



Playgroup Conference 2009

Stories of childhood

Saturday 30th May 2009

9.30am - 3pm

Centre for Theology & Ministry, Parkville

A joint activity of Christian Playgroup Network,
UnitingCare Victoria and Tasmania
and the Centre for Theology & Ministry, Children & Families Ministry
Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania



Program:

- 9.30am Registration & Resource Viewing
- 9.45am Worship
- 10.00am Children & Spirituality
- exploring and discovering
- 10.45am Morning Tea
- 11.15am Children & Spirituality
- responding practically together
- 12 midday Electives
- 1pm Lunch
- 1.45pm Electives
- 2.45pm Wrap-Up
- 3pm Finish

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 Cost includes lunch
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Your registration by 18th May 2009 is appreciated

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Keynote Speaker



Our guest presenter, Dr. Brendan Hyde, brings both a practical and theoretical dimension to exploring children and spirituality in the context of families with children 0-5.

Author of "Children and Spirituality: Searching for Meaning and Connectedness" and co-author of "The Spiritual Dimension of Childhood", Brendan's research interests include children's spirituality, processes that nurture the spiritual dimension of children's lives and the application of the "Godly Play" framework to learning in Early Childhood.

Based at the Australian Catholic University, Melbourne campus, Brendan is a Senior Lecturer in Religious Education and has taught in the Bachelor of Teaching – Early Childhood course.

Electives

- (A) **Connecting with families of pre-schoolers**
Jo Hood - "mainly music" Australia's Director
- (B) **Putting the Play into Playgroup – Messy Play +**
Joy Williams - *Early Childhood Consultant, UnitingCare Victoria and Tasmania*
- (C) **Resources for Playgroups – Pulling it all together**
Louisa Raggatt – *Baptist Union Early Childhood Coordinator*
- (D) **Recruiting, motivating and encouraging your team**
Cassie Gibson – Assistant Chaplain at *Oxley College*
- (E) **Communicating a missional Playgroup vision to your church**
Dorothy Hughes - Children & Families Ministry Facilitator for the *Anglican Diocese of Melbourne*
- (F) **Dealing with Difficult Behaviour – from children and their carers**
Roslyn Elms – *Salvation Army Territorial Playgroup Consultant*
- (G) **Stepping Stones – Developing a Worship service for pre-schoolers and their families**
Claire Dawe - Families, Youth and Children's Minister at *Mt. Eliza Uniting Church*

Playgroup Conference Registration Form

Congregation / Group Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ P/Code: _____

Phone: _____ (BH) _____ (BH)

Email: _____

Dietary Requirements: (eg vegetarian, gluten free) _____

Choose two electives: Elective [_____]

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