

**National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission  
(NATSIEC)**

# Christ and Culture Conference

**<http://www.ncca.org.au/natsiec/conference2009>**

## **Key dates**

**15th Dec 2008**

**Early Bird**

**Registration**

**Closes**

**16th February 2009**

**Conference starts**

Registration Brochure  
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Register early to take  
advantage of the early  
bird rate.

Greetings,

We are pleased to announce the second NATSIEC Christ and Culture Conference. The theme for this conference is Christ through Culture.

Jesus the Christ was a man of his culture. His stories and life were wrapped up around who he was and where he came from. He used descriptions of those things around him to give meaning to his parables. He used the images and symbols in his environment to help him teach about common human beliefs; about life and about the Being which created us. Jesus knew about oppression as he lived under Roman rule. He saw many of the hardships created through poverty and injustice which existed in his community. This was how the Father placed him on this earth and, like him, God did the same to us Indigenous Peoples. Like Jesus, we too draw inspiration from our culture, our environment and our relationships to make sense of our world and to explore our relationship to Jesus the Christ and our Creator Being.

This conference will explore where Christ's story can, and does, shine through our cultures just as the Father shined through His Son over 2,000 years ago in the Middle East.

We are looking forward to an interesting and varied program with topics ranging from:

- Exploring a framework of Indigenous Theology
- Understanding God through Indigenous culture
- Indigenous interpretations of the Bible
- Cultural expressions of preaching and teaching
- Developing Networks of Support

As always, we invite people to share their stories of ministry. Our first conference was rated as a great success by the attendees so this year we have added a whole extra day to ensure that we make the most of our time together. We have invited excellent key note speakers and look forward to another successful and inspiring Christ and Culture Conference. You can stay up to date with the program at our website <http://www.ncca.org.au/natsiec/conference2009>.

We look forward to seeing you in Ballina in 2009.

**Graeme Mundine**  
Executive Secretary NATSIEC

## Christ and Culture Conference

February 16th- 20th 2009

Ballina Beach Resort

Ballina NSW

[www.ballinabeachresort.com.au](http://www.ballinabeachresort.com.au)

For details and registration forms about the conference please see our website

<http://www.ncca.org.au/natsiec/conference2009>

We look forward to welcoming you to the conference.

### Latest news

Coming soon - confirmation of the conference key note speakers. We are very excited at the depth of experience they will bring and will announce them shortly.

Do you have a great idea for a workshop? If so, send us an expression of interest form as soon as possible - available now on the conference website.

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