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More than 500 participants are taking part in the fifth edition of the *Mission: one heart many voices* conference, exploring the challenges of living the gospel and leading mission in Australia and globally.

The fifth edition of the biennial conference has gone virtual and is being presented for the first time to a worldwide audience. The response from participants has been “overwhelmingly positive.”

“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 feedback from the participant experience has been overwhelmingly positive.”

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

Day 2 of the conference featured keynote addresses from CEO, Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd, Ursula Stephens, focusing on the concept of Redemptive Leadership and its connection to everyday reality and opportunity.

Prominent Australian author, Hugh Mackay who also led a special workshop, focusing on his latest book, *The Kindness Revolution*, which takes inspiration from the difficulties Australia faced throughout 2020.

Mr Mackay, in his talk, explained that kindness is “a therapeutic act”.

“The capacity for kindness is our most precious act. Kindness is a remarkable property. I think of kindness as the purest form of human love.”

“Kindness refers to the only form of human love that doesn’t involve emotion... We have the capacity to show kindness to anyone.”

A special presentation from human rights activist, broadcaster and former Soccerroo, Craig Foster, was another highlight on the second day of the conference.

Catholic Mission is partnering with Catholic Religious Australia to present the conference. Registrations are still open to join the conference with a special session for young people on Saturday.

To view the program for the conference visit www.mohmv.com.au

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Caption: Online interaction: CEO, Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd, Ursula Stephens and prominent author Hugh Mackay participated in a question-and-answer session on day 2 of the *Mission: one heart many voices* conference, facilitated by Catholic Mission's Luke Tobin.



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