

recharge 2013

a conference for CRCA Pastors, ministry workers and spouses

06-09 May 2013
Collaroy Conference Centre, Sydney

Christian Reformed Churches of Australia

General Information

The 2013 gathering of CRCA pastors, ministry workers, and spouses will be an event you will not want to miss. The organisers of this event listened to the feedback of those who attended the conference last year. So at the gathering 2013, among other things, there will be:

- ▶ main sessions led by a prominent speaker;
- ▶ plenty of free time so that people will be able to interact with each other in a relaxed way;
- ▶ devotions/Bible teaching around a focussed part of God's Word each day
- ▶ time to talk, share, and pray in small groups
- ▶ sessions geared for both men and women

Keynote Speakers

Michael Goheen

We are privileged to have as one of our keynote speakers this year, **Michael Goheen**. Ordained in the Christian Reformed Churches of North America, Michael Goheen is Jake and Betsy Tuls Professor of Missiology, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, Professor of Missional Theology, Newbigin House of Studies, San Francisco, CA, and Scholar-in-Residence for the Surge Network of Churches, Phoenix, AZ. He continues to live in Vancouver, BC, and travels a fair bit teaching in California, Michigan, and Arizona. He is married to Marnie for 34 years and is father of four married children and grandfather of five. Among his many books are *The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story* (Baker, 2004), and *A Light to the Nations: The Missional Church in the Biblical Story* (Baker, 2010). Michael began ministry as a church planter and has continued to be a preaching pastor for the past 13 years in addition to his teaching and writing.



Mark and Erin Glanville



Along with Michael Goheen, we will be joined by his daughter **Erin** and her husband **Mark Glanville**. They live in Burnaby, B.C. at present but Mark has lived most of his life in Sydney, Australia. Mark Glanville works as pastor at Willoughby Christian Reformed Church, Vancouver and

is studying toward a PhD on Old Testament ethics. Beyond pastoral commitments, Mark speaks and writes on the areas of social justice and the mission of the church. His previous career was as a jazz pianist in Sydney and around Australia. Mark is married to Erin and together they have a daughter, Mahla. Mark aims to introduce vegemite into every Canadian household. Mark blogs at <http://markrglanville.wordpress.com>.



Erin Goheen Glanville is an independent scholar with a Ph.D. in English and Cultural Studies. Her thesis, "Storied Displacement, Storied Faith," explores fictional narratives of displacement as pedagogical

tools for church-based refugee activism. Most recently she coedited a volume *Countering Displacements: The Creativity and Resilience of Indigenous and Refugee-ed People*, published by University of Alberta Press. Erin's family (partner Mark, daughter Mahla) straddles two continents, relocating last year to Vancouver, Canada from Sydney, Australia. Her greatest delight is creating and working alongside her daughter.

Expect to be **recharged** for ministry as Michael, Mark, and Erin share the plenary talks, open up Scripture each day, and as you interact with colleagues in ministry from all across Australia. The Train Workgroup is committed to organising a gathering that will be a blessing to all who attend. See schedule below for session topics.

Accommodations

The **Collaroy Conference Centre** has once again been booked – all 30 of the recently refurbished ocean view hotel rooms have been booked. For those who



have been at previous conferences, you'll appreciate the updated rooms. All rooms come standard with LCD/ DVD, coffee & tea, facilities, air conditioning, outdoor balcony and en-suite. We have also reserved a limited number of cabins as an option (at a discounted rate). See registration form for pricing and details.

Details

This conference is subsidised in part by the CRCA training fund. The **registration fee** includes all meals and accommodations for Monday - Thursday of the conference. Included with your registration this year will be a boat cruise in and about the Sydney harbour. This will be an excellent time for colleagues in ministry to fellowship with each other. There will also be ample free time on Wednesday to spend time alone, together, or experience the beauty of the coastal setting. A "Trivia Night" is being planned for Tuesday evening – a great time for fun and fellowship.



Travel to and from the conference is the responsibility of each participant. For the benefit of those travelling interstate, a **complementary bus service** from Sydney airport to Collaroy and back will be provided. Arrangements will be made with those requesting this bus service. Please check off the options for both accommodations and transportation. There is an early bird fee for those who register before/on 15 April. A deposit is required with full payment due at the conference. Payment can be made either by cheque or by direct deposit. Details are on the registration form.



Time for fellowship and meeting new friends

You will have an opportunity to share your musical gifts by participating in leading worship times and/or sharing about a ministry or ministry resource. There will be several ministry spots throughout the three days of the conference. Please check off the appropriate options for either of these. You will be contacted prior to the conference.



The participants at the 2011 Recharge Conference

Schedule

Monday 06 May

3:00 – 5:00 pm Registration and Arrival

OPENING SESSION

Plenary I: **Israel as a Contrast Society** - Michael

Tuesday 07 May

MORNING SESSIONS

Bible Talk I: **Thanksgiving and Generosity** - Mark
Deuteronomy 16:1-17

Plenary Session II: **Discovering Our Identity as a Contrast Society** - Erin

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Plenary Session III: **Jesus' Disciples as a Contrast Society** - Michael

Plenary Session IV: **Refugees and the Prophetic Hospitality of the Church** – Erin

EVENING SESSION

Trivia Night

Wednesday 08 May

Sydney FUN BOAT Harbour Cruise

Morning and Afternoon Cruises - Free Time

EVENING SESSION

Bible Talk: **The Ten Commandments: God's Economics** - Mark
Deuteronomy 5:6-22

Thursday 09 May

MORNING SESSION

Bible Talk: **Voice for the Voiceless** - Mark
Micah 3:1-4:5

Plenary V: **The Early Church as a Contrast Society** - Michael

12:00 Closing, Lunch, and Departure



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