



RURAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE

PRECIS OF SESSIONS

Thursday	<p>1. A statement from our heart – Rev Neville Naden (Indigenous Ministry Officer, BCA) will present an overview of ministry in with and through Australia’s First Peoples</p>
Friday	<p>2. A survey of Anglican Ministry in rural Australia – Bishop Cam Venables (Assistant Bishop, Diocese of South Queensland) will present the results of a comprehensive survey of rural ministry he has conducted and initiate discussion around common themes and differences across Australia.</p>
	<p>3. A theology of rural ministry – Bishop Andrew Curnow (Provincial Officer, Province of Victoria) will open up an underlying theology of ministry outside of the city. This will provoke conversation over the foundational impetus and character of ministry in the bush.</p>
	<p>4. Locally Ordained Ministry in Bendigo – Rev Canon Heather Marten (MDO, Diocese of Bendigo) will present the model of locally authorized ministry that plays out in the Diocese of Bendigo.</p>
	<p>5. Sharing our stories – Dean Chris Chattaway (Dean Christ Church Cathedral, Diocese of Ballarat) will facilitate time for each participant to share news of ministry in their diocese and open up space for us to pray with each other.</p>
	<p>6. Supervision for growth – Rev Dr Geoff Broughton (Consultant, Safe Ministry Commission of General Synod) will present a model of clergy supervision that is responsive to recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.</p>
Saturday	<p>7. Enabling a culture of development – Dr Broughton will open up discussion and feedback to enable the unique challenge of distance in the rural, regional and remote contexts to be considered in clergy supervision and development to be heard.</p>
	<p>8. Sharing our stories (#2)</p>
	<p>9. Rural ministry around the world – Archbishop Philip Freier (Archbishop of Melbourne and Primate of Australia) will present snapshots of what is happening in rural ministry in other parts of the world and will draw upon his own experience of ministry in the Australian bush to draw out imperatives for the future.</p>
	<p>10. What next...where to from here – We will conclude by setting an agenda for future gatherings and work to promote fruitful ministry in the rural context.</p>