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Kia ora tātou,

Important update: New Zealand Christian Leaders' Congress (19-21 September)

It's now just under three months until the New Zealand Christian Leaders' Congress. The Congress begins at 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 19 September and runs through to 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 21 September.

This unique and significant event is for Christian leaders from across Aotearoa New Zealand, including denominational leaders, pastors, and other leaders and staff in both churches and other Christian ministries. The New Zealand Christian Leaders' Congress, which is co-ordinated by the New Zealand Christian Network, takes place only every few years. And this is the year!

The Congress will be an excellent opportunity for Christian leaders from many different places, cultures, denominations, types of churches, and Christian organisations to explore together the challenges and opportunities for Christianity in our current New Zealand contexts. It will be a time for stimulus, inspiration, prayer, shared worship, fellowship and networking.

A New Zealand focus, and New Zealand speakers

We are deliberately focusing on New Zealand issues, and on New Zealand contributors. There will be a wide range of voices and presenters. Speakers will have brief time limits, so as to allow time for panels, group discussion, and prayer.

Themes

Topic areas will be covered through a mix of plenary sessions, streams, and electives. These include (though there will be more, especially in electives) ...

- ideas/ideologies now shaping New Zealand
- restoring confidence in the Gospel
- navigating sexuality and gender issues with both grace and truth
- effective evangelism in today's context
- winning, retaining, and mobilising all generations
- re-gearing and renewing churches for today
- the leadership crisis
- renewal and revival
- Christians and bi-culturalism
- Christianity and Pasifika people in New Zealand
- Christianity and Asian people in New Zealand
- responding to sexual abuse in churches
- keeping our own house in order: good church governance and practice
- Christianity and the care of God's creation
- Christianity and social justice

Suggestions are welcome

Many speakers are now arranged. But please feel very free to email us with suggestions or offers of suitable presenters, panellists, and session chairpersons. Also, we are open to requests, suggestions, and offers for electives – and who you think could be good as elective presenters or coordinators.

The venue

This year, for the first time ever, the Congress is being held in Auckland. We are very pleased to announce that the venue will be the Aukilani Community Church, 96 Lansford Crescent, Avondale. Formerly the Liberty Centre, this is now a Samoan Assembly of God church. This excellent venue has large capacity, a dining hall, many break-out rooms, extensive parking, is close to motorways and train and bus routes, and has a range of accommodation options in surrounding suburbs. See [here](#) for some accommodation options.

Registration

Registration will be available soon. Watch this space.

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



NZ Christian Leaders' Congress

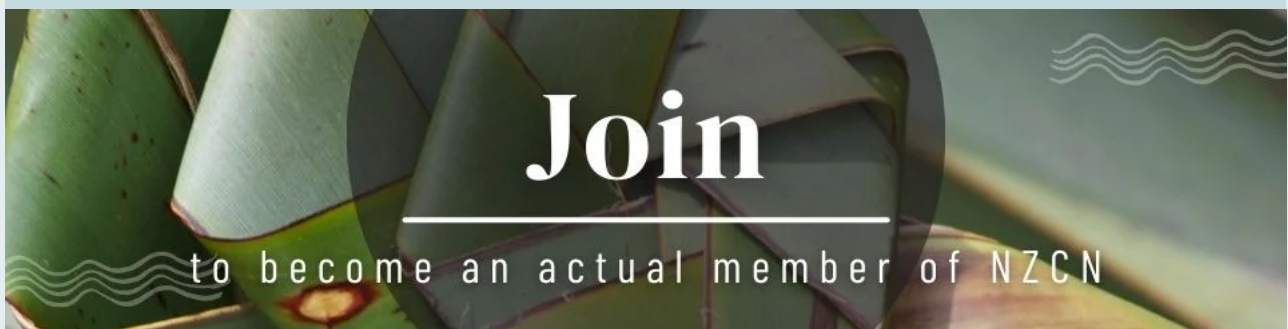
19-21 September in Auckland

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.

