



Participant Information Sheet

Research Title: The theology of work held by tradies in Sydney Anglican churches

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Thank you for your interest in participating in this research project. Please read the following information about the project, so that you can decide whether you would like to take part in this research. Please feel free to ask any questions you might have about your involvement in the project.

If you decide to participate in this research, please keep in mind that your participation is voluntary. If you do not wish to take part, you do not have to. If you decide to take part and later change your mind, you are free to stop at any time, and you would not need to give any explanation for your decision to stop participating. If you choose to stop participating, your data will not be used in the research. If you withdraw after the data has been made anonymous and analyzed, it might be difficult to remove your data.

You will be given the Participant Information and Consent Form to sign, and you will be given a copy to keep. Your decision whether you take part, or not to take part, or to take part and then withdraw, will not affect your relationship with the Australian University of Theology, any of its affiliated colleges, or the researcher.

What is this research about?

It's to understand how tradies in Sydney Anglican churches connect their faith and their work. The research is being funded by Morling College and the Anglican Church of Australia.

What will I need to do?

If you agree to participate, we'll meet up somewhere that's convenient for you, I'll buy you lunch, and we'll talk for about an hour about how you connect your faith and your work. I'll record the conversation on my phone.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

If you participate, you'll be part of a unique project - nobody has ever studied Christian tradies and their faith before. You'll also help church leaders understand tradies better, and know how to welcome and encourage them in their faith. It might even help tradies who are Christians be a better witness to their non-Christian colleagues.

What are the possible risks and disadvantages of taking part?

Some people might feel a bit weird talking about their faith or answering questions. But there are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers, it's just what you think. There are only 5-6 questions, and I can give them to you beforehand.

If the conversation becomes awkward, we can stop any time.

If you'd like to talk to somebody about things afterward, then free counselling is available through the Ezra Centre (02) 8197 1746, or Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636 or Lifeline 13 11 14.

What will happen to the information about me?

All information collected about you will remain confidential and anonymous. Given the small number of participants, it might be hard to guarantee complete anonymity.

The personalised data will be stored on an encrypted hard drive, accessible only to me. Deidentified data will be restored in a repository and may be available for others to access (e.g., the researcher's supervisors, examiners, or other researchers).

It is anticipated that the results of this research project will be published and/or presented in a variety of forms. In any publication and/or presentation, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified, except with your express permission.

What will happen if I decide to withdraw?

Your participation in this research is voluntary and you are free to withdraw from the research anytime without needing to provide any explanation, and you would not receive any penalty or bias as a result of your withdrawal. Should you decide to withdraw, all the information collected from/about you will be destroyed and will not be used in the research. If you withdraw after the data has been made anonymous and analysed, it might be difficult to remove your data.

Can I hear about the results of this research?

When the project is finished, I'll email you a summary.

Who can I contact if I have any concerns about the project?

This study adheres to the ethical review process of the Australian University of Theology and the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research and has been approved by the AUT HREC. If you have any questions about this study, please contact my, Graeme Dunkley, at graemed@morling.edu.au. If you have any concerns or complaints, please contact Andrew Sloane andrews@morling.edu.au or Ian Hussey ian.hussey@malyon.edu.au, or the AUT Ethics Committee: ethics@aut.edu.au

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