



**Kia ora tātou,**

### **Churches: public scrutiny, or self-scrutiny?**

Many of us will have noticed a recent spate of media pieces critiquing some of our large churches, with a particular focus on some personal grievances about internships. Those churches will no doubt be addressing those concerns, and the church primarily in view has acted wisely in setting up an independent review.

Negative public scrutiny of churches raises the much broader question of how robust churches generally are in reviewing themselves. The reality is, it is helpful for all churches – regardless of their size, model, flavour or tradition – to reflect honestly on their own values, emphases, practices and traditions.

As followers of Christ, we all know that we are visible witnesses to the grace and truth of Jesus, that we are the body of Christ, that we are called to the highest spiritual and ethical standards, and that we are answerable to the Lord.

There is so much about most churches that is wonderful. But no church has all the answers, and no church ever gets everything right. We always need to remember that churches are also human organisations – full of imperfect people, and susceptible to blind spots and failures.

As organisations in society, churches are subject to the laws of the land, just like other organisations. We are legally obligated to have everything in good order, and should always strive to follow best practice.

No church – small, large, or in-between – is exempt from public scrutiny and critique. While secular society generally recognises that churches do much

good, it has little tolerance for churches' perceived shortcomings or ethical lapses.

Arguably, society is increasingly holding churches to account. Perhaps in some respects that is a good thing. But perhaps it is an even better thing when all our churches critically reflect on ourselves, humbly review our assumptions and practices, and make God-honouring changes.

**Mā te Atua koutou e tiaki e manaaki i ngā wa katoa,**  
*May the Lord bless and keep you at all times,*



**Dr Stuart Lange**  
National Director



**Gayann Phillips**  
General Manager

and the NZCN team



Encourage believers to share the  
Gospel in May

**GO TRAIN with 6 Kiwi evangelists: 2–5pm Saturday 30 April**  
[Register for this free online course now!](#)

May 1 – GO PRAY

MAY 9 - DAY OF THE BIBLE

MAY 22 - GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER OF WITNESSING

MAY 28 - GO DAY (GLOBAL OUTREACH DAY)

MAY 29 - GLOBAL CELEBRATION + CHURCH PLANTING DAY

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## ANZAC DAY

We have a double session coming up this Monday. At 8pm, Luke Collis from Unashamed will join us on Pray As One NZ for our monthly Next Gen focus, which we will be finishing a little earlier than usual so we can partner with the Aussies in their meeting at 9pm to pray as spiritual ANZACs

8-9pm - Next Gen

9pm - with Australia

# ANZAC Day 2022 Prayer

GATE-2pray is teaming up with  
Canberra Declaration, Jesus for NZ and  
Pray As One NZ (PAONZ) to invite you to

## ANZAC DAY PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Zoom meeting on

Monday, 25th Apr 2022

2.5 hours starting at

WA 5:00 PM

SA/NT 6:30 PM

NSW 7:00 PM

NZ 9:00 PM

Calling Spiritual ANZACs to rise up in revival



THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE WHOLE BODY OF CHRIST.

[www.canberradeclaration.org.au](http://www.canberradeclaration.org.au)

[www.ekklesia21c.com/gate2pray](http://www.ekklesia21c.com/gate2pray)

[www.prayasone.nz](http://www.prayasone.nz) | [www.jesusfornz.org](http://www.jesusfornz.org)



Meeting ID: 776 881 184

<https://zoom.us/j/776881184>

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## **CAP works with local churches to release New Zealanders from debt and poverty – into lives of fullness and freedom**

Living with unmanageable debt feels like being caught in a fast-flowing river. Families in poverty share that before coming to CAP they had the sense that they were drowning. They swim bravely... but are soon exhausted, isolated, losing hope of rescue.

**Together with the church, CAP prevents New Zealanders being swept away**



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# Employment Opportunities

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**\*Denotes a new listing\***



## Christians against Poverty New Zealand

Penrose, Auckland

**\*Executive Assistant to Services Director\***

*part-time*

**\*Budget Solutions Advisor\*** - *full-time*

**\*Administrator\*** - *full-time*

**\*Information Technology Manager\*** - *full-time*



## Hillcrest Chapel

Hamilton

**\*Pastor of Hillcrest Chapel\*** - *full-time*



## Sanitarium Health Food Company

Royal Oak, Auckland

**\*Public Relations & Internal Communications Manager\*** - *full-time*

**\*Store Person\*** - 6 months fixed term  
*part-time / full-time*



## Christian Community Churches of New Zealand

Palmerston North

**\*Pastorlink Enabler\*** - *part-time to full-time*

**National Administrator** - *full-time*

**Executive Assistant** - *32 hrs/wk*



## Baptist Churches of New Zealand

Penrose, Auckland

**\*HR Advisor\*** - *part-time*

**Office Administrator** - *32 hrs/wk*

**Comms Advisor** - *20-40 hrs/wk*



### **Laidlaw College**

Henderson, Auckland

#### **Counselling Lecturer**

*full-time / part-time*



### **Palmerston North Central Baptist Church**

Palmerston North

#### **Children and Families Pastor** - *part-time*



### **Rānui Baptist Community Care**

West Auckland

#### **Housing Navigator** - *full-time*



### **Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship**

#### **Finance assistant** - *part-time*

Wellington

#### **Staff Workers** - *full-time / part-time*

Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and across the nation

#### **Communications Manager** - *full-time / part-time*

Wellington preferred, other locations considered



### **MiCamp**

#### **Camp Grounds/Maintenance** - *full-time*

MiCamp Taupo

#### **Lead Activity Instructor/camp worker** - *full-time*

MiCamp Taupo

#### **Grounds/Maintenance & Instructor** - *full-time*

MiCamp Whakamaru

#### **Camp Chef/Cook** - *full-time*

MiCamp Taupo

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MiCamp kids camps are a highlight for so many children during their school holidays. During a week of holiday camp the kids get to partake in

interactive chapel times, fun all-in wide games,  
exciting activities and eat the most delicious food.

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## Help spread the news...

New Zealand society is in a period of significant change, much of it away from the Christian faith and values. Christian voices in society are either ignored or scorned.

We need Christian voices which are positive, sensible, reasoned, well-informed, and clear.

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## NZ Christian Network

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