



Kia ora tātou,

God ...and storms, earthquakes, Gen Z, and 'hate speech' law

Storms and quakes

The shocking devastation wreaked in New Zealand by the recent storms, and in Turkey and Syria by the earthquake, remind us that in this fallen world our safety can never be assumed. All human life is mortal and vulnerable, and God alone is our Rock and our eternal refuge. These were natural disasters, for sure, but there were also exacerbating elements of human culpability. These include unwise land use, and worldwide unwillingness to make the changes that could more effectively reduce climate change, and – in Turkey and Syria – the complicating factors of poverty, inadequate building standards, division, and civil war. For Christians, such events also remind us to pray for all those who have been traumatised, or mourn, or have suffered other great loss, and to love our neighbours and offer support and practical help to those who need it.

Understanding Gen Z

NZCN warmly encourages pastors, youth leaders, and young adults leaders to register for the free [The Open Generation](#) events, being held in four different centres around New Zealand. Sponsored by Alpha and World Vision, these seminars will unpack the results of Barna research on the thinking of Gen Z (ages 13–17) youth. The study explored the thinking of 25,000 teenagers across 26 countries. The aim of the study was to help ministry leaders understand how teenagers see their faith and the world, especially in relation to Jesus, the Bible, and Justice. Each event will feature **David Kinnaman** (CEO Barna group), **Dr Sam Bloore** (Venn Foundation), and **a panel of local practitioners** from each city.

[Register](#) yourself and any other leaders from your church for this free event, which will be held in Auckland, Christchurch, and Wellington.

The postponing of proposed Hate Speech amendment

NZCN was pleased to see the Government withdraw its proposed legislation on “hate speech”, an amendment to the Human Rights Act to outlaw incitements to hatred on the basis of “religion”. Almost everyone agrees that all incitements to hatred and violence are deplorable, and that the horrific attack on the Christchurch mosques was utterly inexcusable. The inclusion of “religion” as a category in the legislation was problematical, however, as NZCN pointed out in our submission. Among other things, which religions would be included, how do you define majority and minority religions, and could this inclusion inhibit proclamation or critique by anyone of any belief for fear that someone somewhere might lay a complaint that they were being hateful? NZCN suggested the matter needed to be thought through much more carefully. We also note that the matter has only been deferred, and that the Government has previously also wanted to include some other protected categories.

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

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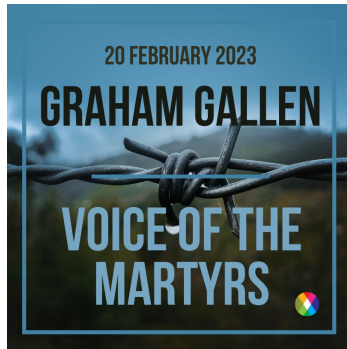
BECOME AN ACTUAL MEMBER OF NZCN

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.

Not sure if you're already a member? [Click here](#) and if you can't log onto the site, chances are you aren't currently a member. You might have a customer account to manage purchases, but members can watch Te Rongopai online.

Pray as One NZ

Under the umbrella of NZ Christian Network



When a devastating disaster such as the one that hit Turkey and Syria strikes, the scale of suffering and loss can overcome us. Believers in nations such as Eritrea continue to face serious persecution.

Graham Galland, Director, Voice of the Martyrs NZ will share with us how they are working with partners on the ground and continue to speak and act on behalf of the persecuted church who are often overlooked by hostile governing authorities. He will then lead us into a time of prayer for these, and other nations.

Join us between 8-9pm on Monday 17 Feb

Last week...

Prayer points and such are found in the video description

REGIONAL PRAYER FOCUS



Waato

13 FEBRUARY 2023





Pray As One NZ

Every Monday night, from 8-9pm, we run a national prayer meeting on Zoom with 70-80 participants joining from throughout the nation. [Come join us!](#)



Directory of members

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

Featured Member

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



Evangelism Explosion NZ

30 years transforming Aotearoa lives

Evangelism Explosion (EE) Ministry aims to train all believers to share a simple gospel message and equip them to teach other believers to be a witness for Christ.

One of the main reasons believers don't share their faith is that they are ill-prepared. Through EE ministry training, you get to learn how to use your own hand as a simple memory tool to share the Gospel. Each finger in your hand represents one key point of the Gospel.

Why not enquire about our next workshop coming into your area?



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



St Peters in the City

Tauranga, Bay of Plenty (*full-time*)

Ministry Assistant – Children, Youth & Families



MiCamp Trust

Whakamaru & Taupo (*full-time*)

Site Manager- Whakamaru

Accounts/Office – Taupo

Lead Instructor/ Activities – Taupo



Manna Christian Stores

Auckland & Invercargill

***Sales Assistant, Mt Roskill* (part-time)**

***Retail Shop Manager, Invercargill* (part-time)**

***Retail Shop Manager, Henderson* (full-time)**



Bethlehem College

Bethlehem, Tauranga (full-time)

Head of Missions and Community Partnerships



Mairangi Bay Community Church

Auckland (full-time)

Senior Pastor



Thinking Matters

Tauranga (full-time)

Events Coordinator



Christians Against Poverty New Zealand

Penrose, Auckland (all full-time positions)

