



National Council of Churches in Australia

Thursday, 1 October 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT: NCCA General Secretary

Dear Church Leaders and NCCA friends,

Greetings from all of us at the NCCA.

Since being made aware of Liz Stone's decision to conclude as General Secretary at the end of August 2026, the Board of the NCCA began a process of reviewing the role and expectations of the role of General Secretary. A recruitment consultant guided a widely advertised search. After thorough screening, two applicants were selected for formal interview.

One candidate emerged as the strongest following the interviews. After consulting the candidate's referees and member church, the Board offered the position to Dr Kate Power, currently General Secretary of Queensland Churches Together. Kate has accepted our offer and will commence on 16 November 2026.

Kate has demonstrated energy, insight and a deep appreciation of the potential of the Ecumenical journey with churches in Australia. We welcome her to this position. She will be present at the NCCA AGM planned for October 28 (to be held online). She will also be present at a Leaders of Australia's Churches meeting in late November.

Kate attends Kenmore Anglican Church and brings to the role of NCCA General Secretary a commitment to listening and to addressing the needs of all Australians. She is most excited for the opportunity to see Jesus' prayer (John 17:21) realised: ***that we may all be one with him and with God the Father, so that the world may believe and know God's love and peace for all people.***

I am very encouraged by Kate's decision to serve with the NCCA and feel confident that she will, with us, build on the foundations laid in recent years.

With prayer for our future journey together.

In Christ

John Gilmore

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Antiochian
Orthodox Church

Armenian
Apostolic Church

Assyrian Church
of the East

Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference

Chinese Methodist
Church

Churches of Christ

Congregational
Federation

Coptic
Orthodox Church

Greek
Orthodox Church

Indian
Orthodox Church

Lutheran Church

Mar Thoma Church

Religious Society
of Friends (Quakers)

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