

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Matthew Fox**

**Matthew Fox** is an internationally acclaimed spiritual theologian, Episcopal priest, and activist who was a member of the Dominican Order for 34 years. He holds a doctorate, summa cum laude, in the History and Theology of Spirituality from the Institut Catholique de Paris and has devoted 45 years to developing and teaching the tradition of Creation Spirituality. The theme of this conference is based on the principles of Creation Spirituality, rooted in ancient Judeo-Christian teaching and inclusive of today's science and world spiritual traditions. It is welcoming of the arts and artists; wisdom centred, prophetic, and committed to eco-justice, social justice and gender justice. After a long campaign, Cardinal Ratzinger – later Pope Benedict XVI – as head of the Congregation of Doctrine and Faith silenced Matthew for one year in 1989 and later he expelled Matthew from the Dominicans.

Matthew has reinvented forms of education and worship and awakened millions to the much neglected earth-based mystical tradition of the West, revivifying awareness of Hildegard of Bingen, Meister Eckhart, Thomas Aquinas, and Thomas Merton, among other pre-modern and post-modern spiritual pioneers. He has authored more than 35 books on spirituality and contemporary culture.

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**Anne Pattel-Gray**

**Anne Pattel-Gray** is an Aboriginal woman who is a descendant of the Bidjara/ Kari Kari people in Queensland and a recognised Aboriginal leader within Australia and internationally. She has dedicated her life to the struggle of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is a strong campaigner and lobbyist. She is deeply committed to seeking justice, equity and equal representation for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people and to reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.

Anne was awarded a Ph.D. from the University of Sydney in 1995 in the Studies of Religion with the major focus on Aboriginal Religion and Spirituality (she was the first Aboriginal person to graduate with a Ph.D. from the University of Sydney). She has achieved many firsts in her prestigious life, is known as a trailblazer and has opened many doors for her people. She is a recognised scholar, theologian, activist and prolific writer with several publications.

## COMMON DREAMS CONFERENCE

### “Sacred Earth: Original Blessing; Our Common Home”

**When:** Thursday 7.00pm, 11th July till Sunday 1.00pm, 14th July 2019

**Where:** Newington College, 200 Stanmore Road, Stanmore (an inner west Sydney suburb close to Sydney Airport and the CBD). Friday evening only at Pitt St Uniting Church, 264 Pitt St, Sydney.

*Newington College is conveniently located within 10 minutes' walk from Stanmore train station on the T2 line 4 stops from Central. It is wheelchair accessible and has a hearing aid loop.*

## KEY EVENTS

- **Matthew Fox** will deliver two major public lectures (Thursday and Friday evenings) and will participate in an interactive discussion with the audience (Sunday morning).
- **Anne Pattel-Gray** will give a major public lecture (Saturday evening).
- **Norman Habel** will give a keynote address “*Time to Publicly Acknowledge the Creation Spirituality of Our Aboriginal Custodians*” and he will also lead an elective.
- **Rod Bower** will deliver his keynote address “*Common Home & A Just Society*”.
- **Heather Price** will lead a session of singing - “*Progressive Voices: Songs for Hope & New Life*”.
- **Ro Allen** will give a keynote address on a theme of gender equality and non-discrimination. She will also lead an Elective with Margaret Mayman.
- **Elaine Wainwright** will give a keynote address.
- **Kavisha Mazzella** will give a recital “*Empty Sky – Sacred Songs From World Traditions*”.
- **Greg Jenks** will give the opening address. He will also moderate a “Q&A style” interactive session between a panel of keynote speakers and the audience.
- **David Felten** will deliver the closing address and will interview Matthew Fox LtQ style.
- **Pre-conference Forum** (Free: 3.00pm 11 July) “*Introduction to Progressive Religion & Common Dreams*”
- *Elective sessions will offer workshops, interactive discussions, recitals, and lectures. Each elective will be offered twice.*

## COMMON DREAMS

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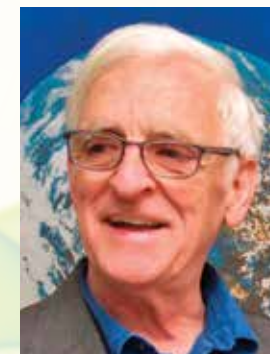
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## COMMON DREAMS CONFERENCE

SYDNEY  
11 – 14 JULY 2019

### “Sacred Earth: Original Blessing; Our Common Home”

## FEATURING:



**Matthew Fox and Anne Pattel-Gray**

*Plus Other Noted Australian & International Speakers*

*A conference of religious progressives in Australia and the South Pacific.*



# SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



**Norman Habel** is a Professorial Fellow at Flinders University. His initiatives include *The Earth Bible Series*, *The Season of Creation* and Ecological Hermeneutics. Recent works include *Discerning Wisdom in God's Creation* and *The Earth Care Charter*. He has also been involved with building positive relationships with the Aboriginal Peoples of Australia. He is the author of *Reconciliation, Searching for Australia's Soul*. His latest work entitled *Acknowledgement of the Land and Faith of the Indigenous Custodians* after following the *Abraham Trail* is a challenge for the churches of Australia.



