



# FAITH GOES TO WORK

March 24 9am-1pm

You already know that most Christian ministry happens Monday to Friday, not on Sunday, right?

Yet most attention goes to Sundays.

You may have hoped that we can address the imbalance, maybe?

At FAITH GOES TO WORK, we look for the right avenues to meet our real ministry needs.

This workshop re-opens that conversation. We hope it will not be the end of it.

FAITH GOES TO WORK is for Christian people of any age group (don't have to be Uniting) who go to paid work, or who are studying for a profession or who work in one of those structured volunteer roles that is really a job-without-as-salary!

## WHO WILL LEAD OUR THINKING?

**Meryn O'Brien** has worked in the community sector in various roles for 30 years. She is currently a Family Worker in Newpin, a program supporting parents to have their children restored to their care after they have been separated by Community Services. She often wishes we could hear more in church about people's weekday lives. Meryn has agreed to sit on the panel.

**Warren Bird** is the Executive Director of Treasury and Investment Services (TIS) in the NSW & ACT Synod of the Uniting Church. Previously he worked in senior finance positions with

Colonial First State and before that Australian Treasury and Merrill Lynch. “I was taught very early that Christianity isn’t just a Sunday thing, but a way of life. I’ve carried this core belief through University and all my workplaces since then. My interest in ‘faith at work’ has been growing.’ Warren will lead the opening Bible Study and sit on the panel.

**David Barrow** is the Lead Organiser at the Sydney Alliance with over ten years of community organising experience working for social change and organisational renewal. He has held major roles with National Christian Youth Convention, Australian Youth Affairs Coalition, Australian Youth Forum Steering Committee, UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education, UTS Union Board, and the National Union of Students. He is a nostalgic Coastie. He was first person at the NSWACT Synod to put his hand up for this seminar and Faith at Work. David will chair the panel discussion.

### **Katherine Allen**

Katherine Allen has worked for IBM since 2003. She has worked as a consultant in various industries including banking, telecommunications and transport; and has had roles including developer, integration architect and process consultant. She enjoys working with her colleagues to find solutions to problems, and encouraging them to improve their skills along the way. Katherine has agreed to sit on the panel because she wants to understand how she can be a good example of a Christian with the people she works with every day

**Ian Robinson** will chair the workshop and facilitate the closing conversation. These days, he lectures at the United Theological College in North Parramatta. In his grassroots roles as a church minister Ian has always championed the recognition and equipping of Christian ministry in the workplace and in everyday faith. He is infamous for taking people to the desert on retreat, to the Holy lands on pilgrimage (and bringing them all back) and in helping people find their own voice with their authentic faith.

## **March 24 9am-1pm at**

Centre for Ministry, 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta.

Attendance \$10 for the good coffee and morning tea.

Maybe we can go somewhere for lunch after.

Register on Eventbrite: here is the link.

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