

Information for Attendees

Welcome!

We're delighted to have you attend the Theology and Culture Conference on Gendered Violence.

Venue: Centre For Theology & Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville, Victoria, 3052.
<https://pilgrim.edu.au/contact-us/> See map on page 3.

Arrival

- **Registration:** Opens from 12:30pm Wed 11 Feb.
- **Collect your name** tag etc at the registration desk
- **Conference begins: 1:30pm Wednesday** with a *welcome to country* and introductions.

During the Conference

- Room details will be provided onsite and will have signage.
- Sessions include several concurrent workshops and paper presentations.
- **Please check the conference schedule in advance so you can choose the sessions that suit your interests and capacity.**
- Workshops generally do not require pre-registration, but some rooms have limited capacity.
- If needed, sign-up sheets will be available at the registration desk.
- Ask the team if you're unsure where to go.

Discussion Guidelines

- We ask all attendees to be respectful of one another, and our differing experiences within spiritual and religious communities.
- Please ensure that all questions are focused on responding to the presentation, and please refrain from making personal disclosures when responding to speakers.

Discussion Guidelines (continued)

- Be intellectually curious and generous when asking questions or giving feedback. If there are aspects of a paper that you disagree with, please consider raising these concerns in a manner which opens conversation. As a general principle, we welcome debate, discussion and critique of theories and theological arguments, but we do not debate or critique people's identities and experiences. There is no room for racism, sexism, ablism, homophobia or trans exclusive comments in our discussions. All forms of hate speech are unacceptable.

Emotional & Spiritual Preparation

Content may be sensitive or distressing. To take care of yourself:

- Look over the [schedule](#) beforehand and choose sessions that feel manageable for you.
- Take breaks early and as needed—your wellbeing comes first.
- Step out at any time during a session.
- Check in with yourself emotionally throughout the day.
- Use the chapel, open 1pm Wed and 9am Thurs/Fri, for prayer, meditation, or quiet.
- Talk with someone you trust or a committee member if you need support.
- You may find it helpful to read the short [resource on safe and caring practices when engaging with traumatic material](#) (authors: Timothy W. Jones, Kat Ellinghaus, Roland Burke & Claudia Haake).

If You Can't Attend

Please email contact@thewesleycentre.org asap.

Questions?

Please approach Robyn, Rosie, Janina or any member of the organising committee. They will be wearing green lanyards and are available to assist.

For further enquiries, please email contact@thewesleycentre.org

Directions and map.

Venue: **Pilgrim Theological College, [29 College Crescent, Parkville](#)**

The venue is fully wheelchair accessible with bathrooms on the ground floor. There is also a cafe on site ([Sage and Grace](#)) open from 8.30am and serving great coffee, lunch, and snacks until about 3pm.

Getting there:

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

The **no. 19 tram up Royal Parade** is the closest tram stop, connecting with the CBD's Flinders St and Melbourne Central train stations. **Get off at the Gatehouse St corner.**

You can also come up **Swanston St** on the east side of the University of Melbourne, getting off at the **University tram stop** and walking up through campus. **Trams that service that stop include 1, 3, 5, 6, 16, 67, 72.**

BY CAR:

Parking is available on nearby streets and is metered. As it is not the start of the semester street parking should be attainable but is not guaranteed.



We hope you have a wonderful and engaging conference. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.