

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a white, floor-length robe, stands barefoot in a church altar area. She is looking down at a table covered with a blue cloth. On the table are several lit purple candles and a purple cloth. To her left is a wooden altar with a white cloth featuring a black cross. In the foreground, a wicker basket sits on the floor. The background shows a wooden door and some pews.

# On the path to the ordination of all whom God calls ...

An incomplete pictorial history

As far as we know, the first mention of the ordination of women in the churches that became the LCA was in 1954 in New Zealand, where the ELCA pastors asked their seminary for a discussion on the topic.

The first traces of the path to women's ordination that we can find are in 1976, with key people meeting in homes to talk about it, and an article published in *Lutheran Student*.

Conversation continued through the 80's, particularly in Lutheran Student Fellowship meetings and conferences, and women began studying at what was then known as Luther Seminary.

In the meantime, one District President put it on the Agenda of CTICR, hoping to stop any discussion in its tracks ...

Welcome to:

Focussing on Social Justice for the  
rural oppressed, women in the church  
and Aborigines

FACING INJUSTICE  
TODAY



A workshop for Lutherans  
and their friends

In April 1991 a justice weekend was held in North Adelaide and a significant group of attendees from that joined an extant little group at St Stephens, to morph into the Women's Ministry Network.



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a national forum for comment and discussion  
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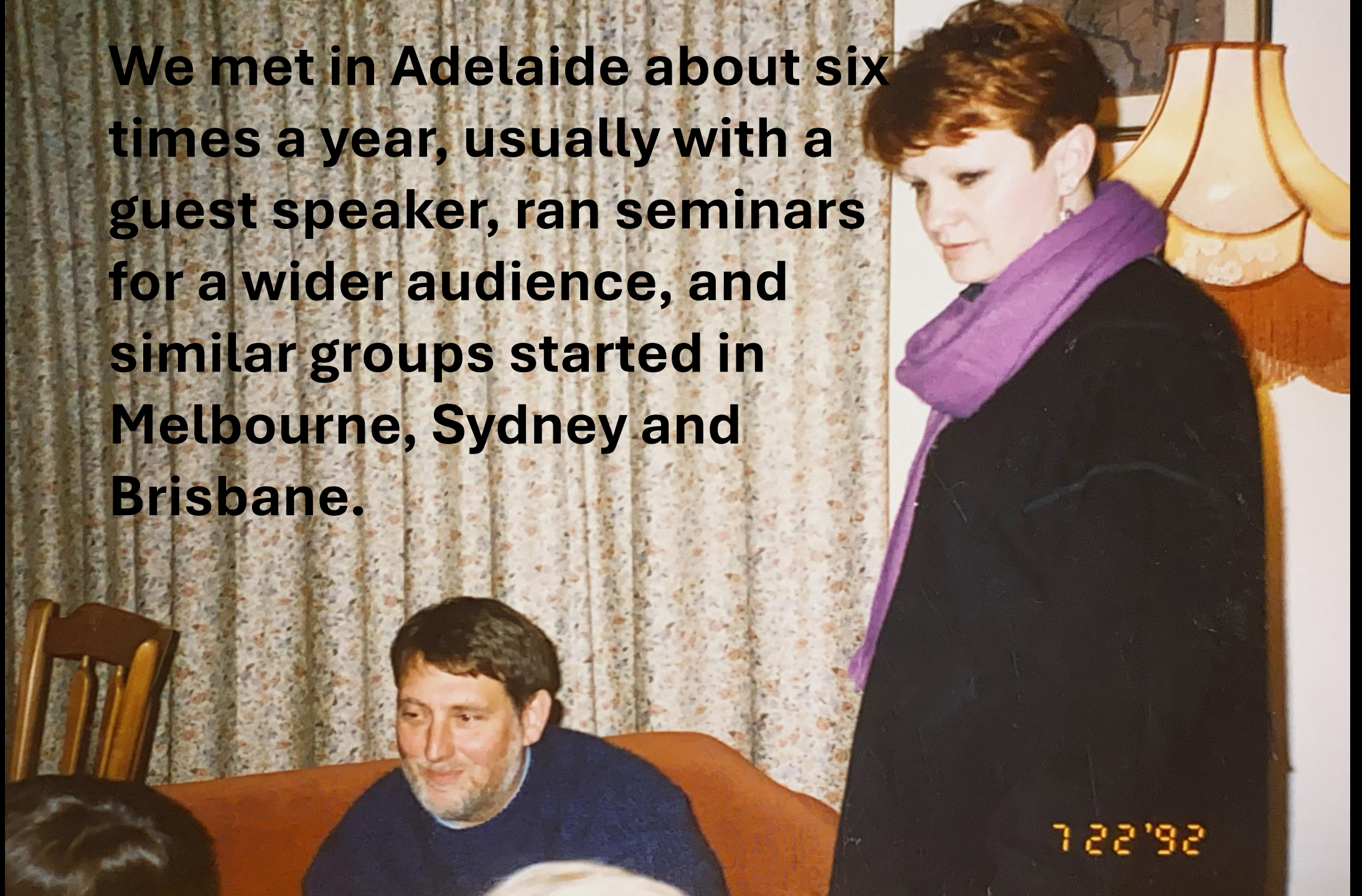
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**We met in Adelaide about six times a year, usually with a guest speaker, ran seminars for a wider audience, and similar groups started in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.**





