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### ***Biennial conference a chance to “reflect and learn” about the challenge of mission***

The fifth edition of the biennial Mission: One Heart, Many Voices conference will offer a unique experience to “reflect and learn” and be more open to the challenge of mission, with a diverse range of international and local speakers presenting.

Last seen in 2019, this year’s conference will be held from 1-3 September 2021, with an additional day of creativity shaped by young people on 4 September. The conference will be a virtual presentation, for the first time.

“With Covid and all the difficulties of lockdown, this is the first time we’ve had to present the conference digitally,” says Catholic Mission National Director, Fr Brian Lucas

“The conference is an opportunity to learn, an opportunity to share and, it’s an opportunity when we come together to understand more about ourselves and what is required in the world of mission.”

For the fifth time, Catholic Mission will partner with Catholic Religious Australia to present the conference.

“I’m very grateful to all who are participating, and to our supporters and sponsors who make the conference possible,” says Fr Brian.

“We seek to give an opportunity to all those engaged in mission to come together, to network, to reflect, and to learn.”

The Mission: one heart many voices conference will offer 30 different specialist workshops over three days, as well as keynote presentations from Senior Australian of the Year, Aboriginal elder from Nauiyu, renowned artist, activist, writer, and public speaker Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM, social psychologist and researcher and author, Hugh Mackay, Ambassador of Australia to the Holy See, Chiara Porro, and Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples, Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle.

Human rights activist, broadcaster and former Socceroo, Craig Foster, CEO, Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd, Ursula Stephens, and NSW Ageing and Disability Commissioner, Robert Fitzgerald will also present.

The conference will end with Sister Lyndall Brown, a Sister of St. Joseph, focusing on communal discernment.

“By opening our hearts and our minds during these few days we hope we will be able to learn how to do mission better, but also what needs to change within ourselves, so we are more open to that challenge of mission,” says Fr Brian.

To view the program and register for the conference visit [www.mohmv.com.au](http://www.mohmv.com.au)

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