

ELECTIVES/WORKSHOPS/FORUMS

<p>WED</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Reaching Gen Z</p> <p>Born in the Screen Age, Gen Z are today's 9 to 24 year-olds, the so-called "selfie generation". They've also been dubbed the "open generation". Come and hear their voices, their anxieties and their ambitions, and consider how Christian leaders might encourage these young people to find their unique part in God's big story.</p>	<p>Kate McClelland works with TSCF, based at Lincoln University. Kate is passionate to see students and people around her come to know Jesus.</p> <p>Josh Irving leads the TSCF team in Auckland. He loves encouraging students to live and speak for Jesus, and to worship Him with their whole lives.</p>
<p>WED</p> <p>2</p>	<p>A Ramp is a Welcome Mat: Reflecting on disability inclusion in the church</p>	<p>Elizabeth Viljoen of the Christian Blind Mission New Zealand</p> <p>Kirsty Armitage of Elevate</p>
<p>WED</p> <p>3</p>	<p>The Treaty: Christian roots and recent interpretations</p> <p>This elective will explore claims that the Treaty of Waitangi is a sacred document, drawing on a variety of approaches to investigate that.</p>	<p>Paul Moon 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.</p>
<p>WED</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Intercultural Aotearoa: What is God doing and how can we participate in it?</p> <p>The population of Aotearoa NZ is increasingly diverse. We'll consider how the Bible can resource our churches for intercultural life and witness and discuss practical challenges and responses.</p>	<p>Dr George Wieland is a Research Fellow at Carey Baptist College...</p> <p>Shireen Chua is a Malaysian-born Chinese Kiwi. She works for OMF, is the director of Third Culture Solutions, is completing a PhD, speaks, teaches and helps organisations facilitate belonging.</p>

<p>WED</p> <p>5</p>	<p>What every church leader urgently needs to know about sexuality education in schools</p> <p>The Relationships and Sexuality Education curriculum was revamped by the Ministry of Education in 2020 and now delivers highly sexualised and extreme gender ideology content to children as young as 5-6 years old. Bob will show you some of the content of this curriculum (this may shock you) and explain strategies for how you can effectively work with concerned parents, school leaders and Boards of Trustees to protect children from such harmful content.</p>	<p>Bob McCoskrie is the founder and Chief Executive of Family First. He has previously taught accounting and commercial law and tax law at Manukau Polytechnic, been Director of YFC South Auckland, has worked among at-risk youth and families, and was a host on Rhema and Shine.</p>
<p>WED</p> <p>6</p>	<p>The leadership crisis in the Church and ministry training</p> <p>Across many of our denominations and networks, the NZ Church is facing a crisis of church leadership and equipping. The increasingly complex demands of the role, the large number of older ministers and pastors approaching retirement, public perceptions of Christian leaders, and barriers to discernment and study are contributing to a perfect storm. Leadership succession (from ordained ministers to lay volunteers) is a major challenge facing many congregations in the coming years. Come to engage in the conversation about what is and what should be done to ensure that the Church in Aotearoa continues to be served by well-prepared, Gospel-shaped ministers.</p>	<p>Prof Paul Trebilco, University of Otago</p> <p>Dr John Tucker, Carey College</p> <p>Dr Roshan Allpress, Laidlaw College</p>
<p>WED</p> <p>7</p>	<p>The Conversion Practices Prohibition Legislation and its implications for Preaching, Prayer and Pastoral Care</p> <p>Description: Understanding the parameters of the Conversion Practices Prohibition Legislation and its implications for churches and pastors.</p>	<p>Kris Morrison is a lawyer and the board chair at Parry Field Lawyers, Christchurch. He acts for churches, not for profits, charities and for purpose businesses, assisting with property matters, drafting of constitutions, trust deeds, operational rules, incorporation, charitable registration and schedule 32 applications. He also represents a number of schools, has particular expertise in the framework governing State-integrated schools in New Zealand. He often advises on compliance with human rights laws.</p>

