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Sorry Day and Week of Prayer for Reconciliation

This week it's Sorry Day and the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation. NATSIEC has produced a prayer resource to mark the week. Available now on our website. [Click here](#)

Christ and Culture Conference: Mother Tongue Theologising

Recently NATSIEC held its third Christ and Culture Conference in Sydney. The conference was an outstanding success. The facilitator, Dr Anthony Reddie, was engaging and expertly guided participants through several complex issues looking at racism, identity and interpretation of the Gospel from an Indigenous perspective.

Several of the sessions were recorded and are now available on the NATSIEC website in MP3 format.

Summaries of each session are on the conference pages. [Click here](#)

Annual Appeal - MARTUNG UPAH launched

In May every year NATSIEC launches its annual appeal, Martung Upah (partnership). This annual appeal is vital to the continued work of NATSIEC. If you have found the resources you have received through this e-newsletter or through regular email updates valuable please consider making a donation to help support our work. [Click here to go to the Martung Upah page.](#) You can download the appeal flier or make an on line donation.

Northern Territory Intervention

In recent days Navi Pillay has met with Aboriginal leaders in the NT and heard first hand about the Intervention. Also, Rev. Dr. Gondarra has been on a diplomatic visit to Europe. We have updated our blog with several articles about these activities. [Click here to go to NATSIEC's blog.](#)

Constitutional Recognition

The consultations regarding Constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are now underway. The expert panel has released a discussion paper and they have also the dates put the dates of the consultations on their web site. As well as attending these consultations written submissions can also be made.

Please note that the time frame is very short, so if you are thinking of making your views known you only have until December. The Expert panel will also be

producing a community kit so that you can hold your own consultation amongst your community. Those resources are not available yet, but will be shortly.

All information about the process is at the new website
www.youmeunity.org.au

From the news wire...

Did you know that NATSIEC now has a blog? You can go there for more regular updates. [NATSIEC Blog](#)

Disclaimer

NATSIEC provides this newsletter to share information about issues which affect and concern Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The views contained in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views or position of either NATSIEC or the National Council of Churches in Australia.

Martung Upah Appeal



The Make *Indigenous Poverty* History Campaign is an initiative of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission (NATSIEC). Other projects run by NATSIEC include the Indigenous Theology project and a development fund.

NATSIEC receives significant funding from *Act of Peace* and the *Uniting Church (NSW) 2% fund*, however the rest of our funding comes from donations by Churches and Individuals to its annual appeal Martung Upah*.

By supporting the Martung Upah appeal you are joining us in a partnership to engage Churches and the wider community in fostering a deeper understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Together we can work towards healing the hurts of the past and building a better tomorrow for all our children so that injustice and discrimination will not be part of Australia's future.

We thank you for your support.

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