



# the gender agenda

8 - 9 AUGUST 2008 | St Hilary's & St Silas Anglican Church  
Christians for Biblical Equality - CBE Melbourne Conference

**Understanding  
Gender in Creation,  
New Creation  
and Mission**



**CBE MELBOURNE**  
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Adam & Eve by Rubens, 1697

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## Key note speakers



RIKK WATTS

Associate Professor, New Testament, Regent College BSc (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology), MA, MDiv (Gordon-Conwell), PhD (Cambridge). Initially trained as an aeronautical engineer, Rikk Watts worked for a number of years with IBM in large retail systems engineering while undertaking a degree in Philosophy, Art History and Sociology. He later joined a parachurch organization engaged in Christian awareness projects in public schools and in providing crisis accommodation and various

rehabilitation programs or the urban poor. He was a founding member of On Being, a major Australian Christian magazine, and supported himself and his family as a professional drummer. Rikk has served as an instructor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Boston), Wycliffe Hall (Oxford), Latrobe University (Melbourne) and the Bible College of Victoria (Melbourne). A popular lecturer and speaker, he is frequently engaged in churches, universities and camps around North and South America, England, Europe, Asia and Australia. He is married to Katie.

## MEGAN CURLIS-GIBSON



Megan Curlis-Gibson was ordained as an Anglican minister in 2006, and at age 30 she is currently one of the youngest ordained women in Australia. Megan is a gifted communicator and Biblical thinker, having graduated as top Australian College of Theology M.Div student in 2006, with awards in preaching and ethics. Her first degree was in Biomedical Science, which she uses in her thinking and writing in the area of Christian Bioethics. Megan serves on the leadership team at St Hilary's Anglican Church

Kew, with particular responsibility for preaching, leadership development, small groups and young workers' ministry in the 6pm congregation. In the past few years she has been involved in wider expressions of the body of Christ such as the Christian Council of Asia, the Lausanne Younger Leaders movement, the Arrow Leadership Program and the Anglican General Synod. Megan is a passionate advocate for women and men working alongside each other in ministry and leadership, using their gifts to build God's church. She is married to Phil.

*"So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them."* GENESIS 1.27

## registration

Registration including payment must be received by Friday 1 August.

There are two ways to register:

1. Mail this completed form along with payment to  
**Melissa Campbell**  
42 Maud St Balwyn Nth 3104
2. Or phone Melissa Campbell on mobile  
0430 294 044

Be sure to have selected your preferred workshops and be able to pay by credit card over the phone.

### PERSONAL DETAILS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ P/code \_\_\_\_\_

Ph (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PREFERRED WORKSHOPS (see above for options)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDCARE REQUIRED FOR** (names & ages of each)  
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## location

At the St Silas site; Cnr Maud St and Osburn Ave Balwyn North (Melways Ref. 46 C3).

## conference timetable

### FRIDAY 8 AUGUST

7.30pm Opening Session  
8.00pm Key Note Address - Rikk Watts  
9.30pm Supper

### SATURDAY 9 AUGUST

9.00am Opening Session  
9.45am Key Note Address - Megan Curlis-Gibson  
10.45am Morning Tea  
11.00am Workshops  
1.00pm Lunch  
2.00pm Workshops  
4.00pm Key Note Address - Rikk Watts  
5.00pm Conclusion of Conference

## workshops

Please choose three preferred workshops:

1. 'Pussy Cat Doll Feminism' Responding to raunch culture
2. 'Understanding the Return to Male and Female Stereotypes Among Younger Leaders'
3. 'Body Image' A workshop for those working with youth and young adults.
4. 'Who's the Head of the House?' Gender roles in families
5. 'Learning from Women in the Global South'
6. 'Exploring Ordination'
7. 'Gender in Indigenous Culture'
8. 'Looking at the Hard Texts'

Workshop presenters include Alan Craddock, Deb Storie, Chelle Wade, Steve Webster, Maree Vines, Denise Cooper-Clarke, Hannah Craven, Jacquie McIntosh, Dave and Kim Zovak.

## cost

Cost of the conference including morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch on the Saturday is \$35 per person or \$20 concession.

## childcare

A childcare program for pre-school and primary aged children will be available on Saturday. Please indicate your childcare needs when registering. No child care available unless pre-registered.

### PAYMENT METHOD

Cost of the conference is \$35 each or \$20 concession.

I enclose a cheque/money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Payable to 'CBE Melbourne')

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to

VISA  MASTERCARD

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Your payment will be processed by 'St Hilary's General' and this will be the name that appears on your statement.

Your payment information will be kept in accordance with St Hilary's & St Silas Anglican Church privacy policy - for details see [www.shacommunity.org.au](http://www.shacommunity.org.au)