# **uther Seminary students 1993**





**LWF Women's Desk Secretary,  
Musimbi Kanyaro with Dulcie  
Held, 1995**









WMN  
Adelaide  
1996





**Planning for 1997 WMN Conference (Adelaide)**



















# Event planning, Melbourne 1997





# Melbourne WMN Dinner 1997













# 1997 WMN Workshop, Adelaide















*Women's stories and the stories of Jesus*  
First WMN National Conference, 1997



















































































Secret Men's Business: Rolph Mayer (left), Glyn Wittwer, Peter Lockwood







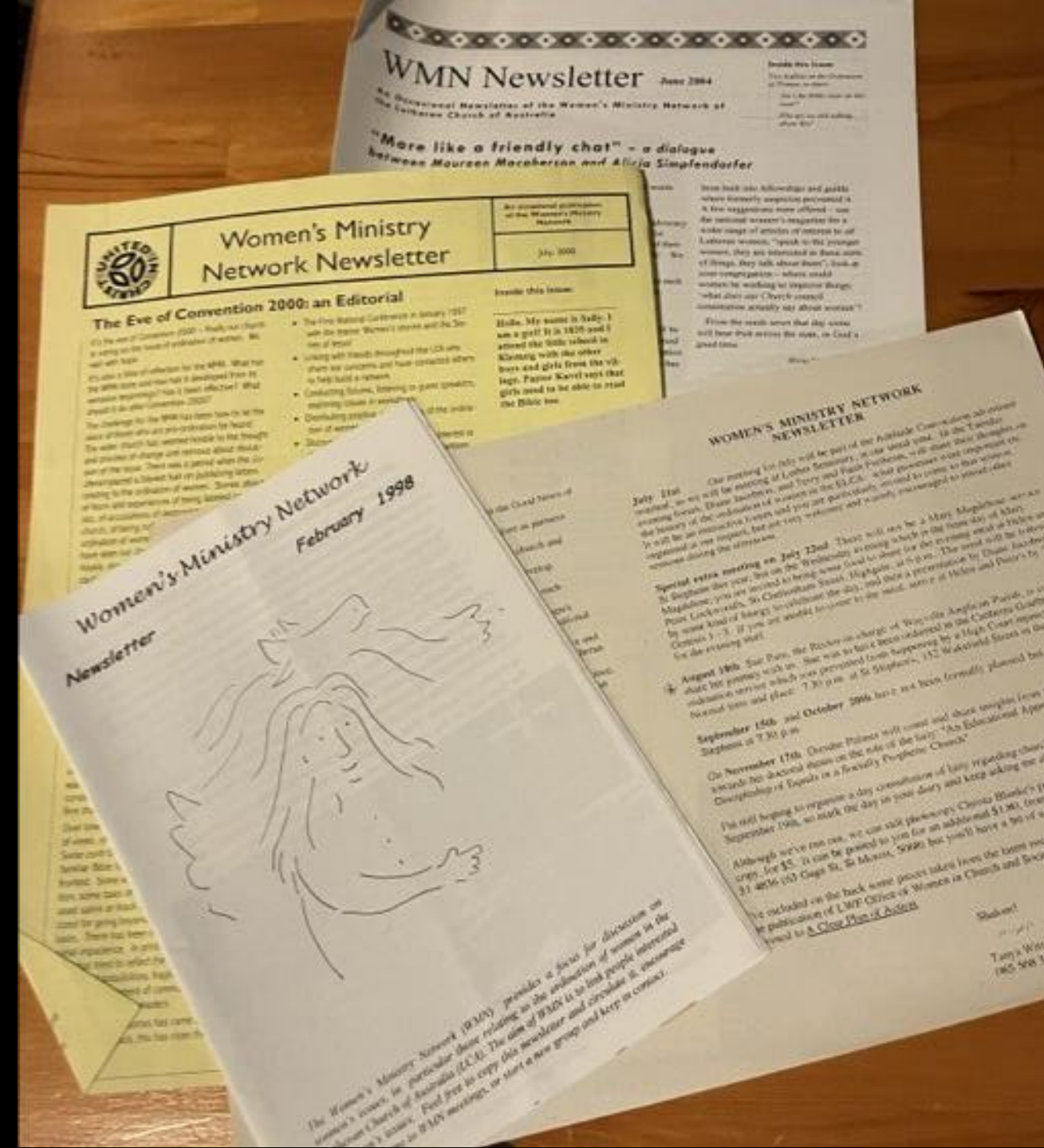




**Planning 1999 Workshop, Adelaide**



# We tried to post out Printed Newsletters quarterly







**1999 WMN Workshop, Adelaide  
(Keynote Presenter: Ivanna Danberg)**

















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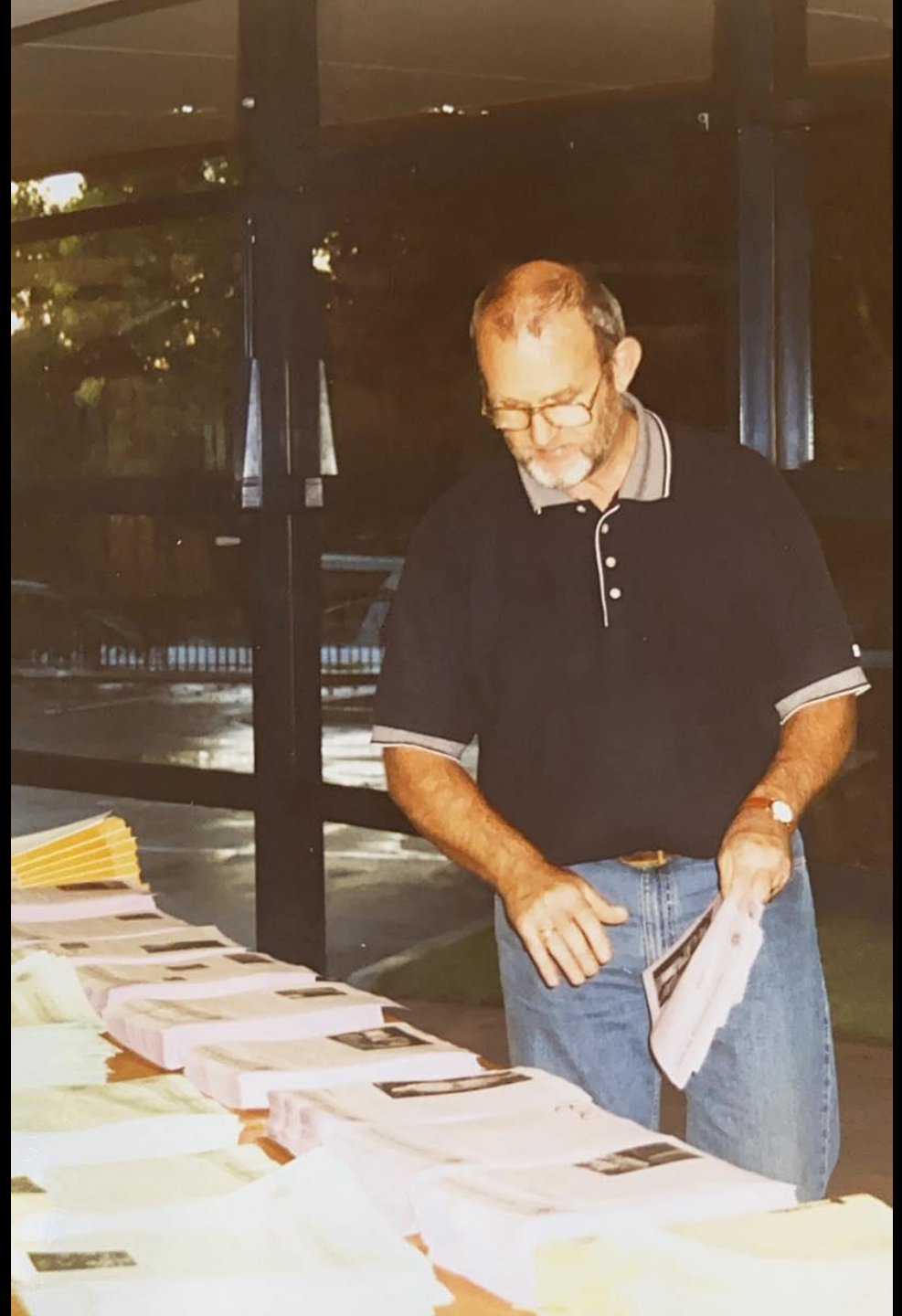
Preparing *United in Christ: together proclaiming the Word*

