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**Kia ora tātou,**

## Working together for a greater impact on New Zealand

New Zealand society is not in great shape, spiritually or morally. Many churches are also not doing especially well. In our own way, and in our own places, we all work to help change that.

Normally, we write about other things, beyond NZCN. [New Zealand Christian Network](#), however, was set up in 2002 by a wide range of church leaders to help Christians work together, to strengthen and resource the body of Christ, and to speak constructively into New Zealand society with biblical grace and truth.

NZCN is a mainly voluntary network (our very small and highly dedicated staff team are all part-time), is remarkably cost-effective, has a respected and trusted voice, and is steadily growing.

Our free NZCN News, with short articles on issues in church and society, is greatly appreciated by many. We always aim to be biblically faithful, fair-minded, reasoned, and gracious. Our views are sometimes picked up by media, [like this](#).

We also run a weekly national on-line prayer gathering ([PrayAsOne](#)), help organise regional Prayer Breakfasts, plan to run another New Zealand Christian Leaders' Congress (in 2023), and have resources to offer (e.g. the *Te Rongopai* documentary, now available on-line [here](#)).

NZCN does not exist for itself. It exists solely as a servant ministry to New Zealand's Christians, churches, and society.

A comment from a New Zealand church leader...

“The New Zealand Christian Network provides a very important example for the Church about how to engage with one another on complex issues, and how to speak biblically, clearly, and winsomely in the public sphere. NZCN is incredibly significant for the health of the New Zealand Church and for the Church’s influence on New Zealand society.”

**To grow our ministry further, and to help significantly increase NZCN’s impact, we regularly need your help in any or all of the following...**

**1. SUBSCRIBE to NZCN News**, if you haven’t already done so. It’s free!

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**2. HELP US BUILD A MASS READERSHIP FOR NZCN NEWS**, by forwarding NZCN to others (friends, family members, people in our church), warmly encouraging them to subscribe. Tell them we have brief, sensible, helpful articles on all sorts of issues affecting church and society – and mention that that NZCN New is free. Christians in New Zealand are constantly exposed to secular and social media, and are often very appreciative when they come across the succinct biblically faithful perspectives in NZCN News. It always disappoints us when we come across Christians who do not receive NZCN News, but who would benefit from it. (For some recent articles, see [here](#)).

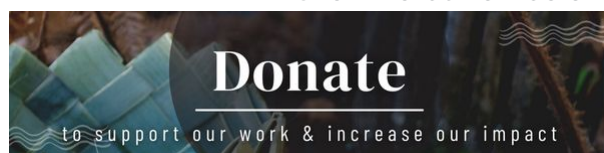
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**3. DONATE**

Christian charitable giving in New Zealand is very considerable, and supports so many great causes. Please consider adding NZCN into the mix of who you financially support, either one-off or on a regular basis, so that we may carefully increase our small staff team and significantly magnify our impact. There is so much we could do if we had greater resources.

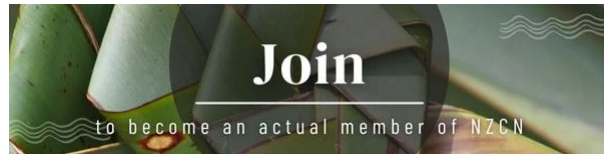
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**4. BECOME AN ACTUAL MEMBER OF NZCN**

Individuals, couples, churches, and Christian organisations may all officially join NZCN. Becoming a member carries some benefits (see [here](#)), but is primarily about making a statement that you are firmly committed to biblical Christianity and to working together with other Christians.

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**5. VOLUNTEER**, to assist us in some part of our work together, or to suggest new initiatives which you would love to be part of. Contact us [here](#).

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## **6. PRAY FOR US**

- that the NZCN may flourish and grow
- that we may speak faithfully, wisely, and well
- that we may all have a greater impact for God on New Zealand

*Click the button below*



**Mā te Atua koutou e tiaki e manaaki i ngā wa katoa**

*May the Lord bless and keep you at all times*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Stuart Lange'.

**Dr Stuart Lange**

*National Director*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Gayann Phillips'.

