

Tribute to the late Rev Canon Dr Christopher Newell AM (1964–2008)

Christopher was a visionary social activist and disability advocate widely published across fields including ethics, telecommunications, pastoral care and spirituality. Many people remember Christopher because they found in him a deep conjunction of the personal and the professional, a priest and a professor, a saint and yes, sometimes a rogue. He was an intense activist for the rights of people with disability and in 2001 was awarded membership of the Order of Australia “for service to people with disabilities, particularly through advocacy and research, to the development and practice of ethics and to health consumers.”

Christopher contributed substantially to the ‘disability and spirituality movement’ and delegates to the Exclusion and Embrace 2016 conference will receive a specially published booklet about Christopher and his contributions to a number of conferences and forums. The booklet also includes some of his other popular published pieces that give an insight into his passion for and critical insight into issues facing people with disability. It also includes a select bibliography of his writings on disability and spirituality that are accessible from the online academic databases.

The Tribute will be on **Sunday afternoon 21 August** as part of the Conference’s program.

Why not take advantage of Sunday’s day rate at \$150 and enjoy the other parts of that day, including the launch of the multi-faith Art Exhibition which has in excess of 60 exhibits?

Go to <http://exclusionandembrace.melbourne/registration/>

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