



Kia ora tātou,

What is wrong with New Zealand?

Well, certainly not everything. There is still so much about this country to appreciate and enjoy, including God's beautiful creation, our mix of cultures, and our traditionally down-to-earth ways. And much else.

Our country does, however, have a number of ongoing significant problems, including living costs, expensive housing, the widening disparity between the many who are financially comfortable and the others who work equally hard but constantly struggle to provide for their families, drugs, ram raids, relationship and family breakdowns, violence, poor mental health, suicides, road rage, the road toll, beleaguered health services, environmental degradation, climate change, and extreme weather events. Successive governments appear unable or unwilling to effectively address many of those problems. From a Christian and biblical perspective, these things matter, not least social justice.

There is also a deeper underlying issue in our society. As in other western societies, New Zealand is rapidly losing its previous spiritual and moral anchorage in Christian faith and ethics. For many New Zealanders, there is now little or no regard for God or biblical truth. In public discourse, secularism, neo-paganism, materialism and hedonism generally get a free ride, whereas Christian faith and biblical ethics are often scorned, shunned, or ignored. Some recent legislation such as the extreme new abortion law, euthanasia, and the very one-sided "conversion therapy" law reflect a turning away from a biblical understanding of the God-given sanctity of human life, sex, and gender.

So what do Christians want? We recognise that we are in a free and pluralistic society. What we need is the continuing freedom for Christians to continue to believe, practise, live, and express our faith, without unjust restriction or discrimination – at home, at study, at work, and in the public square (and we

want the same for everyone). For the sake of our young people, we would like to see an easing up of the relentless promotion of new identity ideologies.

We would of course be delighted to see a widespread move in society back to faith in Christ and the Bible, and a more just and ethical society. But only a great sovereign move of the Spirit of God can achieve that.

Do we want to coerce unbelievers to believe, or to compel them to behave in Christian ways? Absolutely no. Compulsion never changes the human heart.

Do we feel political action could change New Zealand? Politics and laws can make a significant difference, for good and for evil. We must pray for Christian MPs, and for all MPs, and for God to raise up further Christian MPs with courage and strong moral influence. Christian people should seek to be salt and light across the whole political spectrum.

What is above all needed in New Zealand, however, is a profound spiritual sea-change, in which a great many people in New Zealand are stirred by the Spirit of God, and discover for themselves the life-transforming grace and truth of God as revealed in Christ and the scriptures. Certainly this is something we can and should pray for (and indeed, several hundred people gathered in Wellington this last week to do just that).

And ultimately we look forward to the new heaven and earth, when Christ shall be over all things, and there shall be no evil or suffering, and the reign of God's peace and justice shall be established forever.

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

May the Lord bless and keep you at all times



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1922 | Smith Wigglesworth | Wellington Town Hall



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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.



9th New Zealand Christian Leaders' Congress

19-21 SEPTEMBER 2023

[NZ Christian Leaders' Congress](#)

19-21 Sept - 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.

Pray as One NZ

Under the umbrella of NZ Christian Network



For this month's Next Gen meeting we will hear from Donald Goodhall who is the Director of Venn's Residential Fellowship.

Venn Foundation

Join us between 8-9pm on Monday

Last week...

JON MCKENZIE

POLICE CHRISTIAN SUPPORT NETWORK

Jon McKenzie, a Police Detective with 34 years' experience at the coal face, joins

us from Whakatane to share what God is already doing – for our government leaders, the Police, and the church across New Zealand. He will also lead us to pray for God's light to shine in dark places and that His hope to be planted where there is no hope.

Police Christian Support Network

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Pray for the leaders of our nation (1 Timothy 2 v 1-2) (Leaders enact policies and laws which significantly affect us all, therefore let's pray for our leaders that God honouring decisions will come forth from the seat of Government).
2. Pray that God will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents (Malachi 4 v 6). Many of the issues associated with crime and demands on Police resources arise from fatherlessness and the breakdown of the family unit.
3. Pray that we the church (and our nation) will humble ourselves and pray and seek God's face, repent and turn from our wicked ways, so that God will come and heal our land (2 Chronicles 7 v 14)
4. Pray for God's light to shine in dark places and His hope to be planted where there is no hope. Pray that we would be God's tools in accomplishing this and that we would become the church of Isaiah 61.
5. Pray for the Police Christian Support Network (PCSN) to be effective in its focus to support and empower Christian staff.
6. Pray that the Bible for Police will continue to be effective in speaking into all staffs' lives.



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!](#)





Great data about your church at your fingertips

Has your church **significantly changed** since the pandemic? The Church Life Survey is an opportunity to find out who is part of your church and what their demographic profile is.

Register your group, denomination, movement, or church



Directory of members

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

Featured promotion with one of our members

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

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We share the good news of Jesus Christ in all its fullness with East Asia's peoples to the glory of God.