**Rod Bower** is an Anglican priest, Rector of Gosford where he has served for 19 years and Archdeacon for Justice Ministries and Chaplaincy in the Diocese of Newcastle. Rod is a passionate advocate for a number of social justice and human rights issues, including marriage equality. He believes that our treatment of asylum seekers, the lack of action on climate change and the failure to adequately recognize First Nations people damages our communal soul. He is noted for the challenging signs he regularly displays in front of his Gosford church.



**Alexandra Sangster** is a Minister of the Word with the Uniting Church in Australia and the minister at Fairfield Uniting Church in Melbourne. She is a dynamic and powerful worship leader and preacher. Alex is passionate about breaking open Story in ways that liberate, inspire and awaken, and in ways which create connections with the emerging church and those who are spiritually hungry but culturally anti-institution. Alex is the Conference's Artist-In-Residence and she will lead a group inspiring poets, musicians, performers, and artists.



**Heather Price** has been writing, composing and arranging music for 20 years in both sacred and secular settings. Her music is used within churches around the world thanks to her contribution to music aimed at the "Messy Church" movement and her intergenerational compositions with progressive Christian language and themes. Heather's current published works include *I Am Loved* (a collection of songs for young and developing faith), *Carols In The Sun* (an Australian Christmas carol collection) and a new set of *Congregational Songs* for use in Intergenerational settings.



**Ro Allen** is an experienced and long standing advocate for LGBTI Victorians and has held leadership positions in the community and government sectors. Ro was appointed as Victoria's first Commissioner for Gender and Sexuality in July 2015. She has been a member of three Victorian Government LGBTI ministerial advisory groups and chaired the ministerial advisory committee on LGBTI Health and Wellbeing between 2007 and 2009. As founding CEO of UnitingCare Cutting Edge, Ro established Victoria's first rural support group for young LGBTI people.



**Elaine Wainwright** is Professor Emeritus of the University of Auckland where she established and was Head of the School/Department of Theology 2003-2014. She is a New Testament scholar of international renown, specialising in the study of the gospels, in particular the Gospel of Matthew. She has had a long career in biblical studies, teaching and supervising research students, both at the University of Auckland and in the Brisbane College of Theology/Griffith University. She is currently writing the Matthew volume in the Wisdom Commentary series, a feminist commentary on each biblical book.



**Kavisha Mazzella** AM is an ARIA award winning song writer who has been on the Australian Folk scene since the '90s. Born in London into a multicultural family and emigrating to Australia in the '60s, Kavisha brings communities together with her beautiful songs and lets these strands of culture inform her original songs as well as paying respects to tradition. She has recorded and sung with many great artists such as Tiddas Andy White, Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter, Kev Carmody, Neil Murray, Mick Thomas and Paul Kelly.



**David Felten** is Pastor at Fountains United Methodist Church, Fountain Hills, Arizona. A native of Phoenix, David received a music education degree from Arizona State University before attending Boston University School of Theology. David spent a year studying as a Rotary Graduate Scholar at Perth Theological Hall of Murdoch University in Perth, WA where he received an Honours degree. David and Jeff Procter-Murphy created a new curriculum for Progressive Christians called *Living the Questions*. The LtQ curriculum is now in use in nearly 6,000 churches worldwide.



**Gregory Jenks** is an Australian religion scholar and Anglican priest, currently serving as Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton. Greg was previously Dean of St George's College in Jerusalem and is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Theology at Charles Sturt University and the Coin Curator for the Bethsaida Archaeological Excavation in Israel. He has contributed chapters to numerous books, his recent publications include *The Once and Future Bible*, *The Once and Future Scriptures*, *Jesus Then and Jesus Now*, and (with Rex Hunt) *Wisdom and Imagination*.

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Ticket Type	Full Program	Short Program	3 Evening Highlights	1 Evening Highlight
Early Bird Regular	\$395	\$285	\$85	\$30
Regular	\$475	\$355	\$99	\$33
Early Bird Concession	\$375	\$265	\$80	\$30
Concession	\$425	\$300	\$85	\$33
Student	\$120	\$90	\$50	\$20

- Student (full-time or unwaged part-time; ID check at event).
- Early Bird (discount on Regular and Concession rates on and before 31 May, 2019).
- Concession (pensioners and those on unemployment or health benefits).
- Short Program (Friday night to Sunday).
- Cancellations received on or before 11 June, 2019 will be refunded in full. Thereafter a refund of 50% applies.
- Accommodation not included.
- A packed lunch will be provided on Friday and Saturday only.
- Dinner voucher provided Saturday evening only.
- Morning and afternoon refreshments will be provided.
- Registrations on-line close on 9 July, 2019.
- Prices include all relevant fees and taxes applicable to Common Dreams at the time of registration.
- Prices are in Australian dollars.
- Please note: the purchased ticket is your receipt. GST is not payable.

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