



Why A Roundtable?



Most church leaders are aware of the huge challenge that the church faces in reaching the Australian community.

The Survey of Australian Social Attitudes (2009) found that:

- 28% of all adult Australians (4.8 million) say they grew up as Christians but now have no religion.
- 16% of adult Australians (2.7 million) say they used to believe in God but now don't.

In just 16 years,

- the proportion of Australians who pray at least weekly has dropped from 32% to 23%, and
- the proportion of Australians who attend a church monthly or more has dropped from 23% to 15%.

For the first time since the early day of European settlement that,

- less than half of all Australians call themselves Christian, and
- more Australians see themselves as spiritual than as religious.

Who Should Attend?

This national Roundtable will bring together people in ministry from all denominations and all parts of Australia, as well as others interested in the future of the church in Australia.

It will provide a unique opportunity to tease out the present trends and think about future possibilities.

Whether you are a lay leader, a priest, minister or pastor in a local church, a denominational leader, a chaplain in a school, a lecturer in a theological college, or involved in an agency of the church, this is an opportunity to reflect with others on your ministry within the context of a consideration of the ministry of the whole church.

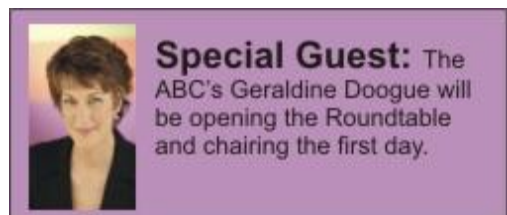
We hope to see you in August.

Regards

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40 leaders in Christian ministry from all major denominations have agreed to lead these conversations, as we seek to know how to be most effective in:

- finding our prophetic edge
- our ministry of care and justice
- developing faith in children and young people
- ministry in families, workplaces and communities,
- developing healthy, vital communities of committed Christians,
- shaping the spirituality of Australia.



How to book

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