

2024 FORUM SERIES

THE VOICE

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

"There was a resounding 'No' from last year's Referendum. That signalled to First Nations Peoples that many Australians don't care about them. The toxic views expressed by some politicians, Christians, and minority groups were racist and vile—a slap in the face for First Nations people.

However 6 million Australians voted 'Yes'. This gives us hope. It is the 'Yes' voters that First Nations people want to walk with as agents of change. Love transforms and it transforms human hearts. We need to see the image of God in each other.

Aboriginal theology provides hope. It also provides for justice, holding people accountable to each other, country and the whole creation. It requires us to be innovative and inspires us to be transformative, seeing the good in each other. There is no methodology other than theology that can bring about transformation, justice, reparation, and genuine reconciliation."

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Professor Anne Pattel-Gray PhD DD is head of the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Divinity. She is a recognised scholar, theologian, activist, and prolific writer. Professor Pattel-Gray is a descendant of the Bidjara Nation in Queensland. She has held many significant positions both nationally and internationally including Executive Secretary of the Aboriginal and Islander Commission and on the National Council of Churches. She was recently appointed to the WCC Commission on Mission and Evangelism.

Professor Pattel-Gray is a recognised expert in de-colonising biblical narratives, developing Indigenous theology, and bringing her cultural understanding to biblical hermeneutics. She also brings to the fore women's perspectives and exposure to the truth about the colonisation of Australia.

TUESDAY 18 JUNE 7:00 PM

Forum Chair: Mr Clive Rodger, Chair, Christians for an Ethical Society



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