

"Simple Church– What is it all about and how do I start one?"

Seminar Speakers and Panellists



David Orton is married to Jenny, has two adult children and currently lives in Mt Eliza, Victoria. Having worked for nearly 4 decades in pastoral and teaching ministries in several church movements in NSW, Western Australia, Queensland and Victoria, David became impassioned with a vision of the church functioning in the reality of relationship with God, ministry to people, and the expansion of God's kingdom. He founded *Lifemessenger* in 1996 and *Leadershift* in 2005. Published in 2004, David is also the author of "Snakes in the Temple: Unmasking Idolatry in Today's Church".

... for more about *Lifemessenger* go to: <http://www.lifemessenger.org/>



Ray Tiller is married to Libby, has 5 children and 5 grandchildren, and lives in SE Melbourne. Ray has been a Christian schools pioneer and leader in 4 states of Australia for three decades. He is passionate about helping Christian educators to train young people in God's grace and truth so that they bring transforming influence to the communities that they will one day lead. Ray currently runs a ministry called "Equipping Christian Schools", and is the author of "Rubber on the Road Christian Thinking - An exploration of a Biblical Christian worldview and its application to contemporary Christian thought"

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Bessie Pereira is married and has three adult children and one grandson. Her background was in the Anglican ministry having worked in several Melbourne parishes. Bessie is the director of OIKOS - 15 years ago God called her to be encouraging of new ways of church that are relational and to work with Home Churches in particular. OIKOS started soon after as a newsletter to Home Churches but has developed as relationships have grown across the nation with Home Churches and with many Christians seeking to be church in ways that the earliest Christians would recognize.

... for more about *OIKOS* go to: <http://www.oikos.org.au/>



Craig Kirkby is married to Lorna, has 2 daughters, and lives in Fawkner, northern Melbourne. Craig & Lorna have been involved in church planting and missions for nearly a decade, working extensively in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Japan. They, along with the team they serve with as part of Church of the Nations International, launched a new work into New Zealand in 2008 and they themselves moved to Melbourne in February this year. They have a passion for the Kingdom of God and a vision to help catalyze hundreds of simple churches in the greater Melbourne region and beyond.

... for more about *Church of the Nations* go to: <http://cotn.org/>

... for more about *Crosswave Global* go to: <http://crosswaveglobal.com/>



Getahun H Gebremedhin is married to Tsehay and has three children. He is originally from Ethiopia and was a refugee for ten years in Djibouti. Getahun has a passion for the revival, reformation, and unity of the body of Christ. He is currently pioneering a work among the ethnic groups, founding a ministry called Multinational Christian Congregation. He has a conviction that the gathering of the ethnic peoples into Australia is part of a Divine plan to revive and to reform the church and do a great work in the nations.