

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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A NEW WAY OF BEING



For some members, Community of Christ World Conference is something they make a commitment to attend every three years. For some it is a once in a life time experience that they have dreamed about being part of for years. Others will never have the opportunity to attend. I hope this edition of the Australia Herald showcases World Conference 2023 from a variety of perspectives so you are able to glimpse some of its importance to the church, its members and the world.

Community of Christ has approximately 250,000 members worldwide. World Conference is the highest legislative body and is empowered to act for the entire church. Delegates to World Conference attend from a majority of the fifty countries where the church is located. The conference follows the democratic principle known as common consent and is presided over by the First Presidency of the Church.

This year the event program was centered around the theme of Courage. Delegates, members and friends attended legislative sessions, worships, workshops, children's classes and the Peace Award.

If you want my advice, like any large event it is best to approach World Conference with an open heart and mind rather than preconceived expectations. I hope this is the same way you will also approach reading this edition. These pages shine with honesty, hope and challenge.

My prayer is that here you will find inspiration for your daily walk and that together we will journey "with Jesus, the peaceful One, sharing Christ's peace everywhere we go!"<sup>1</sup>

SHALOM!

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<sup>1</sup> *A New Question for the Journey* - Steve Veazey