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I wish to become a member of Social Policy Connections. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association

Individual membership \$30.00

Organisational membership \$60.00

I enclose a donation of \$ _____

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Note: The Articles of Association require nomination by an existing member. The Board of Directors will be pleased to attend to this.



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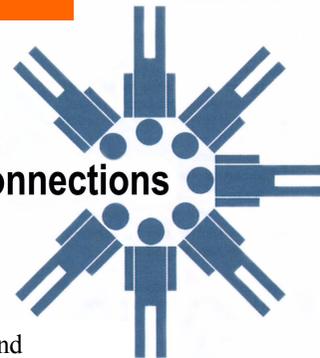
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Social Policy Connections is an independent, ecumenical, non-profit organisation, motivated and informed by Christian social thinking. SPC aims to expand awareness of social justice issues in Australia and to influence public policy, both nationally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

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SPC aims to help develop and articulate 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. Many have significant expertise to contribute to the public conversation about social thought and action.

SPC already has a network of such people, and works 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 draw from the reforming social thought and activism of the various churches, and foster greater collaboration in the common effort to promote human wellbeing.

SPC is working to:

- help stimulate in Australia a keener consciousness of social justice issues,
- engage with younger people especially in efforts to advance social wellbeing, and
- 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 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 among 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,
- 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, and
- developing networks and alliances with concerned people and complementary organisations.

In association with the teaching and academic resources of the Melbourne College of Divinity and Yarra Theological Union, we established the **Yarra Institute for Religion and Social Policy**.

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,
- 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,
- 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 SPC

