

9th NZ Christian Leaders' Congress

BIOs of speakers, panelists, & session chairs



Dr Roshan Allpress

Roshan is National Principal of Laidlaw College, and serves on a number of boards around Aotearoa. He is an historian with degrees from Canterbury and Oxford, writes and teaches on Biblical Theology and the history of Evangelicalism and social reform, and attends Lincoln Road Bible Chapel. Roshan is married to Lottie and they have three young children.

James and Viv Anson

James and Viv are church planters who have pastored five churches over 35 years, and currently lead the Faithpointe House Church Network. Viv also runs the Norwest Community Foodbank.

Jonathan Ayling

Jonathan is the Chief Executive of the Free Speech Union. He has worked in politics for the past ten years in Wellington, both for several NGOs and as a political advisor in Parliament and the Beehive. He has postgraduate degrees in both politics and theology. He and his family live in the sunny Wairarapa where they own a boutique vineyard.

Ps Chris Bethwaite

Chris is National Administrator for The Elim Church of New Zealand and Chair of the InterChurch Bureau (ICB).

Won-Kon Bong

Won-Kon is Korean Kiwi and has professional background having worked as a family therapist counsellor and social worker in several social services in Aotearoa. He also works as one of working board members in New Zealand Christian Network. He lives in Auckland with his wife and family.

Tak Bhana

Tak is the Senior Pastor of Church Unlimited, which has seven campuses. He hosts a national conference called New Zealand and Beyond and has a radio and television program called Running with Fire.

Matt Buchan:

Prior to joining World Vision 12 months ago Matt was on the executive team at C3 Church Auckland and remains part of the community and leadership there. Matt has a passion to see Christians play a leading role in the space of poverty alleviation and development globally and is excited to use his gifts to tell the story of World Vision's important mahi.

Ben Carswell

Ben is National Director of Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship. Born in the village Samuel Marsden came from, Ben has lived in New Zealand since 2008. He is committed to Biblical outreach, discipleship, and servant leadership.

Dale Campbell

Married to Di Campbell, Dale is Prayer Leader at Auckland Church Network. He did his Master's Thesis on Worship through Carey Baptist, and has pastoral experience and enjoyed helping coordinate the Justice Conference for Tearfund.

Hyeun Seung (Daniel) Cho

Daniel is operations director for a charity called Reconnect and a civil engineer during the day. His passion is in running projects for our communities' Hauora (wellbeing).

Chris Clarke

Chris is CEO Wilberforce Foundation, and Chairs Te Whakaora Tangata, The Emergency Alliance and Arrow Leadership Global.

Phil Coates

Phil is a Baptist pastor, who has been pastoring the Gateway Baptist Church in Miramar for the last 20 years. He is passionate about unity of the Body of Christ as a demonstration of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

Ps Jonathan Dove

Jonathan (or JD) is Senior Pastor of Gracecity Church, has been married to Robyn for 25+ years, with four beautiful children. He is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master of Theology degree. He is also chair of Auckland Church Network.

Dr Malcolm Falloon

Malcolm is an ordained minister with the Church of Confessing Anglicans and is currently pastoring the Church of the Ascension, a new church-plant meeting in Hillsborough, Auckland. In 2020 he completed a PhD from Otago on the nineteenth century conversion of Māori to Christianity.

Hamish Galloway

Hamish is currently the Moderator of the PCANZ. He lives in Christchurch with his wife Anne. Over the years he has ministered in a variety of parish and chaplaincy settings. He is presently based at Cashmere Presbyterian Church. Hamish has a passion for his moderator theme, Empowering Generations.

Phil Guyan

Phil has been the CEO of Christian Broadcasting Association since it was re-founded in 1995. For 28 years, he has developed radio programmes that have been broadcast on NZ's top-rating networks, and podcasts that have made it to the top of the charts. Many of these programmes and podcasts have won awards nationally and internationally.

