

Conference Update

June 2018

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

METHODIST CONFERENCE 2018

Saturday 29 September – Wednesday 3 October

at
St Andrews College
Christchurch

We will be arranging 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 will continue to be available 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

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

The registration form will be online around mid-June. The full registration fee will be reduced by an early-bird discount if you register on or before Friday 31 August 2018. The Yearbook and Conference Reports will be available separately as either a paper copy or electronic PDF copy. Costs will be advised as they are confirmed.

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 participate in the Workshops on Monday and Tuesday.

Remember: All Conference members and observers must be registered.

ACCOMMODATION

For those who wish to stay in Motels please see the information on the Methodist website Conference 2018 information page, under the heading 'Accommodation Information' <http://www.methodist.org.nz/conference/2018>. **You will need to make these arrangements yourself as for previous conferences.**

ST ANDREWS COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION

This will be available at St Andrews College in twin-share single-sex accommodation, including breakfast for \$50 per night.

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

WEEKEND GUESTS

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 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

The 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.