

# ASCM National Update 2009/2010

## Coming Events

The ASCM is hosting the World Student Christian Federation Asia Pacific region **Human Rights Workshop**. The Workshop will be held in Alice Springs from 17 to 23 June 2010. Structured around the United Nations Declaration on the **Rights of Indigenous Peoples**, the workshop will examine the history and contemporary context of Australian Indigenous Human Rights through story telling and listening. It will examine the impact of **climate change** on human rights in the **Pacific**. We are expecting up to 35 people at the event from the ASCM, Australian churches and SCMs in the Asia Pacific.

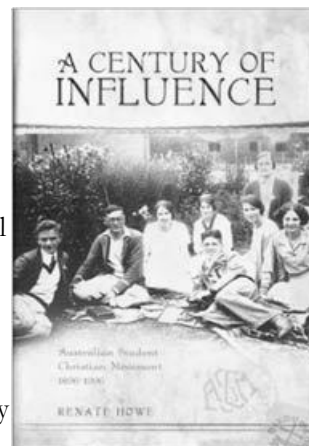
ASCM is **approaching** various organisations for assistance and **support**. If you have any ideas, **contacts** or can promote the event to participants please let us know.

We are also looking for **Friends** who might be able to **assist** our **international participants** with visa costs. If you would like to sponsor an Asia Pacific SCMer please note this on your donation slip.



## Across Australia

The big event of 2009 was the release of the much anticipated **ASCM history** by **Renate Howe** *A Century of Influence*. With **11 launch events** in 7 states and territories around Australia, hundreds of copies have been sold. Congratulations and thanks to the Centennial History Working Group for their hard work. Copies are still available, see the ASCM webpage for details.



Branches have been regularly meeting on and off campus across Australia. Events range from theological **seminars** at the Australian Catholic University in Brisbane to fish and chips by Bondi Beach in **Sydney**, to a **Bible Bookclub** in Perth.

A student has come forward interested in a South Australian SCM branch. If you live in **Adelaide** and would be able to connect with him please contact Tim at [ncord@ascm.org.au](mailto:ncord@ascm.org.au).

With the appointment of Kerensa, our **JG** Editor we are now looking for **contributions for the next edition**. Stories, articles, poems and art work are all welcome. You can send them to [jged@ascm.org.au](mailto:jged@ascm.org.au).

If you would like to contact ASCM please go to [www.ascm.org.au](http://www.ascm.org.au).

Have you checked out the ASCM entry on **Wikipedia**? Or joined the ASCM **Facebook** group?

Don't forget to update your contact details on the website so we can **keep in touch!**

## Journeying Together



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## At ASCM

ASCM has been **busy**, with activities being undertaken on the local, national and international level.

The 2009 National Conference was organised by **Clare Schulz, Barrie Baker** and **Bronwyn Crowe** of the WA branch. The theme was 'Does God Exist?', based on the London Bus advertisements by Atheists and Christians regarding how to respond in our lives to the existence or non-existence of God. It was a retreat style, held in the beautiful setting of Gidgegannup just outside Perth.

This year we thank **Chris Jeffery** for his time as Webweaver. We also thank **Diane Hatwell, Bronwyn Crowe** and **Nadia Johnson** for their time as Treasurers. Thank you to **Eloise Wright** who has just finished as WSCF Liaison Officer. **Xochi Mace** has now been appointed to that role. **Barrie Baker** has continued as Pastoral Care Coordinator and been recently appointed as Database Coordinator.

Currently we have **vacant positions** for Treasurer, WebWeaver, Women's Officer, Men's Officer and Minutes Secretary. The National Coordinator is stepping down at the July General Committee meeting and will be available for a six month handover period until January 2011. We **desperately** need your help to fill these roles. Please contact us if you or someone you know might be **interested**.



## Advocacy and Activism

Through **collaboration** with the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, the ASCM became an official supporter of a National **Climate Emergency** Rally on 13 June 2009 and publicised this event through its networks.

The ASCM has also joined the campaign for better legislative protection of **Human Rights** by becoming a member of the Australian Human Rights Group.

Since the last National Update the ASCM joined other religious groups and NGOs and made a formal **submission** to the Australian Government's Defence White Paper Community Consultation Process.

The ASCM continues to act in solidarity with SCMer in the **Philippines** and around the world by writing letters, providing funds and working with emerging SCMs in our region.

A number of SCMer have been active in the Australian campaign for marriage equality.

Theology students **Xochi Mace** and **Katherine Rainger** attended the Women doing Theology workshop in Indonesia in November 2009. The theme was Women's liberation and **transformation**.

## Your Support

We rely on the support of Senior Friends and the ASCM Centenary Endowment Trust to fund our programs, activities and staff around the country.

### Time and Energy

Read JG and pass it onto your friends and colleagues – all donations over \$50 receive JG.  
Get in touch with other ASCM Friends through the Friends email list, through the website.  
Promote ASCM and WSCF events in your local church.  
Write a JG article or offer to speak at your nearest branch to share your ideas.  
Join your local Area Council.

### Donate online

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