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Kia ora tatou,

Pray for Israeli and Palestinian people, and against bitterness, enmity, and bloodshed

Many Christian and Jewish people – though not all – see the modern re-establishment of Israel as an extraordinary divine fulfillment of biblical prophecies, and as a prelude to momentous end-time events still to come.

However, many Arab and Muslim people, and secular people, do not see it that way.

Unquestionably, the recent terrorist attacks on Israeli people by Hamas fighters were brutal and evil. The attacks reflected Palestinian bitterness about decades of conflict, and a rejection – by some – of the very existence of Israel. Morally, though, such a massacre can never be justified.

The decision of Israel to invade Gaza and destroy Hamas is understandable, but fraught with considerable danger. Such an incursion will inevitably lead to a huge loss of life. Many have already died, and – whatever the rights or wrongs – Palestinian and international Muslim outrage will only be compounded.

So how might we pray?

- Pray for those on both sides who mourn, or who are wounded, or homeless, or who now live in great fear
- Pray for the vulnerable minority of Palestinians who are Christian
- Pray for water, food, power and medical supplies and major humanitarian aid to be freely available to Gaza
- Pray for inspired and gifted peacemakers, for a general de-escalation, for a ceasefire, and for a negotiated settlement

- Pray for a deeper miracle: for a new desire among both Jews and Arabs to live alongside each other not in hatred and violence, but with generosity, justice, mercy, and respect
- Pray that large numbers of Jews and Palestinians may come to believe in Christ, and so find peace with God and a growing peace with others
- Pray for God's sovereign purposes to be fulfilled, across the world, and that God's Kingdom may come.

Pray for our incoming Government, and for all new MPs

All governments do some things well, and other things not so well. In democracies, lots of voters sooner or later become disappointed with every successive government, the old government is swept from office, and a jubilant new government takes its place. Last week, this pattern has once again played out.

As Christians, we need to uphold our new National-led government in prayer, that it might govern justly and wisely, and for the wellbeing of all.

We can pray for all members of Parliament, and at this time especially for our new MPs.

Pray that Christian MPs in every party may be people of grace, humility, and courage, who in all matters speak and act in a way that commends Christian faith and values and which transcends political divides.

The outgoing Parliament was arguably the most socially liberal one that New Zealand has ever had, with a majority of MPs from across the political spectrum supporting radical legislation in such areas as euthanasia, abortion, and same-sex and transgender identity. Will the new Parliament continue those trends? Or will there be more of those – Christian and otherwise – who discern such issues deeply, stand firm against the powerful ideological pressures of this time, and can persuasively speak up for truth and traditional ethics within the very pluralistic context that is Parliament? Let's pray for that.

Finally

Please note that Gayann Phillips is soon finishing up in her role with NZCN, after many years of dedicated and capable service. She will be missed.

We are now prayerfully seeking one or more people to take over Gayann's areas of responsibility in several part-time areas: digital communications, events management, administration, and Pray as One NZ.

These roles are digitally based, so can be done from anywhere in New Zealand.

Please bring the job descriptions (see below) to the attention of potential applicants with skills in these areas, and pray with us that these roles may quickly be taken on by one or more appropriately gifted and called people.

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

Positions available at NZCN



NZ Christian Network

Remote Office (*part-time/contract*)

* [Communications and Content Coordinator](#) *

* [Administrative and Financial Administrator](#) *

* [Event Coordinator](#) *



Pray as One NZ

Remote Office (*part-time*)

* [Team Leader](#) *

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).



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Congress videos available online!

A fantastic opportunity to catch up on what many of the speakers shared at Congress.

