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**We Can't Change the Past,
But We Can Change the
Future**

(15 October – AEDT noon)



**Black Lives Matter;
The Uluru Statement from the Heart;
Me and White Supremacy.
Where am I in this Australian journey?**

Join Sr Daphne Keough RSM, Darryl Cronin, Cassandra Gibbs, Sharon Cooke and Phil Glendenning to explore the challenges presented to Australians by the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the Black Lives Matter movement and reflect on how we might respond.

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The “Uluru Statement from the Heart” is the call of Aboriginal people for recognition and action on their rightful place in Australia. They seek a voice to Parliament, treaty making processes, and truth telling about the two hundred and fifty-year history of oppression at the hands of the colonizers. Now three years since it was submitted to the government, Aboriginal people are still calling for support for its implementation.

At the same time, the Black Lives Matter’ (BLM) movement has released centuries of anger and frustration due to systemic oppression of people of colour caused by racist policies, programs and consciousness across the world. Australia has felt the surge of this global movement for change, that is calling for society and its institutions to be significantly restructured.

About the Presenters

Daphne McKeough is a Sister of Mercy from western New South Wales, currently the Assistant Director at the Edmund Rice Centre in Sydney. She has a long interest and involvement in reconciliation and Aboriginal Awareness programmes.

Darryl Cronin is an Indigenous man from Daly River in Northern Territory. He has over 20 years of experience working in Indigenous rights, justice and development. Based in Darwin he is currently Indigenous Research officer with Edmund Rice Centre.

Sharon Cooke is a Weilwan Ngemba woman from north-west New South Wales. She lives in Moree and is currently a K-12 Cluster Coach with a focus and expertise in Aboriginal Education for the Catholic Schools Office Armidale.

Cassandra Gibbs is from the Gamilaraay people of north western NSW. For 15 years and led "Let's Talk" cross-cultural immersion programs taking non-indigenous Australians to engage with Aboriginal people in the history and culture of Aboriginal communities in rural NSW.

Phil Glendenning is the Director of the Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education. He is involved in human right advocacy and education, peace and reconciliation work. His work for the rights of Indigenous people saw him co-found Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) in 1997, and for ten years he was National President.