Regional Manager: Tamaki Makaurau and Northland

Project Management Coach

Strategic Projects Manager

New Clients Team Leader



Christian Community Churches of New Zealand

Palmerston North

National Administrator (full-time)

Events & Promotions Manager (32-40 hrs/wk)

Executive Assistant (32 hrs/wk)



Africa Inland Mission International New Zealand

Onehunga, Auckland (part-time)

Office Manager



Elevate Christian Disability Trust

Auckland (part-time)

Finance Administrator



mainly Ministries
Auckland (*part-time*)

Solutions Sales



Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship
all flexible as part/full-time

Personal Assistant to the National Director –
Wellington

Communications Manager – flexible location

Staff Workers – Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin and
across the nation

Wellington Team Leader – Wellington

FreedomLife
Te Nikau

Cross Roads Christian Community Trust
(Te Nikau Addictions Centre)
Paraparaumu (*full-time*)

Property Maintenance / Christian Ministry



Tearfund
Auckland (*full-time*)

National Church Engagement Manager



Bethlehem Community Church
Tauranga (*full-time*)

Full Time Minister



Event Calendar

Numbers in brackets indicate the number of events currently listed in that category until the *end of November*.

Some events have both online and in person options to attend.

Events

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



How To Share Your Faith With The Youth

18 February – Auckland

Are you a Youth Leader or a Pastor who is keen to reach all youth, from 13 to 18 years old, with the gospel message and equip them to become witnesses for Christ?



How To Share Your Faith With Children

3-4 March – Auckland

Are you a Children leader or a Pastor who is keen to reach all children, from 5 to 12 years old, with the gospel message and equip them to become witnesses for Christ?

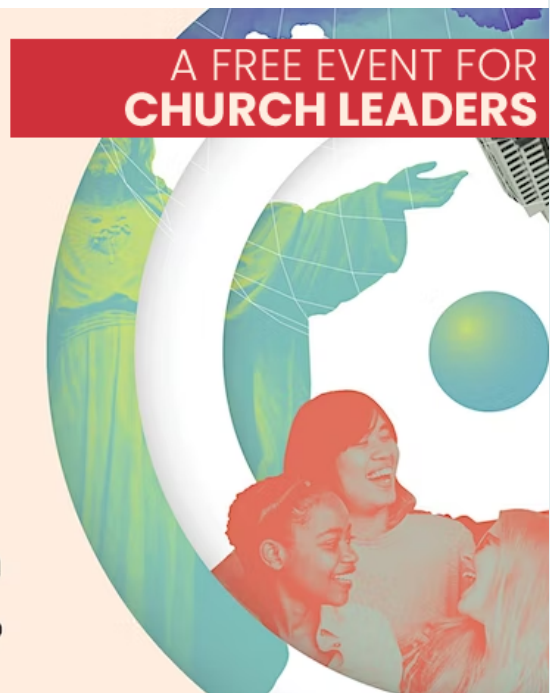


Open Generation Tour

6-10 March 2023

Auckland | Wellington | Christchurch

Featuring **David Kinnaman** CEO Barna group



An international study designed to help ministry leaders understand how teenagers see their faith and the world

David Kinnaman (CEO Barna group), **Dr Sam Bloore** (Venn Foundation), and a **panel of local practitioners** unique to each city unpack the data-driven insights from 25,000 Gen Z teenagers (ages 13-17) across 26 countries to help leaders understand how teens in our context think about three key areas: **Jesus, the Bible, and Justice.**

REGISTER NOW

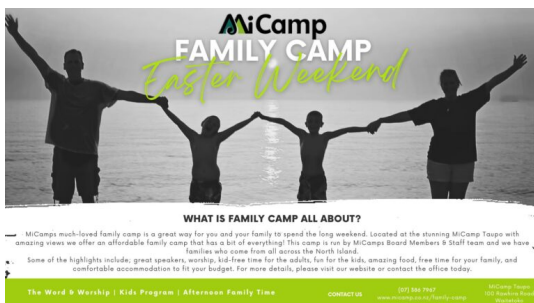
EXPLORE THE RESEARCH



[How To Share Your Faith With Other Adults](#)

18 March – Auckland

Are you a believer or church leader who is keen to share your faith with people around you but struggling to find an easy and effective approach to reach them for Christ?



[Family Camp – Easter Weekend](#)

6-10 April – MiCamp Taupo

MiCamps much loved family camp is a great way for you and your family to spend the long weekend.

We offer an affordable camp designed for all ages and stages.

National Gatherings/Huis

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[NZ Christian Leaders' Congress](#)

19-21 Sept – South Auckland

An opportunity for Christian leaders from across the country to meet and confer on some key matters affecting NZ church and society. All Christian leaders are welcome. As this will be following the heads of churches (NCLANZ) meeting, we hope most denominational leaders will be present.

[Sports Chaplains National Hui](#)

27-29 Oct – AUT Millennium, Auckland

Caring for New Zealand's sporting community.

We provide pastoral care and support to Aotearoa New Zealand's sports communities. We do this by identifying, training, appointing and guiding Sports Chaplains who are available as volunteers to serve sports communities at all levels.



A national gathering to encourage and equip of Sports Chaplains from around the country.

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

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☐ 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.

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