[Watch videos here](#)

Videos are added to the website as soon as they are available

- **Unity of the Church**

Ps Jonathan Dove, Ps Phil Coates, and Dr Stuart Lange

- **Reaching Aotearoa New Zealand with the Gospel today**
Panel led by Dr Mark Keown
- **Reviving the Church**
Tak Bhana
- **Confidence in the Gospel, in our current context**
Panel led by Professor Paul Trebilco
- **Ideas/Ideologies helping re-shape New Zealand society and church**
Dr Roshan Allpress & Rev Mark Maney
- **The spiritual renewal of the church in New Zealand**
Bishop Steve Maina
- **The Big Picture**
Dr Stuart Lange
- **A snapshot of Christianity and the Churches in NZ**
Associate Professor Geoff Troughton
- **Issues facing the New Zealand church**
Panel of 18 Christian leaders



Directory of members

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



This week's regional focus is Wellington and Pastor Phil Coates will be joining us to share about the local Pastors' network and other prayer needs of the region.

Join us between 8-9pm on Monday



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.

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

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



Laidlaw College

Henderson campus, Auckland (*full-time*)

*** [Events & Operations Coordinator](#) ***



KingsWay School

Silverdale, Auckland (*full-time*)

*** [Events & Operations Coordinator](#) ***

[Permanent Part-time Receptionist](#)

part-time

[Social Studies Teacher \(x2\)](#)

[Assistant Head of Primary](#)

to start T1 2024

[Primary School Teacher](#)



Lifeswitch

Wainuiomata, Wellington (*full-time*)

*** [Campus Pastor](#) ***



Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship

Wellington (*part to full-time*)

[Manawatū Team Leader](#) *full-time*

[Wellington Team Leader](#)

[Staff Workers](#) Dunedin, Wellington, Auckland & nation-wide (*part & full-time options available*)



Deacon Trust

Christchurch (*part-time*)

[Manager](#)

tearfund

Tearfund

Auckland

[PA to the Marketing & Fundraising Director](#) (part-time)

[Church Engagement Manager](#) (full-time)

REPLENISH

Replenish Respite and Healing Trust

Okuku, North Canterbury (full-time)

[* Faith-based Residential Host Role *](#)



Alpha NZ

Auckland (full / part-time)

[Events & Administration Coordinator](#)



Pacific Academy for Xcellence

Auckland (part-time)

[Volunteer outreach worker](#)



Christian Community Churches of New Zealand
(full-time)

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

[National Administrator](#) Palmerston North

[Events & Promotions Manager](#) Palmerston North



Holy Trinity Tauranga

Tauranga (part-time)

[Accounts Administrator](#)



Manna Christian Stores

Auckland

[Casual Sales Assistant](#) Mt Roskill Temporary

[2 x Casual Warehouse Assistants](#)

Wiri Temporary

[Distribution Centre Assistant Team Lead](#)

Wiri full-time



Rivergum Christian College

Glossop, South Australia, Australia (full-time)

[Primary & Secondary Teacher](#)

Baptist Student Hostel

Palmerston North (full-time)



[*Baptist Student Hostel Managers*](#)



Christchurch Community Church

Christchurch (*full-time*)

[Pastor – 2nd Generation Asian Congregation](#)



International Baptist Church of Sofia

Sofia, Bulgaria (*full-time*)

[Pastor of International Baptist Church](#)



European Christian Mission New Zealand

Flexible location (*full-time*)

[Intercultural Internships](#)



Event Calendar

Listings by our Church and Christian Organisation members

[Please contact event organisers for additional information](#)



Open until all positions are filled for Nov '23 to June '24 intake

Applications are now open for the Venn Residential Fellowship 2023/24

The Residential Fellowship is an eight-month full-time study programme for people who desire a deeper understanding of God, the world, and themselves, and who want to serve and lead in their communities with vibrant faith and wisdom. Guided by a world-class team, this is a unique and rich context for Christian formation.

[See here for more details](#)



Thinking Matters – Spring Apologetics Camp

Endure

Aimed at late teens and young adults ages 15–22, we will take on some of the most challenging worldview and apologetics topics our day!

