

# COMMON DREAMS

Following Jesus into the World

## Register online

<https://joebesslersydney.eventbrite.com.au>

## Friday evening festival event -

*refreshments, music, and*

*talk by Joe Bessler*

Tickets - \$35/20. Early bird - \$25/12.50

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## Saturday – talks and workshops

*with Joe Bessler and Jason John*

Tickets - \$75/40. Early bird - \$60/30

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*Reduced rates - pensioner, concession, student*

*Early bird rate ends 13 July*

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264 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000



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## Our thanks to Common Dreams Inc.

organisers of Professor Bessler's  
Common Dreams on the Road  
visit to Australia and New Zealand.



## Joe Bessler is also speaking in Newcastle

*Theology in the Age of Trump*  
at Adamstown Uniting Church  
7.30pm, Wednesday 25 July

<https://www.trybooking.com/WCFE>

**COMMON DREAMS**  
**on the Road**

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# Theology in the Age of Trump

with  
Professor Joe Bessler

27-29 July 2018



**Pitt Street**  
Uniting Church

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### Friday 27 July

6.30 pm Gathering, registration, refreshments  
Music: Rachel Collis –  
*lyrical voice, original songs*

7.20 – 9 pm Professor Joe Bessler  
*Theology in the Age of Trump*  
Chair: Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

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### Saturday 28 July

9 am Gathering, registration

9.30 am Talk – Joe Bessler  
*The Rise and Fall of the Christian Myth*  
Why did early Christians begin to adopt a Platonic and imperial worldview, and after Constantine, subsume that worldview into imperialized Christian Platonism? This talk helps us understand how our modern questions of faith are connected to the collapse of that worldview.

11 am Coffee/tea break

11.30 am Concurrent Workshops  
Joe Bessler –  
*Prayer and Practice for contemporary followers of Jesus*

Jason John –  
*Telling a New Creation Story: a spirituality for living and loving earth*

12.45 pm Lunch Break  
*lunch at local cafés or bring you own*

1.45 pm Concurrent sessions

Talk – Joe Bessler  
*Belonging to the World*

How 20th century quests for the historical Jesus and the radical theologies of the 1960s led the way in turning theology “to the world” in the development of liberation, ecological, and post-colonial theologies, as well as challenges to the doctrine of God.

Workshop – Jason John  
*The futures – religious and secular – craft a two minute story of solutions, with help from Donald Trump.*

3:00 pm *Reflections on the future of theology*  
Joe Bessler

3:30 pm Thanks and close  
Margaret Mayman

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### Sunday 29 July

10 am Pitt Street Sunday Gathering  
Guest Preacher: Joe Bessler  
*Seeking the body of God*

11:45 am Exploring Faith Conversation  
with Joe Bessler

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## PROFESSOR JOE BESSLER



Joe Bessler is Professor of Theology at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He specialises in the interaction of religion and contemporary culture. He enjoys cross-disciplinary conversations that open up theological questions in new ways. He is the author of several books including *A Scandalous Jesus: How Three Historic Quests Changed Theology for the Better*. His forthcoming book is titled *Moving Words: How Theology Proposes to Lead Beyond God*. He has worked closely with the Westar Institute, most recently in the God Seminar.

## REV DR JASON JOHN



Jason is a consultant for Uniting Earth Web ministry in the NSW/ACT Synod of the Uniting Church. He explores what it means to be a Christian informed and shaped by the new creation stories coming from the fields of evolution, ecology and cosmology. He values an intellectually credible faith, shaped by contact with contemporary thought and works for the reconciliation and renewal of our Earth family.