Bradford Haami

Brad is Ngāti Awa and lives in Whakatāne. It was a conversation in 1997 with New Zealand evangelist Rob Wheeler that led Bradford to follow Jesus. He is the current chair of Te Rūnanga o te Wānanga Amorangi - The Māori Council for Laidlaw College in Auckland, and sits on the national governing council for the college. As the Pou Amorangi (Māori Director) for Laidlaw College he lectures in biculturalism and indigenous theology. He has led a reconciliation movement with UK intercessor David Tidy of Prayer Warriors International to all the battlefields of New Zealand where British and Māori conflicts occurred. He has been involved in prayer and intercession movements since 2012. He is a founding member of a Māori Leaders Forum Te Oko Hou (The Council of the New Bowl) and is a member of Te Ia O Te Wairua (The Flow of the Spirit) with kaiwāwao-Māori intercessors from a number of tribal regions. He is also part of a wānanga (teaching school) Pou Muramura lecturing in Māori and Christianity on various marae. In recent years he has been involved with a number of faith based organisations to look at the convergence of governance, the Gospel and the Treaty of Waitangi.

Tim Hodge

Tim works part time with TSCF student mission and with CCCNZ across Te Waipounamu, and is an elder in his church.

Josh Irving

Josh leads the TSCF team in Auckland. He loves encouraging students to live and speak for Jesus, and to worship Him with their whole lives.

Stephanie Johnston

Stephanie is the CEO for Barnabas Aid New Zealand (Barnabas Fund NZ). In addition to leading the operational side of the work of BANZ and what they are doing with the persecuted church globally, she also heads up the humanitarian aid arm of Barnabas Aid called Food.Gives. Barnabas Aid is a Christian charity that aims to support Christian communities and churches around the world that face persecution and

discrimination because of their faith. It provides material and spiritual assistance to strengthen Christians in need, and also seeks to encourage prayer and raise awareness about the plight of the persecuted Church.

Dong-Bin Kim

Outreach Pastor at Upper City Community (City Outreach Mission from PCANZ). Graduated from Chong-Shin Presbyterian University in Korea (B.Th.), Chong-Shin Presbyterian Seminary (M.Div.), and from Coramdeo Presbyterian Seminary in Oceanian General Assembly (M.Div.).

Rev Atunaisa Drokanawai Lagi

Atu is Senior Pastor of The Stream Community Church. He is also Assistant National Superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Aotearoa NZ, Regional Secretary for the World Methodist Evangelism in South Pacific Media chaplain employed by Christian Broadcasting Association (CBA). He is very involved in the wider Pacific community.

Rev Dr Stuart Lange

Stuart is the National Director of the New Zealand Christian Network. He is also a Presbyterian minister, a church historian, and a Senior Research Fellow at Laidlaw College where he has lectured in the history of Christianity for many years. His major book is *A Rising Tide: Evangelical Christianity in New Zealand, 1930-65* (Otago University Press, 2013). He is also the writer and presenter of the historical video documentary [Te Rongopai: 200 years of the Gospel in New Zealand, 1814-2014](#), which is distributed by NZCN and available in both digital and DVD form. He is married to Rose, and has four sons and eight young grandsons.

Ben Mai

Ben is the Manager of Auckland Church Network, a city-wide network of churches and not-for-profits working together for the flourishing of Tāmaki Makaurau He & his wife Aimee were formerly with CAP, and have the delight of parenting twins.

Steve Maina

Originally from Kenya, Steve Maina has served as a pastor and mission mobiliser and is now Bishop of the Nelson Anglican Diocese. Steve is very committed to forming leaders who have confidence in the power of the gospel to change lives. He and his wife Watiri have two daughters.

Mark Maney

Mark has been passionate about sharing the Gospel since he became a Christian 22 years ago. He believes that being like Jesus means knowing, loving, and living the truth. Engaging in the marketplace of ideas is a key part of discerning truth in our

world, and sharing the Gospel can be a beautiful pathway through that marketplace. Mark is originally from Canada. He has written for NZCN and has been involved with Thinking Matters as a speaker. He has served various ministerial and youth roles in New Zealand, including at Auckland Chinese Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Mt Maunganui, and is currently serving as Associate Minister at Massey Presbyterian, Auckland.

