

Conference Update

August 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

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 is now available on the Methodist website Conference pages <http://www.methodist.org.nz/conference/2018> to assist with planning. *Note that the Day to Day schedule may have some adjustments made over the coming weeks prior to Conference but these should be minor.*

CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

The Conference 2018 Registration Form is available for you to complete on the Conference Website.

Please go to <http://conference.methodist.org.nz>. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY FIRST and then complete the form.

(Remember to fill out the form in normal sentence case not all capitals as this makes transferring data to other programmes difficult)

REGISTRATION FEE

The full Conference **Registration Fee is \$455** (plus the cost of your Conference agenda and Yearbook - see details below).

CONFERENCE AGENDA AND YEARBOOK

We have a section on the registration form for you to order your Conference agenda and Yearbook separately.

NOTE: The cost of your Conference Agenda and Yearbook will be charged in addition to your registration fee. **You must complete this section of the registration form if you wish to receive an agenda.**

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

If you **register by FRIDAY 31 AUGUST 2018** you will receive an **Early Registration Discount of \$40**. *(You will not see the early registration discount when you fill out the registration form but when you submit your completed form \$40 will be deducted from your total and this will show in the final price when you receive your confirmation email)*

ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER FRIDAY 31 AUGUST 2018 WILL BE CHARGED AT \$455 (*plus the cost of your Conference agenda and Yearbook - see details above*).

NOTE: Individuals and Co-operating Ventures will have GST added to these amounts and have a Tax Invoice supplied.

REMEMBER

1. You may have one lay representative per stationed presbyter to your Parish/Organisation. For clarification of membership of Conference please refer to the Law Book, Section 7

http://www.methodist.org.nz/administration_division/mcnz_law_book.

2. Tauwi and Te Taha Maori meetings are to be held at 2:00pm on Friday 28 September.

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

St Andrews College

Hostel accommodation at St Andrews College is single-sex twin share rooms for \$50 per night. Breakfast is included in the price. Book for each night you require. An additional dinner option is available for those staying on Friday night for \$20 (*all other meals are included in the registration fee*). Full bedding is provided. NOTE: you will need to provide your own towel and flannel.

Please note that there will be no single rooms available for booking in the St Andrews College hostel accommodation.

Hotel/Motel 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.

MEALS

If you are staying at St Andrews College on Friday night, dinner is available at the College and can be booked on the registration form along with your accommodation at an additional cost of \$20.

If you are not staying at St Andrews College but would like a meal on Friday evening for \$20 plus GST, email wendyk@methodist.org.nz with details on how many meals you require and who we need to send the invoice to, and we will invoice you accordingly.

Meals during Conference (*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday*), are included in your registration fee.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you have any queries, or difficulties completing the form online please do not hesitate to contact Wendy wendyk@methodist.org.nz or (03) 366 6049, ext 827.

For more information and updates over the next few months on Conference 2018 go to the Methodist website <http://www.methodist.org.nz/conference/2018>.

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, Lay Preachers meeting and Meal or the Evangelical Network/Liberal Society AGM/Dinner must register for the dinners.

Information on these dinners is available in the Day to Day schedule. Once 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.

OPTIONAL EVENTS

The Multi-Cultural Festival Night and Evening Meal will be held on Saturday 29 September, St Andrews College Gymnasium #1, 6:30pm – 10:00pm. The idea of the festival is to be an open invitation for all to come together and celebrate in a festival style. There will be food, performances and activities for people to be involved in. More details will be available soon.

There is no cost for the food and it is not necessary to register or request tickets – just turn up and enjoy!

The **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Network & Friends (GLAM) dinner** is to be held on Sunday 30 September, 6:00pm at Little High Eatery, 255 St Asaph Street, Christchurch. All are welcome. RSVP to Kathryn Walters dmwalters2010@gmail.com. Kathryn will also advise on transport options.

All other Optional Events, i.e. Wesley Historical Society AGM/Dinner, Evangelical Network Breakfast, Lay Preachers lunchtime meeting & meal, Evangelical Network/Liberal Society meeting & dinner and Bus Trips around Christchurch can either be booked separately on the registration form, or check the Conference Day to Day for further details (*available on the Conference Information page*).

Wesley Historical Society Annual Lecture

An open invitation to all members of Conference and other interested people in Christchurch

Professor Barbara Brookes of Otago University on Friday 28 September in the Senior Common Room at St Andrews College at 7.30pm.

The topic of the lecture will be:

'For God, Home and Humanity: Women's Suffrage and Social Change'

and Professor Brookes will *'examine the motivations of the suffragists in 1893, what they hoped to achieve and how the world has changed for women in the ensuing 125 years.'*