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**Please post to: JIM Unit
130 Lt Collins St.
Melbourne VIC 3000**

PROGRAM

9 am Registration with Tea and Coffee available

9:30 am Introduction, welcome to country and opening worship

9:50 am Keynote speech by Dr Richard Denniss on the importance of reining in corporate greed and ensuring we have governments prepared to regulate for the benefit of the community

10:30 am Morning Tea break

11:00 am Panel discussion on experiences of corporate greed and its impact on human rights

12:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Discussion on possible recommendations for the 2014 Synod and the work areas of the Justice and International Mission Unit

2:30 pm Workshops

4:00 pm Wrap up and closing worship



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Justice and International Mission Unit
Convention 2013

POWER AND GREED



**THE CORPORATE THREAT TO
HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Saturday 5 October
9:30 am - 4:30pm**

\$30 Metro Participants
\$20 Concession or non Metro Participants

Centre for Theology & Ministry
29 College Crescent, Parkville
Melways Ref. Map 2B,D4

POWER & GREED

Corporations motivated by greed are the greatest threat to human rights in democratic societies such as ours. Such greed stands in opposition to the vision for community in the Gospels. An alarming number of corporations lobby governments to water down our basic human rights. They threaten consumer protection measures and marketing restrictions in industries such as gambling, alcohol and finance to low income people. We see corporations engage in tax dodging, depriving governments of their ability to provide the community with essential services and the protection of basic human rights. Others lobby for taxes which disadvantage the less well off, such as the GST. Others lobby against actions to make sure imported goods are free of human rights abuses in their production. Research has shown greed drives inequality in societies, which in turn drives overconsumption, posing one of the greatest threats to our environment.

The Convention will explore how this is happening in Australia and what other countries have done to rein in corporate greed and the threat it poses to the Gospel vision for community.

The Convention will also seek input from participants on Synod recommendations for the 2014 Synod and the work areas of the Justice and International Mission Unit.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr Richard Denniss - is the Executive Director of The Australia Institute. He is an economist with a particular interest in the role of regulation. Prior to taking up his current position he was an Associate Professor at the Crawford School of Economics and Government at the Australian National University. Richard has also worked as Strategy Adviser to the former Leader of the Australian Greens, Bob Brown, was Chief of Staff to the Leader of the Australian Democrats, Natasha Stott Despoja, and lectured in economics at the University of Newcastle.

Richard has published extensively in academic journals, is a frequent contributor to national newspapers and was the co-author of the best-selling *Affluenza* (with Dr Clive Hamilton).

PANEL MEMBERS



Professor Brian Howe, of the Centre for Public Policy, was Deputy Prime Minister of Australia (1991-95) and a member of the Federal Cabinet (1984-96). In his role as a government Minister he was responsible for introducing a number of major policy initiatives including Social Security reform of family payments and the introduction of Child Support, the National Mental Health Strategy and the Commonwealth Dental Scheme. He recently completed a national consultation into insecure work in Australia. Brian is also a Uniting Church minister.



Jane Martin is the Policy manager for Alcohol and Obesity at the Cancer Council Victoria. Jane has advocated for advertising restrictions, improvements to labelling and changes to the tax and pricing regime in the areas of tobacco, alcohol, and obesity policing. She has worked for Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), Quit Victoria and currently leads the Obesity Policy Coalition.



Gerardine (Ged) Kearney is the President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU). She was previously the Federal Secretary of the Australian Nursing Federation. Ms Kearney became a registered nurse in 1985 and worked in many settings across the public and private acute sectors. The second youngest of nine children, Ms Kearney grew up in Richmond, where her father was a publican.

WORKSHOPS

Please list your top three workshop options from the list below using the number of the workshop. Workshops will be run based on the number of participants. Workshops will not be run where there are not enough participants to make them worthwhile. Each workshop will aim to look for the way forward in each area.

1. Tax Us If You Can – Explores the harm corporate tax dodging is doing and global efforts to address the problem. The workshop will focus on the need to address tax dodging in developing countries – *Dr Mark Zirnsak*

2. Putting Public Health First – Breaking the Grip of the Alcohol Industry - *Sondra Davoren, Senior Legal Adviser, Cancer Council Victoria*

3. Planet Before Profits – The need to push on climate change against corporate resistance - *Cath James*

4. Slavery Free Guarantee – Progress in ensuring goods imported into Australia are free of slavery and human trafficking in their production - *Dr Mark Zirnsak*

5. Risky Business – Tackling the hold of the gambling industry over governments - *Rev Brent Lyons-Lee, Victorian InterChurch Gambling Taskforce*

6. A Clean Start – Decent wages for cleaners - *Cyndy Connoles, UnitedVoice*

7. Blind Faith in Privatisation – The Victorian Government's moves to privatize TAFE – *Greg Barclay Vice President, TAFE and Adult Provision Sector, Australian Education Union*

8. Jobs You Can Count On – The problem of insecure work in Australia – *Godfrey Moase, Lead Organiser, National Union of Workers*