

## Why sponsor us

- If you identify with our purpose, vision and strategies;
- If you wish to join with others seriously resolved to make a difference on these issues;
- If you wish to foster connections to make more effective use of people's time, energy or money;
- If you think it necessary to share with young people resources of depth and substance to bring to the task of social transformation;
- If you want to see significant new research on social policies to contribute to public discourse;

In the belief that God is passionately concerned about our human wellbeing, SPC draws from the core Christian traditions vital resources for constructing a more just world.

A truly just society needs robust democratic institutions based on respect for human dignity and social equity.

Maintaining the integrity of our democracy demands public policies that clearly embody the values of justice, participation and our common good.

*then please consider seriously helping to flesh out this vision with your sponsorship and support.*

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Social Policy Connections is an independent, ecumenical, non-profit organisation, motivated and informed by Christian social thinking. SPC aims to expand awareness of social justice issues in Australia and to influence public policy, both nationally and globally, for the benefit of all people, especially the most disadvantaged.

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SPC aims to help develop and articulate such a social philosophy that inspires effective and responsible action.

Many Australians from diverse backgrounds are deeply concerned about issues of social justice in our country and overseas. Several have significant expertise to contribute to the public conversation about social thought and action.

SPC already has a network of such people, and aims to expand this constituency by providing forums for lively debate, resources for networking and new opportunities to participate in constructing a fairer world and society.



## Why we exist

SPC is an independent ecumenical organisation that strives to bring the Gospels and Christian social traditions into more vigorous engagement with current social issues.

We intend to draw on the reforming social thought and activism of the various churches, and to foster greater collaboration in the common effort to promote human wellbeing. SPC aims...

- to help stimulate in Australia a keener consciousness of social justice issues
- to engage with younger people especially in efforts to advance social wellbeing, and
- to influence public policy for the common good, nationally and globally.

Our vision is of an Australia creatively nurturing values and a culture committed to the wellbeing of everyone, but especially those most disadvantaged.

SPC is especially concerned to bring these resources to bear on the overarching issues today, including

- improving opportunity and social equity in Australia
- eradicating hunger and extreme poverty in so many countries
- peacemaking and reconciliation
- promoting the great new dialogue among world religions, and
- supporting improved systems of international governance to secure human rights and decent living standards for everyone.

## What we do

Our strategy is to develop an influential profile in public debate by

- promoting closer connections of the churches and their agencies by drawing from their social traditions and their experience as service deliverers with their established research capabilities;
- providing new platforms for informed debate and conversation through the web, conferences and public events;
- in association with the teaching and academic resources of the Melbourne College of Divinity and the Yarra Theological Union we established the Yarra Institute for Religion and Social Policy;
- opening forums for fresh voices, especially those with singular expertise or experience;
- Interacting purposefully with politicians, the media and opinion-makers, both in our own right and together with like-minded organisations;
- Developing networks and alliances with concerned people and complementary organisations.

We wish to encourage constituencies and communities more vigorously to promote concern for social justice.

## If you believe

- we stand at a critical moment in our history;
- that we must draw more thoughtfully from our human and moral resources to secure a more peaceful and prosperous world;
- that Australia desperately needs a richer public philosophy that better balances economic efficiency with human wellbeing;
- that the Christian social traditions have abundant resources to contribute to shaping fresh visions of our future together in a globalising world;
- that many younger people are searching for traditions of human and religious wisdom to sustain social commitment;
- that we urgently need closer collaboration among the great religions to help secure more universal principles of human rights, social justice and equity;

*then consider sponsoring,  
supporting or joining*

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