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.



Melody Lamb is the founder of [Drop Deep Skateboarding](#), a platform that empowers Christians to serve and share their faith within the skateboarding community. Through bridging the gap between evangelism and skate culture, Melody spreads love, hope, and faith one kickflip at a time. Join her in this transformative journey as they

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**DROP DEEP
SKATEBOARDING**

challenge stereotypes and bring light to the skateboarding world, demonstrating the power of Jesus Christ and extending hope to all.

Join us between 8-9pm on Monday

Last week...

Prayer points available in the video description



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!](#)

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Directory of members

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



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



Baptist Churches of New Zealand

Penrose, Auckland (*part-time*)

Finance Coordinator

Administration Coordinator



Rhema Media Inc

Auckland CBD (*full-time*)

Data & Communications Specialist

Media Sales – New Business Development

Sales Support Coordinator

OpenDoors®

Open Doors New Zealand

Remote: New Zealand (*full-time*)

Church Area Lead

Tasman Church



Nelson Bays (*part-time*)

[Church Administrator](#)



Raumati Beach Church

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

[Lead Pastor](#)



Dignity Freedom Network New Zealand

New Zealand (*part-time*)

[DFN National Co-ordinator](#)



Christian Community Churches of New Zealand

(*full-time*)

[Regional Enabler: Lower North Island](#) anywhere

[National Youth and Young Adult Enabler](#) anywhere

[National Administrator](#) Palmerston North

[Events & Promotions Manager](#) Palmerston North



The Runway Foundation

Pukekohe, Auckland (*part-time*)

[ADDventurers Kids Club Facilitator & Youth Support](#)



Mission Without Borders

Auckland (*contract*)

[Marketing and Fundraising Coordinator](#)



hillcrest chapel

Hillcrest Chapel

Hamilton (*part-time*)

[Youth Pastor](#)



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



Mairangi Bay Community Church
Auckland (*full-time*)

Associate Pastor



Mangapapa Union Parish
Gisborne – Tairāwhiti (*full-time*)

Church Leader



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.

Featured conference



GOVERNANCE
WHAT IS FRUITFUL STEWARDSHIP?

SPEAKERS



REV. FRANCIS (FRANK) RITCHIE
Lead Chaplain
Media Chaplaincy NZ



VEN. DR. LYNDON DRAKE
Archdeacon of
Tāmaki Makaurau



CHRIS CLARKE
CEO
Wilberforce



KIRSTEN (KP) PATTERSON
Chief Executive
Institute of Directors



JENNY COLLINGS
National Director
Christian Medical
Fellowship of NZ



DAN MAZENGARB
CEO
Christian Savings



STEVEN MOE
Partner
Parry Field Lawyers

CHRISTCHURCH
AUG 30
WED

AUCKLAND
SEP 06
WED

WELLINGTON
SEP 13
WED



Christian Savings is excited to be hosting our annual Church and Charities Conference!

- [Christchurch on Wed, 30 Aug](#)
- [Auckland on Wed, 6 Sept](#)
- [Wellington on Wed, 13 Sept](#)

We are passionate about equipping churches and charities to have robust and effective governance. This year our governance theme is 'Fruitful Stewardship'. We will be taking a closer look at some of the key stewardship issues our churches and charities are facing in this climate.

Our conference is designed to help trustees, elders and officers understand their governance duties better.

We have an amazing lineup of speakers, including Rev. Frank Ritchie, Ven. Dr. Lyndon Drake, Kirsten Patterson, Jenny Collings, Steven Moe and others. Come along and learn more about stewardship of finances, property and people.

[Event website](#)[Register now!](#)

Events

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

[Brian Zahnd Conference & Leaders Day](#)

29 June – Tauranga



Brian Zahnd will be speaking, as we explore how culture impacts faith and meaning and how we navigate these challenges as people of faith.