packages to send to every delegate to the 2000 Synod















*United in Christ: Together Proclaiming the Word*  
Adelaide, 2000





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# WMN Gathering 2001



















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# Pre-conference 2002

















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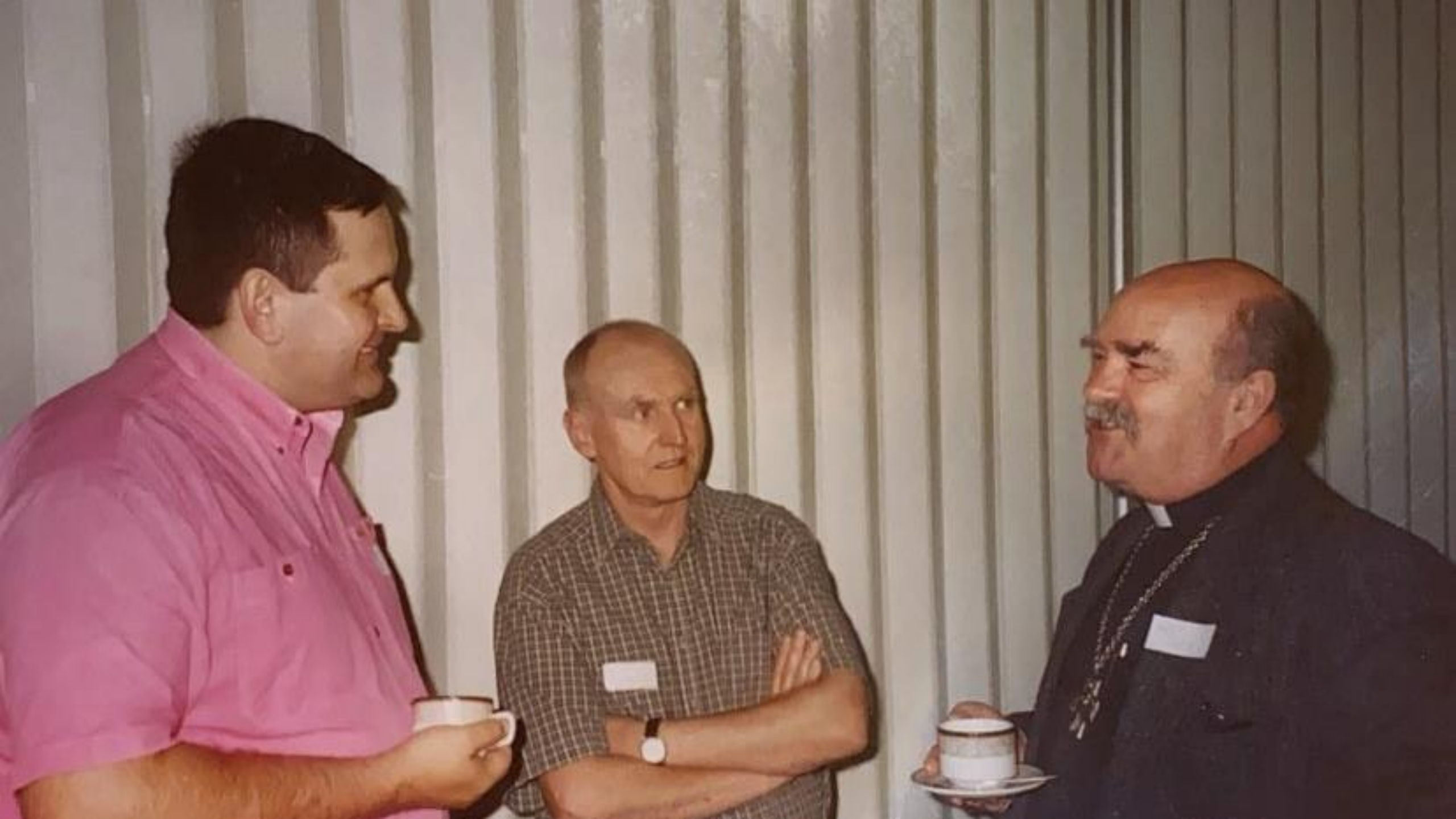
