<p>WED</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Workshop: Crisis Communications Preparedness</p> <p>Christian ministries can expect public scrutiny to continue in the years ahead, which can both cause and exacerbate reputational issues and crises. Join John Watson (Founder/Director of Good Mahi) to become crisis-comms prepared so you can mitigate reputation damage—or even improve your reputation—with key stakeholders and remain on mission.</p>	<p>John Watson 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.</p>
<p>WED</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Activating volunteers in a new era</p> <p>Many churches are struggling to fulfil paid positions let alone volunteer ones. Rebuilding volunteer teams when what worked before isn't working now. Gain insights into understanding culture and navigating the challenges in the changing landscape of volunteerism.</p>	<p>Margaret Spicer</p>
<p>WED</p> <p>10</p>	<p>The Mark Drama: What is it and how can I be involved?</p> <p>The Mark Drama is the whole of Mark's gospel acted out by a volunteer cast of 15, theatre-in-the-round, with no props, no costumes, no mics and no lights. It's primarily about the gospel, not acting. In this elective we get practical and answer the questions of what, where, when, how and, most importantly, why the Mark Drama is an amazing experience for Christians <i>and</i> wonderful for those investigating Jesus, and how you can be helped to put on a production in your context.</p>	<p>Tim Hodge works part time with TSCF student mission and with CCCNZ across Te Waipounamu, and is an elder in his church.</p> <p>Claire Bresler is passionate to see the gospel shared. She's delighted to co-ordinate and direct The Mark Drama across Aotearoa New Zealand. She also serves with Rutland Street Church in Christchurch.</p> <p>https://www.themarkdrama.nz/</p>

<p>THURS</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Taking care of God’s creation</p> <p>From start to finish, the biblical story has creation as a central feature. We can look back to the first garden, where the created order is declared ‘good’ and humans are placed in it as care-takers, and look forwards eschatologically to the ultimate renewal of new creation out of the old. If this is such a basic premise, then why is it so difficult to move Christian communities towards helpful discourse and positive action? In this elective we will explore stories and strategies to promote biblically-motivated care of creation.</p>	<p>Rev. Dr Maja Whitaker 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.</p>
<p>THURS</p> <p>2</p>	<p>What’s the difference between a terrorist and a “worship leader”?</p> <p>Essential information for pastors and other church leaders about how to lead, guide and get on the same page with their terrorists singers, instrumentalists and technicians.</p>	<p>Grant Norsworthy:</p> <p>Grammy-nominated, Dove Award winning producer of “The Blessing Aotearoa/NZ” Grant Norsworthy (More Than Music Mentor).</p>
<p>THURS</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Christian service and leadership across every sphere of Society</p> <p>In Scripture, we are called to participate in God’s new creation and work alongside Him to redeem and renew His world. God’s people are urged to ‘seek the welfare of the city’ where we live. Christians are therefore called to serve in every sphere of society, faithfully and well, blessing and renewing our society. In Aotearoa New Zealand, we need more leaders in business, the arts, politics, law, education, academia, medicine, media, science and technology – to name just a few areas – who are leading out of a deeply integrated faith. This panel discussion will address the questions: what limits the growth of such Christian leaders, and how can we see Christians at the forefront of renewal in every sphere.</p>	<p>Dr Roshan Allpress, Laidlaw College</p> <p>Prof Paul Trebilco, University of Otago</p> <p>Dr John Tucker, Carey College</p> <p>And others</p>

<p>THURS</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Assisted Dying and the better alternative, Dying Well</p> <p>An update on Assisted Dying in Aotearoa New Zealand, what we can do about the law and to mitigate the reasons people choose it, plus new initiatives to bring living hope into the life-limiting illness journey to support people to “die well.”</p>	<p>Rev Heather Major is a minister and hospital chaplain whose story featured in the DefendNZ campaign.</p> <p>Caralise Trayes is the author of the <i>The Final Choice: End of Life Suffering, Is Assisted Dying the answer?</i> (copies available at Congress)</p> <p>Mike Porteous is the Chair of Hub of Hope.</p>
<p>THURS</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Help for NZ pastors on ministering to migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers</p> <p>Former missionaries returned to Aotearoa New Zealand freely offer their cross-cultural experience and intercultural expertise to help local church leaders to effectively minister cross-culturally to migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.</p>	<p>A Missions Interlink Member Collaboration led by Joseph Bateson (WEC International) with OMF, SIM, & NZCMS</p>
<p>THURS</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Building a culture of conversational outreach in the New Zealand Church</p> <p>Our best outreaching strategy is the mobilisation of our members - and it is our leadership habits that build culture - not our programmes that come and go. How could we help God’s people right across our nation engage more confidently and winsomely in everyday spiritual conversations in their workplaces, schools and communities? A simple approach will be presented that’s possible for any local church or group of churches.</p>	<p>Dave Mann has 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 and social engagement - and children’s stories. Married to Heather, they have four boys and reside in Tauranga.</p>

