

A note From Ngaire Moore

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Flourish was “Bloomin’” Marvellous

Over 200 people from all states in Australia gathered for the first ever conference for men and women on Women’s Ministry in the Presbyterian Church of Australia. The theme of the conference, “Flourish”, was based on Paul’s prayer that we may “filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.” (Philippians 1:11).

After a wonderful meal at the Chinese Church Surry Hills, Craig Tucker took us on an engaging journey to understand how we were created as men and women. Looking at Ephesians 5, we saw the New Testament’s application of those principles. The talks can be downloaded from the Flourish website at <http://www.gaawomensministry.com/Resources.html> .

Saturday was a beautiful spring day as we gathered for challenging applications from 1 Corinthians 11 & 14. As the workshops proceeded, people were inspired to try new ministries or were encouraged in practical ways to improve existing ministries of vital kingdom importance. One theme was stated over and over again: it is great to meet as the people of God and to be encouraged and enthused by the like minded people from all over the country.

In 2007 the General Assembly of Australia gave the Flourish committee the task of helping the church implement a report (*A Partnership for God’s Glory*) on women’s views on ministry needs in the Presbyterian Church of Australia. This conference has proved to be an important first step to meeting the expressed goals but as the committee prepares its report to the 2010 Assembly, we need your feedback. There is provision on the website for you to send an email.