*Extravagant  
Hearth*  
Adelaide 2009









*Time to Soar*  
Adelaide, 2012

















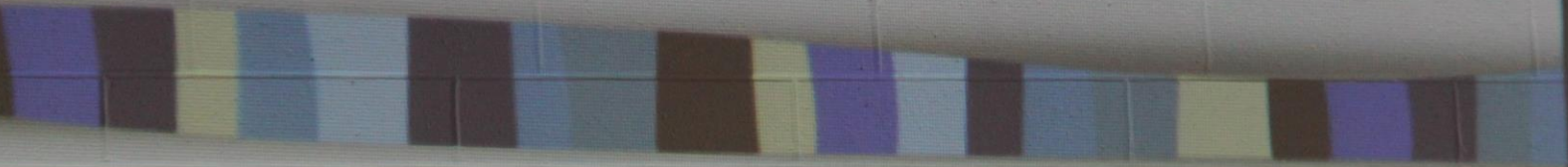








# Celebrating Women: Resisting, Subverting, and Soaring Past Convention

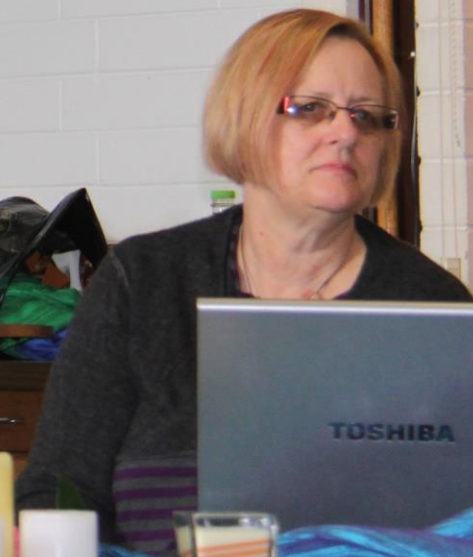


St. Stephens Lutheran Church -  
"Time to Soar" – Adelaide,  
14 July 2012

*Monica Jyotsna Melanchthon*  
*United Faculty of Theology, Melbourne*



- Pragmatism
- Tolerance
- Community/Solidarity
- Remembrance









The Zelophehad Sisters' Challenge

St Stephen's "Time to Soar"  
Conference

Adelaide 13<sup>th</sup> July 2012































# Synod Action 2013: scarves























*All Saints  
Brisbane, 2013*



*Rhythms of Grace*  
Adelaide, 2019











Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out? Come to the...  
and you'll discover your...  
how to take a real rest...  