Dave Mann

With a background of study at Laidlaw, community ministry and as a pastor, Dave returned to New Zealand late 2010 with a vision to innovate in the area of outreach, identifying and filling national gaps. Most well-known for the Hope Project, the Shining Lights Trust now has a couple of dozen initiatives in play, with an array of associated creative resources in support of these, including radio pieces, pulpit and small group/youth group resources, equipping videos, books, websites, social engagement, and children's stories. He and his wife Heather have four boys and reside in Tauranga.

Dr Jay Mātenga

Jay is Director of Missions Interlink, the missionary alliance of Aotearoa New Zealand, from which he is seconded for half his time to the World Evangelical Alliance where he leads the Global Witness Dept. and its Mission Commission.

Dan Mazengarb

Dan is CEO at Christian Savings, and is a commercial lawyer. He and Christian Savings are passionate about partnering with churches and charities around Aotearoa. Dan attends Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Dr Christa L. McKirland

Christa has a PhD from the University of St. Andrews and is a lecturer in systematic theology at Carey Baptist College in Auckland, New Zealand. She is the founder and executive director of Logia International, which seeks to support women across the divinity disciplines for the sake of the academy and the church.

Kate McClelland

Kate works with TSCF, based at Lincoln University. Kate is eager to see students and people around her come to know Jesus.

Steven Moe

Steven is a partner at Parry Field Lawyers providing advice to for purpose organisations. He hosts a podcast on governance, leadership and entrepreneurship called "Seeds" and is the host of "Board Matters" podcast on governance for the IoD.

Professor Paul Moon

Paul is Professor of History at Auckland University of Technology, holds a PhD and D. Litt., is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society at University College, London, and his books on New Zealand history have been published by many major international publishers.

Raj Narayanan

Raj is National Director of Evangelism Explosion Ministries, an international organisation that trains and equips local church to share the gospel. Raj, an ex-Hindu had radical encounter with Jesus, his life transformed and now he serves Jesus, sharing the gospel and equipping others to share their faith.

Grant Norsworthy

Grammy-nominated, Dove Award winning producer of “The Blessing | Aotearoa/NZ” Grant Norsworthy (More Than Music Mentor).

Justin O'Malley

Justin is National Director for Cru South Pacific and Tandem Ministries New Zealand. Tandem's mission is "Making Disciples Everywhere" through Evangelism and Discipleship. Tandem has strategic teams working with University students, elite athletes, families, churches, the military, digital outreach online and with the Jesus Film project.

Alex Penk

Alex is the CEO of Ethos, a new organisation advocating for religious freedom and freedom of conscience. Through a network of expert and trusted lawyers, Ethos offers support for people facing challenges to living out their deepest beliefs.

Gayann Phillips

Gayann began working with the network as a volunteer and became General Manager of NZCN in 2017. She is passionate about facilitating communication through different forms of media to help bring people together. Her favourite projects include formatting the bilingual Gospel Bicentenary Statement, leading Pray As One NZ, developing Prayer Breakfasts, formatting websites and documents, and being part of *The Blessing Aotearoa/NZ*.

Dr Alistair Reese

Alistair Reese is a farmer, historian and public theologian, of European descent who lives with his wife Jeannie [Canadian/ Lebanese/Mi'kmaq] on their Bay of Plenty, New Zealand orchard in the district of Tapuika. He has postgraduate degrees in Theology, History and Tikanga Māori. Alistair is a Research Affiliate at the University of Otago and his research and speaking interests centre on a theological interpretation of New Zealand colonial history with particular regard to post-colonial identity and reconciliation.

Te Karere Scarborough

After 15 years within the community wellbeing space, Te Karere has moved into the education sector, and is now the Co-Principal of Aotearoa's first faith-based Māori language school: Te Wānanga Ihorangi.

Andy Shuddall

Auckland-based, British-born, just clocked 30 years in Christian ministry as a Baptist pastor. 18 years a kiwi. Married to one wife, Dad to three kids. Eats chocolate and gelato with abandon. Loves Jesus most of all.

Sophia Sinclair

Sophia is a communications specialist working with Christian non-profits. She loves to apply her expertise in theology, journalism, writing, and the performing arts to different contexts—including her local church and her work with CCCNZ (Christian Community Churches NZ).

