



Recognition, Reconciliation and Relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the churches in South Australia

SA Council of Churches feels drawn by the Holy Spirit towards facilitating a deeper and more unified encounter with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other people across the churches in SA.

This is in part due to the need for forgiveness and healing across the community for past hurts and omissions and in part due to a yearning to recognise and make space for the rich culture and spirituality which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples bring to our world.

SA Council of Churches especially seeks to:

- ❖ Encourage people in church communities to be part of and contribute to the national conversation and action on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Constitutional Recognition.
- ❖ Raise awareness of the need for Reconciliation with and justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- ❖ Engage in creative ways to further nurture Relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other people in church communities to increase life giving opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and for mutual enrichment.

Were not our hearts burning within us, while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us? Luke 24: 32

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