20–23 Oct | Waihola



Laidlaw CfCL Leaders Day

The story of Te Rongopai (the Gospel) in Aotearoa is full of amazing hope, despite its brokenness

Laidlaw Centre for Church Leadership invites you to join us for this one-day conference dedicated to exploring what it could mean to do 'mission' differently in New Zealand. Gain fresh insights into the intricate tapestry of Te Rongopai (the Gospel) – moving beyond identity politics, and discovering the power of whakapapa – while finding our place in God's story.

Auckland 24 Oct

Wellington 25 Oct

Christchurch 26 Oct



Sports Chaplaincy

Sports Chaplains National Hui

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

27–28 Oct | Auckland

Faith and Belief

Exploring the spiritual landscape
in Aotearoa New Zealand

Join us to hear the results of the 2023
Faith and Belief Study and the Church
Life Survey.

Auckland: Wednesday 8th November,
Novotel Ellerslie

Wellington: Monday 13th November,
Victoria University

Dunedin: Tuesday 14th November,
Otago University

Christchurch: Wednesday 15th November,
La Vida Centre



Register
Here



Nau mai, haere mai!

2023 Faith & Belief Study

We all know the importance of better understanding the spiritual landscape of

our nation, how Christians are seen in our society, and our life as Christian communities. We are delighted, therefore, to be launching the findings from two key pieces of research, and we pray that they will serve Christian leaders and communities across Aotearoa New Zealand.

The events will involve presentations of the key data from both pieces of research, as well as panel discussions and opportunities to explore with others the implications of the studies.

Each event starts at 9.15 am (with tea and coffee available from 8.45 am), and the events will conclude at 12.30 pm.

Auckland:

Wednesday 8th November, Novotel Ellerslie

Wellington:

Monday 13th November, Victoria University

Dunedin:

Tuesday 14th November, Otago University

Christchurch:

Wednesday 15th November, La Vida Centre

Ngā manaakitanga – blessings

Chris Clarke, CEO

The Wilberforce Foundation

Details and registrations



That they may have *life* and have it abundantly.

[Get tickets now!](#)

[Learn more](#)

For the first time ever, we are wrapping an entire Prayer Festival around the Breakfast.

We want to champion, celebrate and encourage all kinds of prayer across our city! Head to the Prayer Festival website to find out more, and to find out how to get involved.

[Auckland Prayer Festival](#)



Laidlaw Sturt Lectures

The Trauma Informed Church

1 December | Auckland

Trauma is experienced in many different forms and has a profound impact on all aspects of well-being for individuals, whānau, and communities.

Creating safe environments is recognised as a key contributor to well-being for those living in the aftermath of trauma. Christ has called his Church to be light in this world, and this compels us to ensure our communities are safe spaces to openly discuss and address trauma.



VENN

Summer Conference

A week of learning, conversation, good food, and fun, you too can come to see the truth, beauty, and challenge of the Christian life for 18-30 years old.

5-12 January | Waikato

Thinking Matters Camp South 2024



Made New

Aimed at late teens and young adults ages 15-20, we will take on some of the most challenging worldview and apologetics topics our day.

22-26 Jan | Waihola

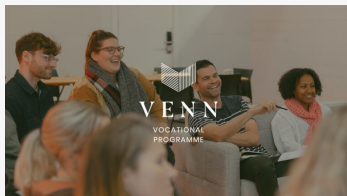


Thinking Matters Camp North 2024

Made New

Aimed at late teens and young adults ages 15-20, we will take on some of the most challenging worldview and apologetics topics our day.

29 Jan to 2 Feb | Papamoa



Venn Vocational Programme

For people in their late 20s to late 40s, who want to get better at navigating life's challenges, questions, and opportunities.

Christchurch 9 Feb



Partners in Ministry

Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Tour

Learn from a world class leadership expert and connect with like-minded leaders. Whether you are in business, not for profit, or church leadership, you will leave inspired and equipped to lead and reach your community in a healthy and sustainable way.

19 Feb | Auckland

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](#)



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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