

2021 ANZATS Conference (4-7 July) Moving online

Following extensive discussions, the ANZATS Council has made the difficult but necessary decision to move the upcoming 2021 ANZATS Conference (4-7 July) online. Previously, this conference was to be held in Perth, Western Australia.

Given the fluidity of the situation surrounding COVID-19, and the ongoing uncertainty around border closures, this decision was made to ensure the health and safety of all involved, and to provide certainty for Conference delegates and presenters.

By moving online, it is hoped that the 2021 ANZATS Conference will remain accessible to previous delegates, as well as encourage participation from those who would not usually be able to attend. As a result of moving the Conference online, there will be greatly reduced overheads, which will enable ANZATS to significantly decrease the cost of Conference registration.

It is envisaged that the online medium will necessitate slight changes to the program format, to better support the Conference, and to facilitate delegate engagement. The Organising Committee is working hard on these altered arrangements now, and we expect to be able to provide further information regarding these changes shortly.

Finally, it is proposed that during certain sessions of the program, local in-person gatherings (or "hubs") be organised to encourage fellowship and the gathering of like minds.

We look forward to being able to bring you more information in the near future.

Please continue to actively consider attending the Conference, the theme of which remains as it was: Theological Ethics. I especially encourage you to consider offering a paper, either in relation to the Conference theme, or in one of the many available streams.

In the meantime, I pray that you would know God's peace, comfort and grace, in these challenging and uncertain times.

*The Revd Professor Mark R Lindsay, FRHistS
President, ANZATS*