

# Conference Update

## June 2016

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*Please note that more detailed information will be placed on the Methodist website, sent out via eMessenger email and published in the eMessenger Newsletter as it becomes available*

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### **METHODIST CONFERENCE 2016**

**Saturday 1 October – Wednesday 5 October**  
**at**  
**Wesley College**  
**Paerata, South Auckland**

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It has been decided to 'live stream' the Service to Honour those who have Died, the Retirement Service, the Ordination Service and selected Conference sessions again this year. These will be available for viewing live and the services as archives to be viewed at any time. Details of how to do this will be made available closer to Conference. It is a way of enabling those who cannot travel to share in important aspects of the church's life.

#### **CONFERENCE DAY TO DAY**

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Information on key dates and the Conference Day to Day timetable will be sent out as soon as it is available to assist with planning.

#### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS**

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The registration form will be online by the end of June. The full registration fee will be \$450, reduced by an early-bird discount of \$40 if you register on or before 2 September 2016. The Yearbook and Conference Reports will be available separately as either a paper copy (\$40) or electronic PDF copy (\$10).

Parish Councils/Boards when considering representatives are eligible for one lay representative for every presbyter appointed to the parish. A parish without a presbyter may appoint one lay representative.

It is possible to register and attend as an observer. Observers do not have the right to speak or participate in decision making. They may attend business Committees on the Monday.

**Remember: All Conference members and observers must be registered.**

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

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**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY BOOKED MOTEL ACCOMMODATION YOU NEED TO DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS MOTEL ACCOMMODATION IS ALREADY HEAVILY BOOKED due to other events being held in Pukekohe at the same time.**

For those who wish to stay in Motels these are located in Pukekohe (5-8 minutes away from the College) or Papakura (15 minutes away). See the Methodist website for a list of motels in this area <http://www.methodist.org.nz/conference/2016>. **You will need to make these arrangements yourself as for previous conferences.**

#### **WESLEY COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION**

This will be available at Wesley College in twin-share single-sex accommodation, including breakfast for \$40 per night.

**You will be able to book all Wesley College accommodation on the registration form when it becomes available and payment will be included along with your registration fee.**

## WEEKEND GUESTS

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Those people attending the Ordination Service, Retiree Service and the Service to Honour Those Who Have Died do not need to register.

However, weekend guests who wish to attend the Wesley Historical Society Dinner, the Saturday night meal, Lay Preachers meeting and Meal or the Liberal Society/Evangelical Network AGM/Dinner must register for the dinners.

When the information becomes available (in the Day to Day timetable) and you have selected which events you would like to attend **please email Wendy Keir** [wendyk@methodist.org.nz](mailto:wendyk@methodist.org.nz) with details of how many tickets you require and either your bank account details to enable a direct debit by our accounts team, or the name and address of the person who the cost can be invoiced to for payment by cheque or direct credit.

Please note that we are unable to process credit card payments.

## EVENTS

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The Conference meal on Saturday evening is included in the Conference registration fee this year.

Information on dates, times and locations of all other events will be available in the Conference Day to Day which will be sent out shortly.