

MOWatch NATIONAL CONFERENCE

20-23 November 2012

'And your Daughters shall prophesy'... 20 years of Women Priests in Australia

Keynote Speakers



Dr Janet Scarfe first heard of the ordination of women as a post-graduate student in Canada in 1974, soon after the ordination of the 'Philadelphia Eleven'. She was involved in MOW Melbourne from its beginning in 1984, and served as national president from 1989 to 1995. Janet has collected the stories of most members of the first generation of ordained Anglican women as the basis for a collective biography. She is currently an adjunct research associate in the School of Historical Studies at Monash University. She is a contributor to and the co-editor with Elaine Lindsay of *Preachers, Prophets and Heretics: Anglican Women's Ministry* (UNSW Press 2012), essays to mark the 20th anniversary of the ordination of women as priests. Her address to the conference, ***With our hearts in our mouths: The role of MOW in the ordination debate*** will look at MOW's origins, its activities, the role it played in the debate and its impact on individuals and the wider Church.



Dr Heather Thomson is Associate Head, School of Theology and Senior Lecturer in Theology at St Marks' National Theological centre at Charles Sturt University in Canberra ACT. She is a foundation member of the Australian Feminist Theology Foundation and served as a board member from 1992 to 2001. Her research interests include theological anthropology, feminist and liberation theology, humour and theology, hermeneutics, non-violent theologies of the atonement and theology of peace and author of *The Things that Make for Peace* (Barton Books, Canberra, 2009). She will speak on the topic, ***Wisdom from the Past: the Challenge of Patricia Brennan and Marie-Louise Uhr for Today's Church.***



Rev'd Dr Sarah Bachelard is an Anglican priest and theologian. She has taught theology, ethics and spirituality at St Mark's National Theological Centre and is an honorary research fellow at the Australian Catholic University. Sarah is the founder and leader of Benedictus, a contemplative church. She teaches meditation, leads retreats and is the author of *Experiencing God in a Time of Crisis* (Convivium Press, 2012). She is currently writing a book on resurrection and moral imagination and will speak on the topic ***Contemplative Prophets: on meaning in Christ and being in the Church, A theological perspective.***



Rt Rev'd Kay Goldsworthy is Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Perth. She was ordained Priest on 7 March 1992. and was consecrated Bishop on 22 May 2008, the first woman to be consecrated bishop in the Anglican Church of Australia. On the international scene Kay has been a clerical member of the Anglican Consultative Council, while contributing to the national church on the General Synod Standing Committee and various General Synod commissions. She is a Trustee of the Diocese of Perth and a member of the Boards of Anglicare, Amana Living Inc, and LITMUS (Liturgy & Music Advisory) Committee and is Chair of GFS – An Anglican Ministry in the Perth Diocese. At the conference she will speak on the topic of ***Where to from here?***

**Conference Venue: University House, Australian National University
Canberra ACT**



Dear MOWatch members, friends and all women clergy,

I am writing to invite you to attend the MOWatch Conference this year as we celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the ordination of women as priests. Yes, it has been a fact for that long; and no, the sky has not fallen in.

The theme for this conference 'And your Daughters shall prophesy'... 20 years of Women Priests in Australia allows us to explore a wide range of issues raised by this anniversary. Looking back to the past helps us to see how far we have come and looking to the future helps us to define our pathway ahead. Several keynote speakers will set the issues before us; these will be teased out through a panel discussion and also through workshops and in small groups. There is opportunity for play and for remembering; a time to connect with old friends and make new ones as we consider what may lie ahead.

Looking at the keynote speakers, two laywomen and two ordained. Dr Janet Scarfe a former President of MOW (National), an historian and author who will draw issues from the past; Dr Heather Thomson will look at the contribution of two earlier leaders of the movement, Patricia Brennan and Marie Louise Uhr. Those of you who have been in the movement for as long as I have will remember Heather as a Convenor of MOW (Sydney). I have not yet met Rev'd Dr Sarah Bachelard and am looking forward to doing so. Sarah will present a paper which from its title alone promises to challenge and stimulate our thinking. The final keynote address will be given by Bishop Kay Goldsworthy who was one of the 92 in 1992. Ordained with the first group of deacons in Melbourne in 1986, Kay moved to Perth and was among the first ordained as priest in March 1992, she has since become our first woman consecrated as a bishop. Kay's paper will take us to the future.

A highlight may well be the afternoon tea at Government House with Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, Governor General of Australia. This is a mark of the importance of the struggle for equality of women and men and of our place in that struggle, but you will need to register early for this treat.

I hope that this brochure whets your appetite enough to want to come. The conference committee would really appreciate it if you would register early. It is always easier to make the final plans if you know who is coming. If you want to come but are having difficulty with finance please contact us to see whether we can help you. The conference committee has kept fees as low as possible but we realise that there will also be travel and accommodation costs. We want to enable as many as possible to come.

I am looking forward to this conference and to meeting many of you there.

