lunch

	Tuesday 14 July	
From 8:45am	Arrival and Registration	Marquee
10:00am	Morning Session (with Break)	Cathedral
2:00pm	Afternoon Session	Cathedral
3:15pm	Conference Eucharist	Cathedral
4:30pm	Close	
	Wednesday 15 July	
9:30am	Arrival and Refreshments	Cathedral Precinct
10:00am	Morning Session (with Break)	Cathedral
2:00pm	Afternoon Session	Cathedral
4:00pm	Break and Reset	Cathedral Precinct
5:00pm	Food Trucks / Dinner	Cathedral Precinct
7:00pm	Evening Prayer Gathering	St Paul's Cathedral
8:45pm	Close	
	Thursday 16 July	
9:30am	Arrival and Refreshments	Cathedral Precinct
10:00am	Morning Session (with Break)	Cathedral/Group Spaces
2:00pm	Afternoon Session	Cathedral
3:15 - 4:30pm	Closing Worship and Commissioning	Cathedral

For assistance, venue information and the full program visit: **melbourneanglican.org.au/conference**

Information

Hospitality

Refreshments, tea, coffee, water and lunch are provided each day. Specialty coffee carts are available in the Marquee. On Wednesday evening, food trucks will be available for conference delegates.

Please see the map for hospitality locations and bring a water bottle.

Spaces

The Marquee and Barbara Darling Room are available for refreshments, social space and overflow viewing. The Cornerstone Room is available as a quiet sensory room for anyone needing a calm, low-stimulation environment. The David Penman Room is available for personal prayer and prayer support, while the Ascension Chapel is open throughout the conference as a quiet space for reflection.

Need help?

Please visit the Conference Help Desk in the Marquee for practical assistance, late arrivals, accessibility support or any other questions.

Conference Participation

Use the participation link to access Slido, feedback forms and working group sign-up.

melbourneanglican.org.au**/participation**

More Information

For the latest details, visit the conference webpage or contact the conference team at:

hello@melbourneanglican.org.au

Wi-Fi **Network:** ADOM-GUEST
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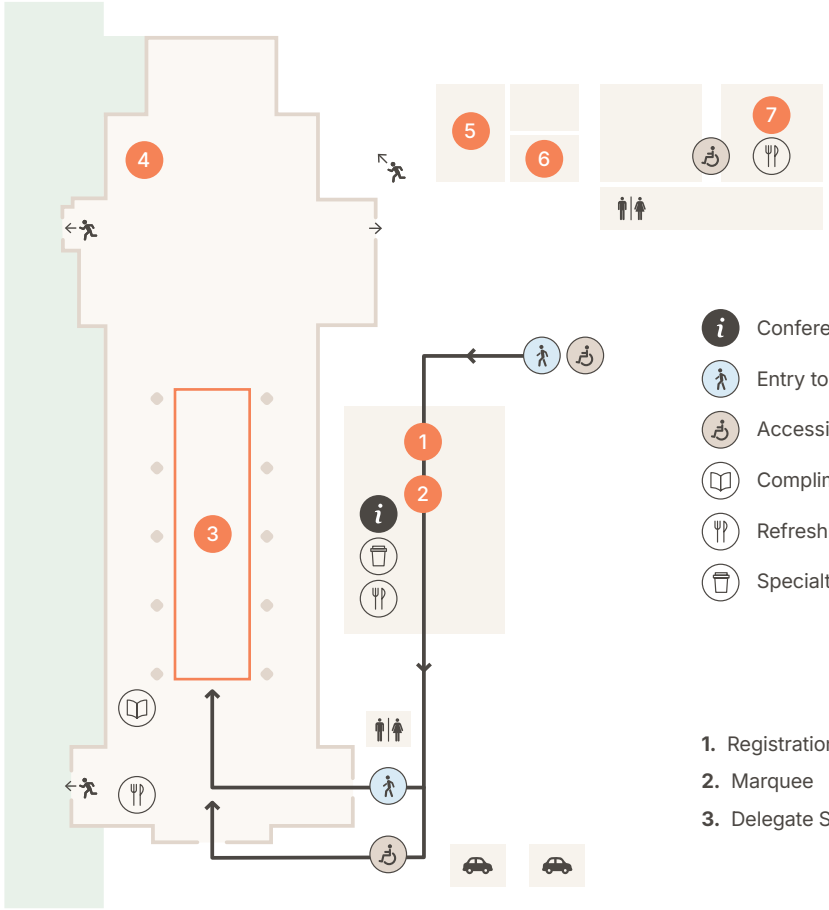
Swanston Street



Getting Around

- Conference Help Desk
- Entry to Conference
- Accessible Access
- Complimentary Books
- Refreshments / Tea & Coffee
- Specialty Coffee Carts
- Toilets
- Emergency Exit
- Droff-Off Zone

1. Registration
2. Marquee
3. Delegate Seating
4. Ascension Chapel – Reflective Space
5. David Penman Room – Prayer Space
6. Cornerstone Room – Quiet Sensory Room
7. Barbara Darling Room – Social Space

Flinders Street

Working Groups

You'll have the opportunity to participate in one working group during the conference. Choose the topic where you'd most like to contribute, then sign up via: **melbourneanglican.org.au/participation**

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The Theological Centre	Embedding the strategy's theological foundations in parish life.
Younger People Everywhere	Making space for children and young people to contribute fully to diocesan life.
Safe and Trusted	Strengthening trust, safety and accountability across the Diocese.
Diverse and Together	Growing belonging, valuing diversity and strengthening unity.
Evangelism and Mission	Sharing the gospel and strengthening mission across Melbourne and Geelong.
Formation and Discipleship	Helping people grow as lifelong followers of Jesus.
Raising Leaders for the Church	Identifying and developing future leaders for ministry and mission.
Leaders for the World	Equipping Christians to lead faithfully in everyday life.
Healthy Church	Helping churches flourish spiritually, relationally and missionally.
Public Witness and Community Presence	Serving communities and engaging faithfully in public life.

Prayer in this season

As a diocese, we are gathered in a season of listening, discernment and prayer. We need God's wisdom, guidance and renewal. Please take time throughout the conference to pray, reflect and listen for the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

> *Almighty God,*
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> *you spoke through the law and the prophets,*
> *and through the voice and life of your Son.*
> *You are still speaking today.*
> *Give us such an attentiveness to your voice*
> *that discerning your Spirit*
> *we as the people of God*
> *might walk in joyful obedience*
> *to the glory of your great name in our city.*
> *Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
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> ***Amen.***

Opportunities for prayer

Prayer is woven throughout the conference.

Please visit the Prayer Space for personal prayer, reflection or quiet. See a member of the prayer team if you would like someone to pray with, and visit **melbourneanglican.org.au/prayer** for prayer resources.

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