

It is with great pleasure that the St Andrew's Planning Committee invites all those interested in presenting a paper at the 2015 St Andrew's Inaugural Theology Symposium, to submit the title of their proposed presentation, together with an abstract of 250 - 300 words by **30 June, 2015**. The proposal should also be accompanied by the following contact details: a) Title, b) Name, c) Institutional affiliation, d) postal address, e) phone number and f) e-mail address.

All submissions should be addressed to Dr Philip Kariatlis **pkariatlis@sagotc.edu.au**

Keynote Speaker

Revd Dr John Chryssavgis



t is with great pleasure that we announce the keynote speaker for the 2015 Inaugural Theology Symposium. The Revd Dr John Chryssavgis is Theological Advisor to the Ecumenical Patriarchate on Environmental issues. He was Sub-Dean of St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College between 1986-1995. He is the author of over 20 books, and countless articles, many of which include the area of Environmental Theology.

Conference Theme

"The Earth is the Lord's: Environmental Theology and Ethics"

Whereas in the past, humanity as a whole typically had a congruous relationship with the world, today, living in harmony with the environment has become increasingly difficult with a more utilitarian attitude prevailing. Consequently, many people today concur that a serious review and a radical change of attitude of humanity's relationship with the material world needs to take place so as to create a radically new *modus vivendi* that will pay proper tribute to the world making it sustainable for future generations. In this regard it is timely to ask: how can the Christian Churches contribute towards a solution to today's ecological crisis? What difference can the Christian Gospel make in shaping the ethics of public discourse on this issue? How can we 'revalue' the worth of the world in which we live?

Guidelines for Papers and Proposals

- 1. Proposals need to be approx. 200 250 words
- 2. If you are planning to present a paper and do not hold a doctorate, you are kindly asked to submit the entire paper by 15 June, 2015 together with your Curriculum Vitae and a covering letter which will assist the Submission's Panel.
- 3. It is expected that presentations will be allotted approximately 25 30 minutes leaving some brief time for Q&A.
- 4. Proposal need to clearly state a title, together with an aim and the line of argument that will be taken. F
- 5. Those requiring the use of audio-visual equipment, need to indicate this in their proposal so that appropriate equipment can be set up for this.
- 6. All papers will be considered, even if not immediately related to the Symposium theme; first preference will be given to those which are more related to the theme of the Symposium.
- 7. The abstracts, once peer reviewed and accepted will be published on the Theology Symposium page of St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College's website.