

Conference Update

September 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

LIVE STREAMING SERVICES

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 available on the Methodist website Conference pages <http://www.methodist.org.nz/conference/2018> and copied below 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

Any registrations received now will be at the full registration cost of \$455.

If you still need to register please do so urgently. 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. Further details about registering for Conference are available on the Methodist website <http://www.methodist.org.nz/conference/2018>.

Remember: All Conference members and observers must be registered.

AGENDA AND HANDBOOK

The Conference Agenda has now been distributed via post and email (*in accordance with what you have ordered on your registration*). The Conference Handbook has been emailed to everyone and is also available on the Conference pages of the Methodist website. A hard copy of the Handbook will be included in satchels for all those who have registered for Conference.

For those of you who ordered a hard copy agenda, if you have not received your agenda by Friday 21 September 2018 please email wendyk@methodist.org.nz and a copy will be made available for you to pick up on arrival at Conference.

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.

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!

Donations towards the cost of the food at the Multi-Cultural Festival

Parishes and individuals, if you wish to contribute towards the cost of the food for the Cultural Festival funds should be credited into bank account number: 02-0800-0766004-03, using Ref: "Conference dinner donation".

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 kmwalters2010@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 below and on the Methodist website*).

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.'*

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 on Conference 2018 go to the Methodist website <http://www.methodist.org.nz/conference/2018>.