OMF New Zealand

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



Alpha NZ

Auckland (*part-time*)

Events Lead

Regional Coach – Wellington & Surrounds

Regional Coach – Otago & Southland

mainly music



Hutt Valley (*part-time*)

*** Session Facilitator for mainly music sessions***



Laidlaw College

Henderson (*part-time*)

Schools Administration Coordinator



MiCamp Trust

Taupo & Whakamaru (*full-time*)

Head Instructor - Taupo

Grounds/Maintenance Position - Taupo

MiCamp Whakamaru Site Manager



Jireh Christian School

Avondale, Auckland (*part-time*)

Maintenance Person



Christchurch Community Church

Minister primarily to, and reach out to, second and third generation Asians living in NZ, and to the wider English-speaking Community

Encounter Congregation Leader/Pastor - *full-time*



Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship

Wellington (*flexible as part/full-time*)

Wellington Team Leader

Personal Assistant to the National Director

Office Administrator



Mairangi Bay Community Church

Auckland (*full-time*)

Associate Pastor



Mangapapa Union Parish

Gisborne - Tairāwhiti (*full-time*)

Church Leader



Raumati Beach Church

Raumati Beach, Kapiti Coast (*full-time*)

Lead Pastor



Orama

Great Barrier Island (*part/full-time*)

Married couple wanted – Pastoral Care/Ministry Engagement/Operations Support & Guest Services Manager



Hope Education Trust

Mataura, Southland (*part-time*)

Hope Oscar Supervisor



Cross Roads Christian Community Trust

Paraparaumu (*full-time*)

Property Maintenance / Christian Ministry



Crossroads Church Mangatangi

Pokeno (*full-time*)

Mission Outreach Leader for Pokeno



Tasman Church

Nelson Bays (*full-time*)

Pastor



Christian Community Churches of New Zealand

Palmerston North (*full-time*)

National Administrator

Events and Promotions Manager



St Margaret's Church

Hillsborough, Auckland (*internship, part-time*)

Musical Worship Intern / Co-ordinator



Christians Against Poverty New Zealand

Penrose, Auckland (*all full-time positions*)

People and Culture Business Partner



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



Connecting
communities

Connecting people



Community Chaplains Training

In a time of diminished community connections, the Community Chaplains scheme has been set up in order to restore that sense of belonging and aid each individual on their journey towards more complete physical, emotional, and spiritual maturity.

Come to a training day and learn how you can become a Community Chaplain.

20 May - [Christchurch](#)

10 June - [Hawkes Bay](#)

14 June - [Whanganui](#)

17 June - [Waikanae](#)



Till & Sow: Kōrero exploring purposeful work for the good of our city

Our Christian faith calls us to work for the Lord, to do everything for his glory. But what does this look like on the ground, in our day-to-day working lives? What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in law, business, the arts, social justice, international development, and entertainment? And, is our work actually meaningful in the Kingdom of God?

We warmly invite you to this collaborative initiative between Laidlaw College, Venn Foundation, and the Auckland Church Network, where to hear from business leaders, social justice advocates, and international development experts as they share the challenges and opportunities they've faced as disciples of Jesus Christ in their work.

[A kōrero with Jessica Palmer](#)

25 May - Auckland



Venn's Teaching Series – Jesus our Light

Thursday 30 May – Wellington

In a time of great unrest and turmoil, the prophet Isaiah looked to the day when those living in gloomy and anxious darkness would be illuminated by the dazzling radiance of God's presence. More than seven centuries later, Jesus announced that this prophecy had been fulfilled in him: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8.12). Early Christians found in this imagery of light and darkness an important key to understanding who Jesus was and what he was doing in the world.

In this second session in our teaching series Images of Jesus for Today, Andre Muller will lead us as we consider Jesus, our Light. We'll look at how the author of John's Gospel uses this ancient imagery to help us to see Jesus—and to see ourselves—more clearly. We hope you can join us!

[Event website](#)

Book Launch – Auckland

Please join us on **6 June** to celebrate the launch of this new publication,



'How to Sabbath Well,' over drinks and nibbles.

The launch is also a celebration of collaboration and community: this beautifully-designed magazine-style book is the work of over 15 contributors, featuring insightful engagement with Scripture, fascinating interviews and first-hand reflections, as well as poetry, original art and illustration, and photography.

During the evening we will have a discussion time where we will delve into the creation of the resource, and why it's needed, as well as some question and response time with some of the contributors.

[Head to our website](#) to read more about this resource, and to register for this free event! We hope to see you there.

**NZ FORUM
ON THE FAMILY**

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
Former Australian Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson

GALA CELEBRATION DINNER
Thursday 29th June 6.30pm – 9pm

Support the work of Family First and meet our international conference speakers over a sumptuous 3-course banquet dinner

\$129 PER HEAD

BUILDING A ~~CANCEL~~ COURAGE CULTURE - 2023

Due Drop Events Centre (formerly Vodafone Events Centre) AUCKLAND

Friday 30 June

The theme of this year's Forum on Friday 30 June is "Building a Courage Culture" – not a 'cancel culture', and we have an amazing line-up of speaker on key social issues, including Lila Rose (USA), Walt Heyer (USA), Dr Kevin Sabet (USA), Deb Acason (Australia) and John Steenhof (Australia). Last year sold out... Register now!

MORE INFO

[Mid Winter Kids Camp](#)



3-7 July - Taupo

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.



OAC Evangelist Fellowship Conference

21-24 August - Waikanae Beach

UNDERSTANDING WORLD VIEWS

Guilt? Shame? Power?

We all see the world differently so how do we reach those we don't understand?

Come for a time of learning together, fellowship and outreach.

National Gatherings/Huis

Listed on our [Calendar](#) by our Church and Christian Organisation members. In chronological order



Sports Chaplains National Hui

27-29 Oct - AUT Millennium, Auckland

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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☐ 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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