

“A Conversation Program

Time	Topic
8.15am	Registration and coffee/tea
9am	Welcome and opening address from Rev. Harry Herbert, Executive Director, UnitingCare NSW.ACT
9.30 to 11am	What do the locally managed congregational based services provide? Hear a number of short presentations about the range of community services provided by the missions and congregations such as financial counselling and emergency relief services; Lifeline, disability services and others.
11am	Morning Tea
11.30am to 1pm	Uniting Resources – what support do they offer? Hear short presentations from key Uniting Resources services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property services and insurances; • HR including an overview of the legal obligations in regards to employment; • Uniting Finances – bank account requirements; services available; • Workplace safety services. <p>The presentations will be followed by an Uniting Resources Forum providing an opportunity for questions and answers.</p>
1pm	Lunch
2pm	The recipients of the 2009 Pancake Day and Share Appeal grants will provide a short presentation on how the grants supported their services.
2.30pm	Opportunity for participants to join focus groups to discuss issues of mutual interest. Planned focus groups include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy development and resource sharing; • Networking with ‘like’ services such as emergency relief; counselling and mental health; disability; family and children services, etc.
3.30pm	UnitingCare Service Groups – what do they do? Hear a short presentation from the UnitingCare Service Groups
4pm to 4.20pm	Participate in an open forum with the objectives to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the key challenges and issues we face; • Identify how we can work most effectively to support one another; • Determine future directions e.g. another conference; specific subject matter workshops such as OH&S, HR, etc; on-line forums; the establishment of network groups based on geographic locations or ‘like’ services.
4.20pm	Closing comments