**Gayann Phillips**

*General Manager*

and the NZCN team

**Any stories about Christian celebrations of Matariki?**

Across the country, some celebrations of the Matariki holiday were secular. Disturbingly, some public ceremonies involved non-Christian karakia to traditional Māori deities. We are eager to hear from readers of any ceremonies (including Māori ones) which were thoroughly Christian. Email us [here](#).



## Max Palmer

We note with sadness the death of Max Palmer, a well-known Christian leader in Christchurch, and a long-term supporter and participant within the New Zealand Christian Network. Please pray for his wife and family at this time.



## Next up...



Pastor **Paul Cornish** hosts our guests from the West Coast, who will update us on their region and share their current prayer requests in this month's regional focus. Join us as we bless the West Coast!

8–9pm Monday 11 July on Zoom

Watch last week's focus...



# PAUL CORNISH



## PERSEVERING PRAYER



Pastor Paul Cornish draws from James 5 and 1 Kings 18 in his message on **Persevering Prayer** and shares some timeless words from Charles Spurgeon...

**A great downpour is ready to break on the land if...**

1. There is a growing dissatisfaction with the how things are. And an increasing anxiety amongst the church for the salvation of souls.
2. When this anxiety leads Christians into increased boldness and earnestness in prayer.
3. Pastors and church leaders begin to pray together and ask themselves, "What must we do?"
4. When we see the doctrine of the individual responsibility of each Christian fully felt and carried out with individual action.

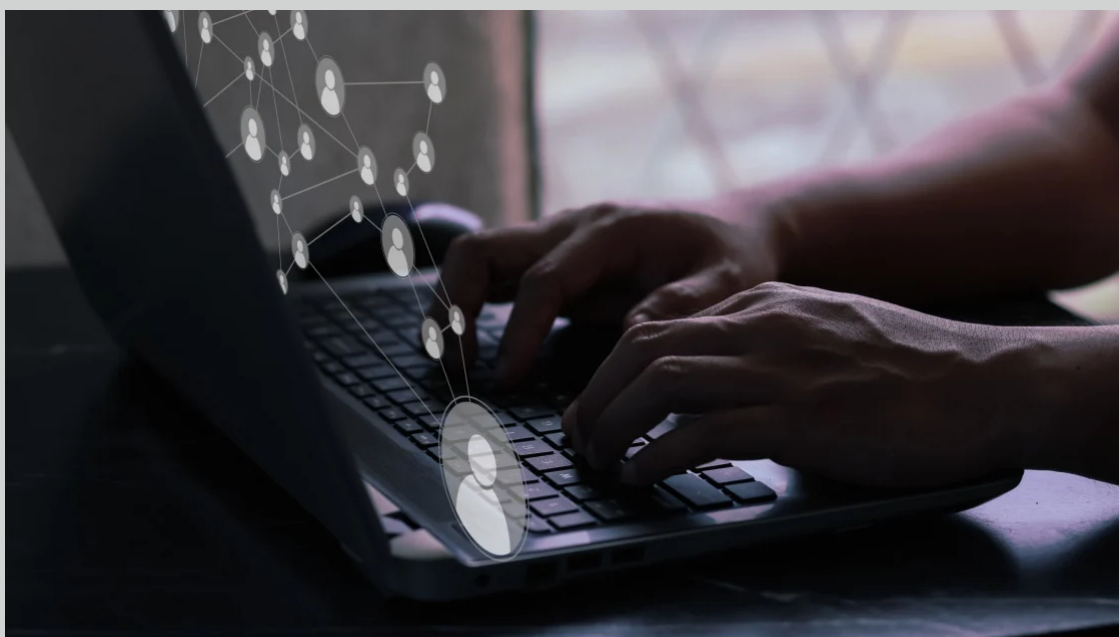
**PRAYER POINTS:**

- **Pray that God would give you** eyes to see what He sees and to fill you with compassion for the broken, the lost, the bound, and the despairing in our land.
- **Repent on behalf of our nation and of the church of our nation.** Ask him to show you where you have become indifferent and cold to the needs and eternal destiny of your friends and neighbours.
- **Pray for a fresh outpouring in our land,** a new zeal and boldness to come upon the church, and for the good news about Jesus Christ to be repeatedly shared.
- **Pray for the Holy Spirit to sweep through our land** with a fresh earnestness in prayer.
- **Pray that church leaders would begin praying together** as never before – leading to churches reaching out and serving their communities together.
- **Commit yourself afresh** to take responsibility to stir up the gifts He has given you so you may aspire to the impossible as He enables you.



