



**CHRISTIAN
PROJECTS**

TEAMFEST

October 13-15, 2026

An opportunity for the best team training available in Australia!

What is TeamFest?

Every two years, ministry teams from multi-staff churches are invited to come together for a unique experience on the Gold Coast. At the conference, teams hear world-class input on leadership and team dynamics, and have ample time to debrief and discuss ministry, leadership and strategy. There are also opportunities to meet with cohorts of ministry leaders (creative arts, children, youth, etc) from the other churches attending the conference. Your team will be enriched, encouraged and challenged by attending TeamFest.

Cal Jernigan - keynote speaker



Cal Jernigan was Lead Pastor of Central Christian Church in Arizona for 25 years, concluding in 2025. Cal began in youth ministry at Central in 1987. He was appointed as Lead Pastor in 1999. Under his leadership, Central grew significantly, both in size and influence. Today, Central Christian Church is a dynamic, multi-campus ministry that reaches over 10,000 people weekly across five locations. Cal has become a respected voice in church leadership, known for his passionate, relevant, and engaging communication of biblical truth.

Beyond the pulpit, Cal is a mentor, visionary, and advocate for healthy church culture. He has navigated complex challenges with transparency and integrity, always striving to uphold the values of accountability and compassion. Whether speaking to a congregation, mentoring emerging leaders, or addressing broader church issues, Cal Jernigan brings a wealth of experience, a heart for people, and a deep love for God's Word.

Who can attend TeamFest?

Any paid member of your staff! There is a cap of six staff members per church. Additional staff members can be added at your church's expense (details below).

Where and when will it be held?

Accommodation and conference sessions will be at the Hilton Hotel, 6 Orchid Avenue, Surfers Paradise, QLD. The Hilton is one block away from the famous Surfers Paradise beach.

Participants are expected to arrive at the hotel on Monday 12th October before the conference begins (check-in will be available from 2pm). The conference program will begin at 9am on Tuesday 13th October and finish after lunch on Thursday 15th October.

What will be the content of the program?

In addition to hearing from Cal Jernigan we will enjoy input from significant leaders from our churches around Australia. There will also be opportunities for team reflection and connecting with cohorts in specific roles.

Participants are expected to attend the entire conference from Tuesday morning until the final session at Thursday lunch time. Flight schedules should be arranged accordingly.

How much does it cost?

Registration of \$150 per staff member (non-refundable) is payable to Christian Projects. This registration fee goes towards the cost of the venue, keynote speaker, three nights' accommodation (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and breakfast and lunch during the conference. Participants will arrange and pay for their own evening meals.

The church must arrange and pay for flights to and from the Gold Coast, as well as airport transfer to and from the hotel. Please note that there are limited complementary car park spaces available at the hotel. Contact Rob Irvin (details below) to reserve a space.

Accommodation is shared (2 per room). If participants prefer not to share a room, they would pay a registration of \$400. If churches want to bring extra staff members to TeamFest (in addition to the six being sponsored) the cost for them is \$240 per room per night, in addition to the \$150 registration.

What is Christian Projects?

Christian Projects manage a trust fund for the purpose of funding and facilitating leadership development throughout Churches of Christ in Australia. The primary initiatives of Christian Projects are Leadership 21 and TeamFest, both of which happen every two years. The Christian Projects directors all have a long history of involvement with Churches of Christ.

Registration

Fill in the attached Word document and return to Rob Irvin, TeamFest Administrator. Please note that spaces are limited and we will accept teams as registrations are received.

GET IN TOUCH

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