Maryanne Spurdle

Maryanne has a background in communications and works as a researcher for the Maxim Institute. She lives in Mangere Bridge, with her husband, and they are part of Mangere Baptist Church.

Moeapulu Frances Tagaloa

Frances is Chief of Staff in Global Operations for Campus Crusade for Christ. Frances and her husband Timo started Athletes in Action in New Zealand in 1993. Frances went on to become Chief Operations Officer for Tandem Ministries, New Zealand. In 2021 Frances gave evidence of abuse at the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care. Frances has continued to advocate for survivors through the Royal Commission Survivor Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE), the Crown Response Unit's Advisory Group and the Survivors Experience Service.

Ronji Tanielu

Talofa! I'm Ronji Tanielu, born in Samoa, raised in Mangere, South Auckland. Served with my wife Bena as tentmaker missionaries in 30+ countries; involved with Fresh Truth Ministries, an online gospel & apologetics ministry; engaged in street preaching and public evangelism.

Ps Sam Tolley

Sam loves the Church of NZ and extremely passionate about seeing each local church impact the communities they have been called to. Over the last 20 years he has been involved in almost every part of Church Unlimited and is currently responsible for the growth and development of the campuses of Church Unlimited.

Prof. Paul Trebilco

Paul is Head of the Theology Programme and Professor of New Testament Studies at the University of Otago. He is the author of a number of books, including *The early Christians in Ephesus from Paul to Ignatius* and *Self-designations and Group Identity in the New Testament*.

Dr Geoff Troughton

Geoff Troughton is an Associate Professor in Religious Studies at Victoria University of Wellington. His work focuses on New Zealand, the history of modern Christianity, and contemporary religious change.

Dr John Tucker

John is Principal of Carey Baptist College, where he teaches Christian history, preaching and pastoral leadership. He has worked as a lawyer, a pastor, and Director of Ministry Training at Carey, a college devoted to the formation of leaders for ministry and mission.

Rev Dr Clint Ussher

Clint serves in two capacities – as the founding and lead pastor of The Well Church, a Wesleyan Methodist Church in Ōtautahi Christchurch, and also as the Director of Laidlaw's Centre for Church Leadership. More importantly, Clint is husband to Jamie (for 21 years) and dad to two teenage daughters.

Andrew Urquhart

Andrew has been involved in Christian Broadcasting for the last three decades, he has probably interviewed most of you, and if he hasn't he would like to. In his spare time he studies theology at Laidlaw. He wears many hats, but his favourite title is "Grandad".

Alan Vink

Alan has been a pastor for 25 years, National Director of Willow Creek Association, and National Director of LeadershipWorx.

John Watson

John is founder/director of Good Mahi: A mar-comms and PR Consultancy working to increase the influence and impact of organisations contributing to the common good. John has experience across commercial, public and NGO sectors, holds a Bachelor of Communications and is expecting to kick off a Master of Arts, Leadership, Theology and Society at Regent College next year.

Rev. Dr Maja Whitaker

Maja is a lecturer in Practical Theology at Laidlaw College, based at the Christchurch campus, and a pastor in the Equippers network of churches. Her research and teaching interests include reflective practice, embodiment, disability, and spiritual formation in contemporary cultural contexts.

Dr Paul Windsor

Programme Director of Langham Preaching, a ministry that nurtures movements of biblical preaching across the majority world. Prior to this role he spent twenty years in theological education in NZ, including being principal of Carey Baptist College.

Tim Wilson

Before becoming Executive Director of Maxim, Tim was an award-winning journalist working in print, radio and television. His work has appeared in The New York Times, The Guardian and Newsweek.com. He was TVNZ's first US Correspondent and has been a business development manager and an English teacher. Tim has written three novels, one of which—*Their Faces Were Shining*—was a finalist in the New Zealand Post Book Awards.

Jeremy Yoon

Jeremy is a Korea-born Kiwi, with a big evangelical heart. As a missionary, he travels between Korea and NZ working with young people, particularly through surfing and music.