

**Speaker:**

Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

Plus time to explore the subject together.

Brisbane Event:

9:00 am: Registration

9:30 am morning tea – delicious hot scones, tea and filtered coffee

10:00 am – 3 pm – we listen, we ponder, we discuss, with a lunch break about 12 noon

Biography: Rev Dr

Margaret Mayman is minister at Pitt St Uniting Church in Sydney – see full bio on page 3

*Social Justice, the Church and the Progressive Agenda – Getting on with the message: Christians challenging injustice and promoting equality for all from the heart of the gospel*

Brisbane: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

9:00 – 3:30

Caloundra: 12<sup>th</sup> March

Buderim: 13<sup>th</sup> March

Merthyr Road  
Uniting Church  
Centre  
52 Merthyr Rd,  
New Farm

Sponsored by *Common Dreams on the Road* – looking forward to the *Common Dreams Conference in Brisbane, 16-19 Sept 2016*

Connect with others seeking to live authentic Christian lives in the 21st century within and beyond the Christian expression of spirituality.

Cost: \$40 including morning tea and lunch

Registration is necessary to assist with catering. Please complete the form attached and remit registration and payment as indicated.

You are welcome to attend the events at on 12<sup>th</sup> and Buderim on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Contact John Everall

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## REGISTRATION FORM

**Cost:** \$40 including delicious morning tea and lunch

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Payment Enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_ registrations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (cheques or money orders made out to Progressive Spirituality Network)

( ) Payment for \_\_\_\_\_ registrations of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ has been paid by bank transfer (please also post or email registration information)

**BSB:** 334 040      **Acct no:** 553 948 299

**Acct name:** West End UC PSN

**Please use your surname as on this form as the reference.**

Name/s of others for whom registration is being paid

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**Post** registration to: PSN, PO Box 374 New Farm Q 4005

Or **email** to: drgarn@bigpond.net.au

**Enquiries:** 0409 498 402

**Registration closing date:** Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March

### **Transport and Parking:**

Small amount of off-street parking, plenty of on-street parking (no parking meters).

Bus route 196, Stop 13 (outside Venue).

Bus leaves from Cultural Centre, outside City Hall in Adelaide St and in Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley every 15 minutes

**Rodney Eivers will set up a bookstall** where you can purchase books from a progressive Christian perspective at prices better than the regular bookshops.

The *Common Dreams on the Road* participants include people from Progressive Spirituality Network, PAX (Anglican), Lay Forum, St Mary's in Exile Faith Community, Sea of Faith, Caloundra UC Explorers and other interested groups.

The Sunshine Coast will host events on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at Caloundra and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at Buderim. For information on these events, please contact John Everall at [jjeverall@bigpond.com](mailto:jjeverall@bigpond.com). You are welcome to attend these events also.

***Our guest speaker:***

Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

*Margaret is minister at Pitt Street Uniting Church, Sydney (since December 2013). She was born in Aotearoa New Zealand and was ordained as a Presbyterian Minister in 1983. She holds a PhD in Christian Social Ethics from Union Theological Seminary in New York where she lived, studied and taught for 12 years.*

*In her previous parish in Wellington, New Zealand, Margaret led a congregation that practiced a ministry of inclusive hospitality and sought to participate in the public square of New Zealand's capital city. Margaret developed programmes that brought religious and ethical perspectives into dialogue with the issues of the secular city. She has been involved in a number of social justice campaigns presenting a progressive religious voice on issues such as Marriage Equality and the Living Wage.*

*In 2010 she was awarded an international fellowship to the Kettering Foundation in Ohio where she researched faith communities' engagement in community politics.*

*She lives with her partner Clare who is an aged care chaplain. She has an adult son Andrew who has autism.*

*Margaret's interests include ecological, economic, gender and sexual justice.*

See also: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/9025132/Progressive-minister-moves-onrds>  
**9 am:** check in, browse the bookstall and take time for fellowship with others.

**9:30 – 10 am:** morning tea will be served. Delicious hot scones, tea and filtered coffee

**10 am: Session 1:** Presentation by Margaret Mayman followed by questions and discussion

**12 noon:** Lunch is served

**1:15 pm: Session 2:** Presentation by Margaret Mayman followed by questions and discussion

The sessions will examine the contribution that progressive Christians can make to the public conversation about values in contemporary Australia. A number of issues will be addressed, eg. ecological justice, non-violence, consumerism, and migration, and equal rights. Margaret will reflect on the historical, biblical, pastoral and ethical aspects of social justice and the lived experience of progressive Christians in these matters. Margaret's challenge to progressive Christians is to explore the issue of marriage equality – exploring the inclusion of LGBTI people in the civil, social and spiritual 'institution' of marriage. Arguing that the meaning of marriage has always been fluid, the sessions will resource progressive people of faith for conversations within religious and secular communities.

There will be **plenty of time to have conversation** about the presentations.

**BOOKMARK THIS DATE: 13 – 16 September, 2016, for the Common Dreams Conference to be held at Somerville House Girls' School in Brisbane**