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Sent: Wednesday, 21 December 2022 10:52 AM
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Subject: Act now - February Muster, 2023

Hello,

Please take 1 minute to do this now.

The February muster is fast-approaching. Many of you have not RSVP'd and this is required. Please email anna-maree@tasbaptists.org.au and include any dietary requirements if you intend to join us for these significant conversations and have not already informed us.

If you're unsure whether you can make it, I strongly suggest you come. The proposed topics are becoming increasingly important conversations, especially with young people.

Finally, please set time aside ASAP to think about and **invite any upcoming leaders (especially women)** who may benefit from being part of the conversations in February. **(Remember, they need to RSVP also).**

We want to ensure a safe space for pastors and leaders to discuss and wrestle, with vulnerability and loving respect. We also want to make sure that we give opportunity for others to be in the room, especially those who will carry the Church forward in future years. Let me be more specific – this is not an open invite, but rather an opportunity for you to be courageous and listen to Holy Spirit's prompting for people that you're connected with who may benefit from being there. If you're unsure, please feel free to talk to Michael or myself. We will do our best to provide a safe space for everyone.

For more details on the muster, please see the previous correspondence below.

We hope to see you in February. In the meantime, on behalf of the team, I trust you have a loving and refreshing time over the Christmas season. Enjoy whatever break you can obtain and remember to rest in the faithful presence of our Lord God.

The MaLD team will be on leave over the following periods:

Stephen: currently until January 26th

Jenna: 23/12-31/1

Furthermore, Rodney will be on leave January 23 to February 20.

Michael is not on leave.

Please direct correspondence to him over this time. We really value giving our leaders a break.

Blessings,

Jenna, on behalf of the MaLD team.

From: Michael Henderson <Michael@tasbaptists.org.au>

Sent: Monday, 7 November 2022 7:13 AM

To: PastorsActive <pastorsactive@tasbaptists.org.au>

Subject: Save the Date! February Muster, 2023

Dear Pastors and Leaders,

How do we, as followers of Jesus, engage with contemporary culture in 2023? How do we engage with the emerging generations?

The emerging generations are often categorised as entrepreneurial, lacking social capital (think of the impact of social media and the pandemic), and think of themselves as gender fluid. Our broader culture has taken on many of these traits.

Contemporary culture also no longer sees Christianity as trustworthy or a place of authority.
(See link at the bottom for a good podcast on this)

Jesus' call has not changed: go into all the world and make disciples, calling them to love God and love each other.

All of this is the topic for our **February Muster, 2023**. We would love to have you join us there, to listen to Dr Christa McKirland, and discuss how we can make disciples in our contemporary Tasmanian culture in 2023.

Now is the time to save the date and let Anna-Marie know if you can make it.

For our time together in February, Tasmanian Baptists has invited Dr Christa McKirland to share with us. Christa will focus on “creating communities of belonging” as she unpacks what the church is and what we mean by authority, how this has affected women, and how this has affected LGTBQ Christians (along with the other burdens we [the Church] project). Safe to say, you’ll want to be there!

Stephen, Maddy and Jenna had the privilege of being humbly and lovingly thought-provoked by Christa when we were in NZ this year for the Trans-Tasman Baptist Conference. We are looking forward to having time to wrestle through these conversations together, with compassion, humility and courage. Please join us!

Dr Christa McKirland is a lecturer in systematic theology at Carey Baptist College in Aotearoa New Zealand. She is the executive director of Logia International, an organisation encouraging women to pursue postgraduate divinity education in order to enrich the academy and the church.

THE DETAILS:

WHEN: February 20-21 2022 – Monday lunch to Tuesday lunch.

WHERE: Hobart Baptist Church (TBC).

ACCOMODATION: Please note that you are responsible for your own accommodation.

FOOD: Yes, there will be food provided. We will also enjoy dinner out together on the Monday night, at no cost to you.

RSVP: Please RSVP to Anna-Marie - Anna-Maree@tasbaptists.org.au (the sooner the better).
QUESTIONS? If you have questions, please feel free to contact Stephen, Michael or Jenna.

Thank you for courageously learning to live and lead more like Jesus.

Michael Henderson
On behalf on the Tasmanian Baptists MaLD team

LINK AT THE BOTTOM

Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast, interviewing Tim Elmore on Why GenZ Mistrusts Authority and how to engage with them

[https://open.spotify.com/episode/76QJpAH9xB0vv5Wh6WyVAP?
si=5H6Sy0OvQF6qag4CLK7hkQ](https://open.spotify.com/episode/76QJpAH9xB0vv5Wh6WyVAP?si=5H6Sy0OvQF6qag4CLK7hkQ)