



## Executive Council of Australian Jewry

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### **Uniting Church, ECAJ Dialogue in Sydney**

The Uniting Church in Australia and the Executive Council of Australian Jewry 22nd National Dialogue in Sydney featured a discussion on sensibilities and interfaith understanding in the light of the "Muhammad Cartoon" episode earlier this year.

Meeting at Shalom College at NSW University, the delegates deliberated on the culture in which the cartoons were produced, the responses in many parts of the world to cartoons deemed offensive by many Muslims, the gulf of misunderstanding which needed to be bridged and the need for respect in interfaith relationships.

Earlier, the Dialogue heard explanations of the symbolism and meaning of the Passover feast and also of the development and symbolism of the Eucharist.

The Dialogue was co-chaired by Rev Michael Barnes of the Uniting Church and Jeremy Jones, Immediate Past President of the ECAJ.

Other participants were Rev Barbara Allan (UCA), Josie Lacey (ECAJ), Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence (ECAJ), Rabbi John Levi (ECAJ), Rev Dr Loraine Parkinson (UCA), Peta Pellach (ECAJ) and Rev Dr Howard Wallace (UCA).

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