



## **Uniting Church LGBTIQ Network**

welcoming and celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,  
intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) people, couples and families  
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### **Uniting Church LGBTIQ national conference in Brisbane**

The fifteenth national conference for LGBTIQ people, friends and families, will be held in Brisbane for the first time, from 8-10 June 2018. The conference will be held at the Merthyr Rd Uniting Church in New Farm.

“The national conference is an opportunity for a range of diverse people from across Australia to consider ministry, pastoral care, education and social justice concerns for LGBTIQ people,” stated National Co-Convenor, Keith Gerard.

Mr Gerard said that the conference theme, “Daring for full equality” highlighted the fact that despite progress in the past 40 years, LGBTIQ people, couples and families are not yet fully equal. “This is the case in the Uniting Church with regard to marriage, where the Church’s definition of marriage automatically excludes all LGBTIQ people,” Mr Gerard said.

Conference keynote speaker will be the Revd Dr Inkpin, a transwoman, Anglican priest, theologian and justice activist. “We are delighted that Dr Inkpin will be speaking at the conference,” stated the Revd Dr Margaret Mayman, an organiser of the Conference, and Minister at the Pitt Street Uniting Church in Sydney. “The Uniting Church has done very little specific work on ministry with trans, intersex and other gender diverse people,” Dr Mayman stated. “The Conference is an opportunity to explore these important matters together.”

The Revd Murray Fysh, Minister at Merthyr Rd Uniting Church, said that his Congregation was open and welcoming of all people and were looking forward to hosting the conference. “The Gospel of Christ Jesus, based on Jesus’ own ministry, emphasises the inclusion of all, especially people who have been marginalised or rejected.”

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