Yours sincerely

Susan Sandford
President
MOWatch Incorporated

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Tuesday 20 November

From 12:00 noon to 2:00pm **Registration** - Foyer of University House

2:30-3:30 pm Afternoon Tea at Government House

Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, AC CVO, Governor-General of Australia has invited Conference Delegates to afternoon tea at Government House

(Transport leaving University house at 2:00pm)

You must register for the Conference before 15 October to attend this function as you will need an official invitation issued by the Government House to be admitted.

5:30-7:30 pm Welcome Reception and Conference Opening in Common Room. Drinks and finger food. The conference will be opened by the Rt Rev'd Stuart Robinson, Bishop of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Wednesday 21 November

9:00 am Morning Prayer What brought you here? Stages in your journey

10:30 am Morning tea

11:00 am FIRST KEYNOTE ADDRESS Dr Janet Scarfe:

With our hearts in our mouths: The Role of MOW in the ordination debate.

12:30 pm Lunch

2:00 pm Main Conference Liturgy: Celebrating 20 years of Women Priests and the General Synod Decision.

Celebrant and Preacher:

Rt Rev'd Barbara Darling Bishop of the Eastern Region Diocese of Melbourne.

3:00 pm Afternoon tea

3:30-5:00 pm SECOND KEYNOTE ADDRESS Dr Heather Thomson: *Wisdom from the Past: the Challenge of Patricia Brennan and Marie-Louise Uhr for today's Church.*

6:30 pm Buffet Dinner in the Common Room followed by a social night featuring a DVD of Gwenneth Robert's edited interview with Suzanne Glover, author of the twelve theses supporting the Ordination of Women as priests which was posted on the door of St Andrew's cathedral during General Synod in 1992.

Thursday 22 November

9:00 am Morning Prayer in the Common Room

9:30 am Panel: *Prophecy and Dreaming* Panellists will include a bishop, a woman recently ordained priest, a woman priest with many years experience and a licensed lay woman minister.

11:00 am Morning tea

11:30 am Workshops:

12:30 pm Lunch

2:00 pm Workshops:

3:00 pm Afternoon tea

3:30-4.30 pm THIRD KEYNOTE ADDRESS The Rev'd Dr Sarah Bachelard: *Contemplative Prophets: on meaning in Christ and being the Church, A theological perspective.*

5:00-6:00 pm AGM for MOWatch members

7:00 pm Conference Dinner in the Hall, University House, followed by a musical evening singing the songs that strengthened our resolve and encouraged us to keep going.

Friday 23 November

9:00 am Morning Prayer in the Common Room

9:30 am FINAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS The Rt Rev'd Kay Goldsworthy: *Where to from here?*

10:30 am Morning Tea

11:00-12.00 pm Workshops

12:00 noon Closing Liturgy

12:30 pm Lunch and Depart.

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ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is available at University House but must be booked and paid for separately before Saturday 27 October, otherwise University House will release reserved rooms.

Please mention MOWatch when booking.

University House management will allocate rooms to delegates. If you have a disability or other specific needs, please inform University House at the time of registration.

GETTING TO THE VENUE

The ANU is located in Acton on the north side of Lake Burley Griffin, just west of the Civic Centre.

Arriving by plane, catch a taxi to University House ANU.

Driving, drive south along Northbourne Avenue, turn right into London Circuit, then right at Gordon Street, right on McCoy Circuit, left on Liversidge St and right on Balmain Crescent to arrive.

Arriving by train From the Canberra Rail Station take the Bus for Route 80 or Route 200 (Red Rapid from Wentworth Ave) to Canberra City Bus Interchange, and then take the Bus for Route 3 (Platform 5) which travels through the ANU campus half hourly. Get off at corner of Liversidge Street and Garran Road. Alternatively, take a taxi to University House.

Arriving by Bus From Jolimont Centre Bus Terminal, cross Northbourne Avenue and walk east one block to the Civic Bus Interchange catch Bus for Route 3 (Platform 5) which travels through the ANU campus half hourly. Get off at corner of Liversidge Street and Garran Road. Alternatively, take a taxi to University House.

Parking is available on campus, however it is limited, and parking and permit controls do apply. If you need a parking permit, it can be obtained when you register.

CONFERENCE FEES (including Welcome Reception Dinner & Conference Dinner)

	A- Early Bird (Prior to 30 Sept)	B – Standard (between 1 & 15 Oct)	C – Late (after 1 Nov)
Member	\$385	\$415	\$445
Non-Member	\$435	\$465	\$495

It is possible to register for single days at \$160 per day including morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea with an extra charge of \$50 for the Buffet dinner on Wednesday and of \$60 to attend the Conference Dinner on Thursday.

Registration Details:

Registration may be carried out either on line: on the Conference website www.mowatch.org.au/conference/index.html where online bookings will be handled by Try Booking.

OR by completing the enclosed form and mailing it together with a cheque payable to MOWatch Inc. to
The Rev'd Vicky Cullen
142 Drake-Brockmann Drive
Holt ACT 2615

If you wish to join MOWatch membership forms can be located on our website – www.mowatch.org.au

Dietary Requirements:

If you have specific dietary requirements (e.g. Diabetic, Gluten Free) please ensure that you note this on the registration form.