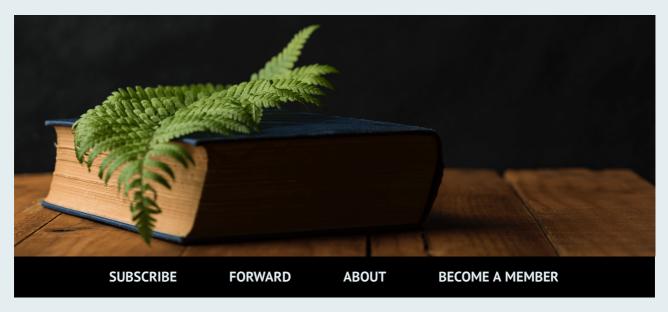


NZCN News

22 April 2022



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 <u>all</u> 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

Sayan 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 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

Learn more about Global Outreach Movement 2022











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

ANZACIDAY

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND Zoom meeting on

Monday, 25th Apr 2022

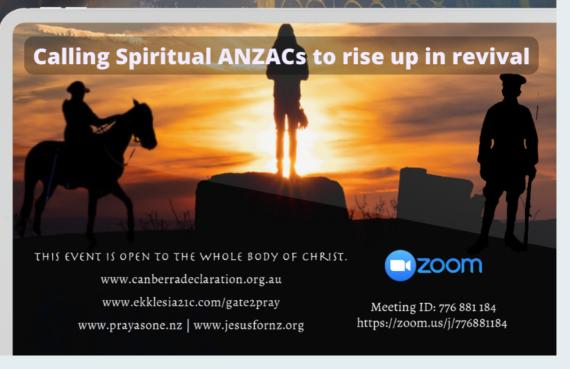
2.5 hours starting at

WA 5:00 PM

SA/NT 6:30 PM

NSW 7:00 PM

NZ 9:00 PM



Would you like to have your organisation featured in our newsletter, post employment opportunities on our job board, or list events on our calendar?

You can! These are benefits we make available to NZCN member churches and Christian organisations.

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EVENTS

NZCN featured member

Listed on our **Directory** by our Church and Christian Organisation members



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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Listing on NZCN

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

<u>Finance assistant</u> - part-time Wellington

<u>Staff Workers</u> - full-time / part-time Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and across the nation

<u>Communications Manager</u> - full-time / part-time Wellington preferred, other locations considered



MiCamp

<u>Camp Grounds/Maintenance</u> - full-time MiCamp Taupo

<u>Lead Activity Instructor/camp worker</u> - *full-time* MiCamp Taupo

<u>Grounds/Maintenance & Instructor</u> - full-time MiCamp Whakamaru

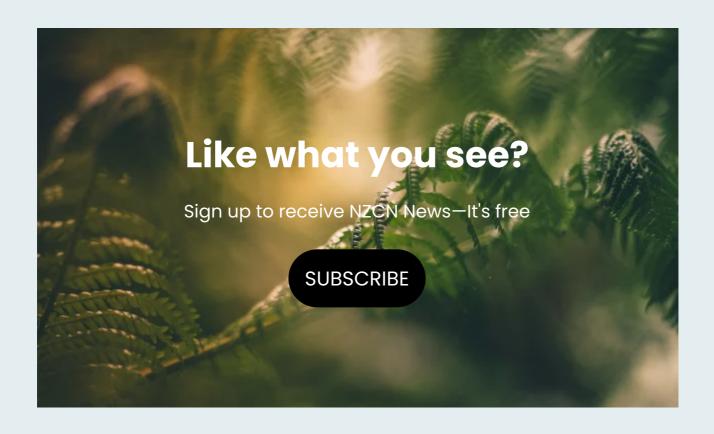
Camp Chef/Cook - full-time MiCamp Taupo

Events

Listed on our <u>Calendar</u> by our Church and Christian Organisation members



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.





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.

Forward to a friend



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