<p>THURS</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Navigating into the Digital Unknown</p> <p>In the past decades as digital technology has radically changed so many aspects of our world, communities and lives, churches and Christian charities have had to find their own way through the often confusing and fast-changing digital landscape. Many leaders have felt under-equipped for the challenges that this “digital disruption” has brought. Drawing from the thesis “The Digital Pilgrims’ Progress: How Christian Charities Navigate Digitalisation”, this elective highlights principles that mark those charities that are experiencing success as they encounter these challenges.</p>	<p>Karl Udy is Cru's Digital Strategies Regional Leader for North America and Oceania. He has served with Tandem Ministries (known as Cru internationally) for over 25 years in New Zealand, Hong Kong and the United States. He is passionate about understanding trends and patterns, communicating the gospel in culturally relevant ways, and harnessing creativity and talent for God’s work. He is married to Amy, and has three grown children.</p>
<p>THURS</p> <p>8</p>	<p>How can Muslims encounter the Living Christ in Aotearoa?</p> <p>The Holy Spirit has been doing significant things in the last decade across Aotearoa to help Muslims see the Love of Christ in action in our nation. The Gospel of hope is appealing to many who have seen their hopes shattered. The healing touch of Christ is available to meet the hurt of the trauma of dislocation, loss and rejection. Let’s explore these new horizons together.</p>	<p>Bryan Johnson, known as Bapak Pengajar Rohani by Indonesians and Malaysians, is a Bible teacher, evangelist, writer and missionary, and a friend of many Islamic leaders and communities in Aotearoa.</p> <p>He has been a key leader in Our Neighbour Movement (www.ourneighbours.co.nz), Friends of Friends Fellowships, and The Asia Pacific Discipleship Trust (www.asiapacificdt.org.nz). He has been long involved in assisting asylum seekers arriving in NZ. His booklet 'Answers to New Christians Questions' has been published in numerous languages.</p>
<p>Thurs</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Haunted by the Zeitgeist: Christians speaking into a secular culture</p> <p>Religion is in decline, and Christians now make up less than half of New Zealand's population. So how does this shape the way we talk about our faith?</p> <p>How do we have conversations about Jesus with an increasingly secular nation, in a way that really connects with their own experience and doesn't just put them off?</p> <p>The CBA team leads this discussion about effective Christian communication, drawing from decades of</p>	<p>Phil Guyan 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.</p> <p>Reverend Frank Ritchie is a local church minister in Hamilton, chaplain</p>

	<p>experience sharing the heart of the faith in mainstream media.</p>	<p>to people who work in the media, and Elsxa radio announcer with Newstalk ZB. Frank has extensive experience in navigating the space between our wider secular world and the faith environment.</p> <p>Elesha Gordon is General Manager of Media Chaplaincy NZ. As a former journalist, she has worked for a variety of publications including the Stuff, Sunday Star Times, the NZ Herald and Neighbourly. Elesha is passionate about advocating for the sustainability and the overall wellbeing of those working in media.</p> <p>Matt Burrows is the Managing Editor of xvox, an initiative that seeks to deepen news coverage of matters of faith and religion. He's a former journalist who previously worked at Newshub as a feature writer, sub-editor and homepage editor. Matt has a strong news sense and a drive to see people of faith well-represented in media.</p>
<p>THURS 10</p>	<p>The church and justice: responding to exploitation and human trafficking in NZ</p> <p>The Global Slavery Index estimates more than 8000 people in Aotearoa are in situations of slavery, trafficked into situations of forced labour and sexual exploitation. What can we, the church, do in response? This elective will examine the role of justice as a core part of discipleship, and provide practical ways for the church to respond to exploitation, trafficking and injustice in our communities and nation.</p>	<p>Sarah Scott-Webb has 18 years' experience working in anti-trafficking and is based in Christchurch. She is the Director of the Oceania Freedom Network and co-leader (and founder) of SIM's global anti-trafficking ministry <i>For Freedom</i>. She also serves as the World Evangelical Alliance Mission Commission's anti-trafficking specialist and is on the leadership team of the World Freedom Network. Last year she was actively involved in the European Freedom Network's anti-trafficking response to the Ukraine war. Sarah has a Post Grad Diploma in Applied Theology and a Masters in International Relations.</p>