Building a Courage Culture – not a Cancel Culture

30 June – Due Drop Events Centre
Manukau, Auckland

Last year sold out... [Register now!](#)



MIC 16 | A War for your Wallet: The Cost of Living Crisis Election

6 July – Pocket Bar
Grey Lynn, Auckland

Join us for an in-depth analysis from two highly-respected commentators: Fairtrade Australia and New Zealand Board Chair Josie Pagani and Ex-ANZ Chief Economist Cameron Bagrie will provide insight into the policies of the major political parties and how they impact your wallet and our country.



OAC Evangelist Fellowship Conference

22 Aug – El Rancho, Waikanae Beach

UNDERSTANDING WORLD VIEWS
Guilt? Shame? Power?

We all see the world differently so how do we reach those we don't understand? Join us as we look into the way different people groups perceive the gospel and gain an understanding on how best to reach them.

Maxim Institute | Sir John Graham Lecture 2023

15 September – Auckland CBD



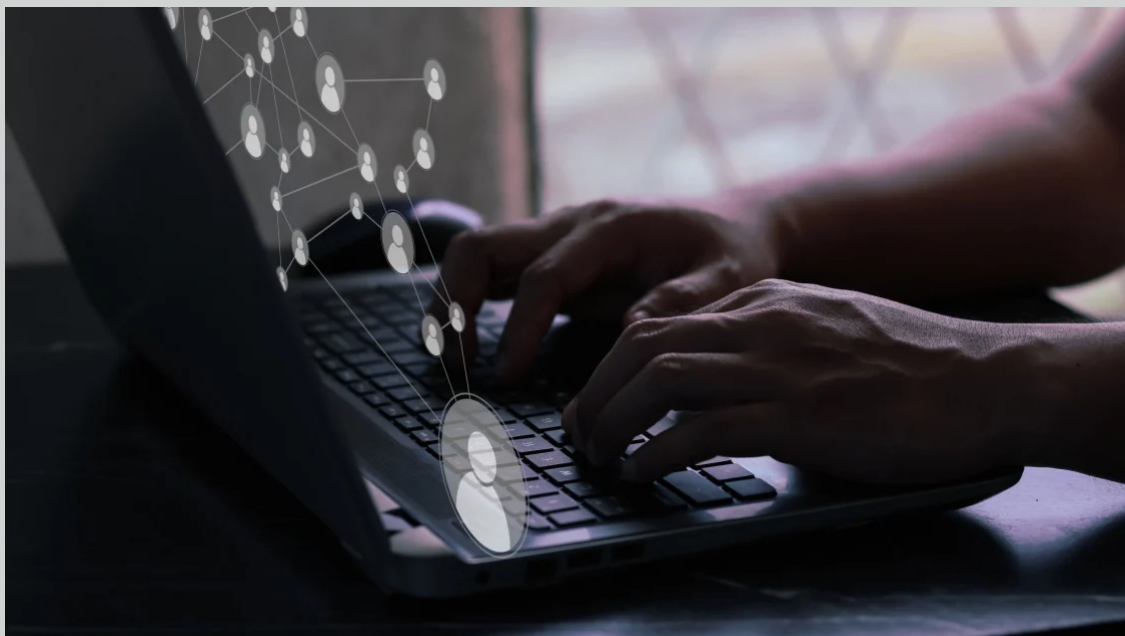
REBUILDING TRUST | POPULISTS, ELITISTS,
AND THE FUTURE OF OUR DEMOCRACY

Trust has declined steadily in the developed world over some decades; more sharply in recent years.

The great economic and socially liberal consensus of post-WW2 governments has shattered, exposing a political climate that is increasingly fevered and volatile.

Over a banquet dinner, in the 2023 Sir John Graham Lecture, Associate Professor Tom Simpson will explore whether our future is one of increasing polarisation, or whether a new consensus can be forged, with trust at its core.

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](#)



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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.

Forward to a friend



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