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New Zealand
CHRISTIAN LEADERS' 
CONGRESS



19-21 September

Kia ora tātou,

Why do I need to go to the NZ Christian Leaders' Congress?

Here's 15 reasons why you should be there...!

1. because this is a very special opportunity to come out of our own corners and to enjoy spiritual fellowship, inspiration, and encouragement with Christian pastors and other leaders from across the wider Body of Christ across New Zealand
2. because a national Congress like this only takes place every few years
3. because New Zealand is in a period of rapid and deep change, and it's helpful to process that together
4. because the Congress is firmly anchored in Christ, the Gospel, and the Bible
5. because the focus of the Congress is 'Strengthening the church in Aotearoa', and we all need that
6. because the Congress will cover an impressive array of very important topics, all of them related to our Christian ministry and mission, and all of them things we need to grapple with (see below)
7. because we have arranged a large number of excellent presenters and panellists, experts and practitioners, and all of them New Zealand people familiar with our own New Zealand contexts
8. because there will be no long talks, but just short talks followed by panel discussion and prayer

9. because there will be a great choice of useful elective break-outs and forums
10. because some things just can't happen on line, and by being together in one building we will all meet people, make helpful connections and discover useful resources
11. because the cost includes several sit-down meals, including Tuesday and Wednesday nights
12. because, for upper North Island people, this Congress will be the most accessible it has ever been before
13. because, in effect, the Congress is only equivalent to two days
14. the long-term benefits of coming will outweigh the benefits of just staying at home and doing your normal work
15. because we strongly encourage you to register for the whole time, but if necessary you can register for one day only or two days only



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.

[Register here](#)

Summary schedule (with topics)

TUESDAY 19 SEPT

Doors open 4.00 p.m.

5.00 p.m. Mihi

6.00 p.m. Dinner

7.00 p.m. Congress opening session: the big picture of NZ church and society

8.45 p.m. End of Tuesday programme

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

MORNING

9.00 a.m. start with Worship and Word

- Ideas/Ideologies now re-shaping New Zealand society and church
- Confidence in the Gospel
- Reaching Aotearoa New Zealand with the Gospel today
- Navigating sexuality and gender issues, with grace and truth

AFTERNOON

1.30 p.m. Break-out electives 1

- Threats to freedoms of Christian belief, practice, and speech
- How can Christians speak well in our current context?
- Māori, Te Rongopai and Aotearoa New Zealand

EVENING

6.00 p.m. Dinner: cultural celebrations, testimonies of God at work, spiritual renewal

8.45 p.m. End of Wednesday programme

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

MORNING

9.00 a.m. start with Worship and Word

- Re-gearing and renewing our churches
- Responding to sexual abuse in church contexts
- Good church governance and practice

AFTERNOON

1.30 p.m. Break-out elective 2

2.30 p.m. Closing session

3.30 p.m. Afternoon tea/refreshments

4.00 p.m. Close of Congress

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Can I put off registering till much later?

No, please do it now, or very soon.
Caterers need numbers.

[Register here](#)



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

Gayann Phillips

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.

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Individuals, couples, churches, and Christian organisations may all officially join NZCN. [Becoming a member carries some benefits](#), 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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