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CONNECTING: SHOWING GREAT LOVE

29th & 30th March 2019, Brisbane

Connecting 2019 will be held in Brisbane with the theme of “showing great love” in partnership with Queensland Theological College (QTC). The 2 day conference will be held in Spring Hill at QTC. Connecting is held every 3 years and people from every State are encouraged to attend. The last conference was held in Melbourne, May 27 & 28, 2016 with representatives from WA, SA, QLD, NSW, ACT, Victoria and Tasmania.

The national triennial conference aims to encourage men and women as they work together within our church and to connect with the

leadership of the church as they explore and promote ways which allow women's voices to be heard within the church structure at local, state and national levels. Our desire is to equip and encourage women to grow in the strength of the Lord and flourish within the church, and for men and women to work together in partnership for God's Glory.

The committee are looking for expressions of interest for either a paper or a workshop that fits in with the theme, see the [website](#) for further information. Closing date for expression of interest is May 30, 2018.

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“This is my prayer that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.” Phil 1:9-1

State News: NSW

NSW has appointed a Women's Ministry Facilitator. Anna has a deep passion to see women well supported and encouraged in ministry. She comes with ten years of experience in ministry roles and vast experience in training and supporting women in local ministry. Along with the Women's Ministry Committee she is excited to be able to work with women in ministry roles across the state. Anna will commence working in March 2018 one day a week then increase to two days a week from July 2018.

Women's Ministry Facilitator: the role explained. The role of the Women's Ministry Facilitator is not to do the work of ministry but to promote the training, equipping, deployment and relational support of women in ministry on a complementarian basis.

The Women's Ministry Committee aims to enhance the work of women employed in ministry across our congregations, but we are also very conscious of the many of women who are not remunerated for their labours but whose service is yet vital. Over time, we aim to achieve the following objectives:

- ❑ Women employed in ministry will be supported pastorally in their work.
- ❑ Women's ministry leaders in local churches will receive guidance and training and be networked with other women undertaking similar ministries.
- ❑ PWA and other women's ministry groups within the PCNSW will be linked effectively so that the work of each is enhanced.
- ❑ Women interested in ministry roles will be linked with Christ College through the Dean of Women and be supported as they undertake theological studies; being informed about and connected to the Ministry Training for Women course (Christ College), EQUIP Ministry Women, other conferences and other theological colleges (as appropriate).

The NSW Women's Ministry Committee is very excited to announce that Anna Moss has been appointed to the role of Women's Ministry Facilitator.

- ❑ The PCNSW Assembly will be more regularly and reliably informed of the growth of women's ministries and actions needed to expand those ministries even further.
- ❑ Members of the Church (both men and women) will be regularly informed about the potential for complementarian ministry and be encouraged to comprehend, and apply this to themselves and to their own responsibilities in ministry.

If you would like to find out more email the NSW committee on womenministrypcnsw@gmail.com.

Source of this article and photo: <http://womenministry.org.au/ministry/ministry-womens-ministry-facilitator/>. The article was written by Bruce Meller for the March- April 2016 edition of *Pulse*.

If you have an item of editorial for "State News" visit the website to submit to the editor.



Reflection

by Ceale Orford

First impressions count! First impressions give us our initial thoughts and feelings about visiting a church, they build our confidence or can feed doubt and anxiety.

Recently I visited a church I knew a friend attended to catch up with them and their church family. It was my first visit to her church, and I never really gave it a second thought, I just thought I'd be meeting her and enjoying the fellowship.

For various reasons, I didn't meet up with my friend and was just an unknown visitor in the midst of a rather large church. I knew no-one. I found myself being welcomed by the

'greeters' who invited me to morning tea, to join a contact list and a bible study group. The biggest moment of anxiety came when it was morning tea time. The greeters now were all on break, not one person approached me to say hello. I sat drinking my tea, I tried to look like I enjoyed being alone. I pondered just how uncomfortable it might be for a person seeking out Jesus for the first time. Romans 15: 1-13 gives us instruction on the concern and love we are to show others. Philippians 2:3-4: Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. In Philippians 4:21, Paul says, "Greet every saint in Christ Jesus."

On reflection, I didn't understand why I felt so awkward considering I am a Christian and belong in Christ's church. I certainly felt awkward, but in no way want to judge or criticize those at the church I visited. It is more of a reminder to me to look out for other's interests, learn from my experiences and be observant in my own life for others around me. Most of all, I can act take action and be authentic in my encouragement to others.

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give us the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6

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