work with the...  
Learn the...  
I won't say anything...  
you. Keep...  
learn to live... and...







But for I am a woman  
Should I therefore live that I not tell you  
The gladness of God

God said not "you shall be hated"  
God said not "you shall be hated"  
God said not "you shall be hated"  
But God said "I will be with you and will be with you"





# RHYTHMS OF GRACE



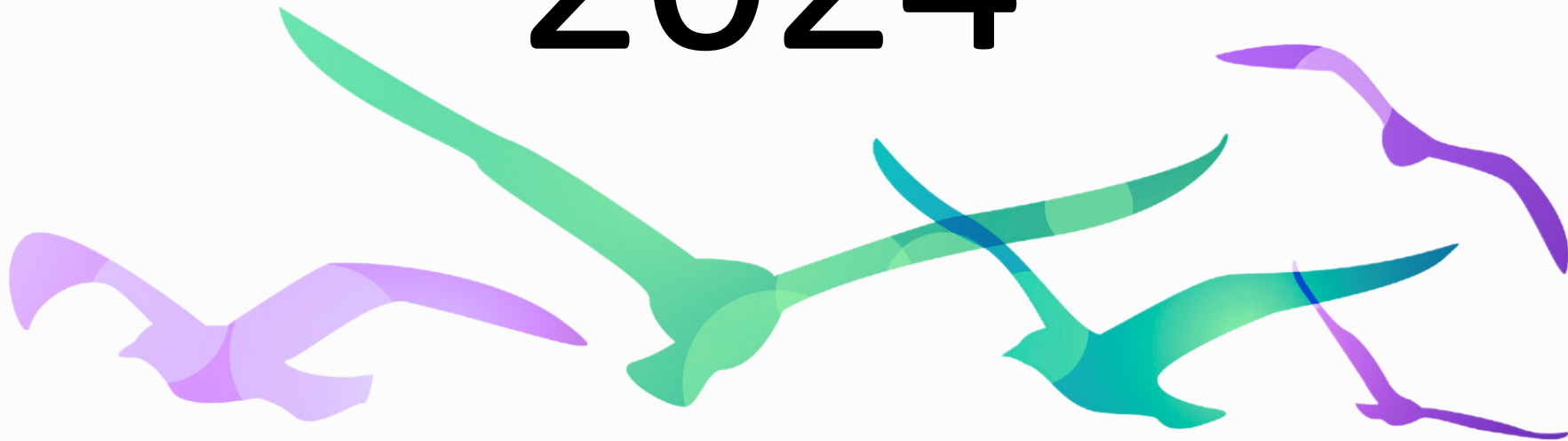
GPC and Synod  
2021/2023

*Streams in the  
Desert  
Community  
spreads  
sunshine*





# Lifting Our Voices 2024





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A gathering for those who long for the ordination  
of all who are called within the LCANZ

**Saturday 27 April 2024**

In-person hubs across Australia and New Zealand  
(as well as online options)

Gather. Celebrate. Listen. Workshop.

Be encouraged for the journey.