Every Monday night, we run a national prayer meeting on Zoom with 70-80 participants joining from throughout the nation. Come join us!

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 Christian organisations and churches with current membership

[Click here to learn more](#)



### Directory of members

Helping to build awareness of different parachurch organisations serving the church in New Zealand and overseas.

# NZCN featured member

Listed on our [Directory](#) by our Church and Christian Organisation members



Among other things, OAC offers training for community chaplains. Keep an eye out for the next training opportunity in the upcoming events.

[Visit the website](#)

[Listing on NZCN](#)



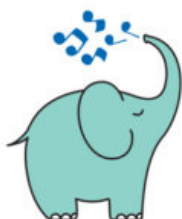
## Job Board / Situations Vacant

Connecting people for employment, internships, or voluntary roles in Christian organisations and churches. This can include looking for people to join governance boards or to fill a need for a specific skill/project.

## Employment Opportunities

Listed on our [Job Board](#) by our Church and Christian Organisation members

**\*Denotes a new or recently re-listed opportunity\***



**mainly music NZ Trust**

Auckland region

**\*Session Facilitator\*** - part-time

**Whangaparaoa Baptist Church**

Whangaparaoa, Auckland





**\*Pastor – General\*** – full/part-time



**MAXIM  
INSTITUTE**

### **Maxim Institute**

Hillsborough, Auckland

**Events and Operations Coordinator – Maternity Cover** – temporary and part-time (24 hrs/week)



### **Sanitarium Health Food Company**

full-time opportunities in Auckland unless noted

**Marketing Assistant**

Full-time 12 months fixed term

### **Territory Development Manager – Café**

- [Christchurch](#)
- [Wellington](#)

**National Category & Insights Manager**



### **Christians against Poverty New Zealand**

Penrose, Auckland

**New Projects Manager** – full-time

**Director of Operations** – full-time



### **Christian Community Churches of New Zealand**

Palmerston North

**Pastorlink Enabler** – part to full-time (2-5 days)

**National Administrator** – full-time (40 hours)

**Executive Assistant** – full-time (32 hours)



### **Elevate Christian Disability Trust**

Onehunga, Auckland

**Office Administrator** – part-time

## Event Calendar

**Numbers in brackets indicate the number of events**





**currently listed in that category until the end of the next month.** Some events have both online and in person options to attend. The map on the calendar identifies locations.

Attend online (11)

Attend in person (7)

the Arts

Camp/Hikoi

Community (1)

Denominational

Equip (5)

Fundraising

Outreach

Prayer (10)

## Events

Listed on our [Calendar](#) by our Church and Christian Organisation members. In chronological order with **listings added this week highlighted.**



### Community Chaplains Training

[Palmerston North](#) – 9 July,

If you're passionate about building connections and creating real change in people's lives, particularly assisting them on their spiritual journey, this may be just the opportunity you've been looking for.



### [TSCF Auckland Supporter Prayer](#)

Tuesday, 12 July, 12:15–12:45pm  
in-person AND online

*Repeats on 2nd Tuesday of every month*



### [Carey Conversation with Dr Willie Jennings on "Overcoming Racial Faith"](#)

Thursday, 14 July, 7:30–9pm  
In-person (Penrose, Auckland) AND online

We Christians have inherited a faith that has been damaged and diseased by race and racial reasoning. We need a renewed vision of what it

means to be Christian that grasps the gospel power of radical life together. This lecture will explore both the problem of racial faith and the possibilities of joining that is at the heart of the gospel



Two events with Carey as part of Flourish

### **Flourish Conference**

18-19 July (9am-4pm)

### **Flourish Dinner and Public Lecture: Autism in the Flourishing Church**

18 July (6:30pm)

Parnell, Auckland



## How often do you want to hear from us?

☐ Weekly, even if it's just notices. I like to know what's going on.

☐ Only when there is a message i.e. an editorial or article(s).

## 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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