

# Conference Update

## May 2021

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### METHODIST CONFERENCE 2021

#### Wednesday 17 November – Saturday 20 November

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#### Wellington

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Plans are well under way for Conference 2021. The 'Day to Day' schedule is structured differently this year beginning with a Powhiri on the morning of Wednesday 17 November 2021 at Wellington Methodist Parish, 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington.

The 'Business Sessions' will take place at Wellington Methodist Parish from Wednesday 17 November following the Powhiri, concluding on Friday 19 November.

Services will take place on Saturday 20 November at the Michael Fowler Centre, 111 Wakefield Street, Te Aro, Wellington. As there will be no induction of a President and Vice President at this Conference it is possible to hold all services on Saturday only.

#### LIVE STREAMING

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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

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The very first draft of the Conference Day to Day timetable is copied below to assist with planning. Please note that this version is in draft form only and there will be updates over time. However, there should not be any major changes to the basic structure and start/finish times.

#### CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

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The registration form will be online around the first week of August. The full registration fee will be reduced by an early-bird discount if you register on or before Friday 15 October 2021. 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.

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

#### ACCOMMODATION

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For those who need accommodation, you are responsible for making these arrangements yourself as for previous conferences.

*Please note that there is a Guns & Roses concert in Wellington on the night of Friday 19 November so accommodation is already booking up. **Please do not leave it too late to make your arrangements!***

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## WEEKEND GUESTS

Those people attending the Powhiri and Service to Honour Those Who Have Died on Wednesday and the Ordination Service and Retiree Service on Saturday do not need to register.

However, guests who are not registered for Conference and who wish to attend the Wesley Historical Society Dinner, Lay Preachers meeting and Meal or the Liberal Society/Evangelical Network AGM/Dinner must register for the dinners. Details for RSVP to the GLAM dinner will be advised as soon as they are available.

When 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

Information on dates, times of all events is available in the Conference Day to Day below. Information on locations etc will be added to the Day to Day when it is available.

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# Conference Day to Day

Wellington

**Venue Locations:** *Wellington Methodist Parish, 75 Taranaki Street, Te Aro, Wellington*  
*Michael Fowler Centre, 111 Wakefield Street, Te Aro, Wellington*

### Tuesday 16 November

*Wellington Methodist Parish, 75 Taranaki Street, Te Aro, Wellington*

<b>10:00am – 5:00pm</b>	<b>Registration open</b> ( <i>Parish foyer</i> )
<b>1:00pm – 4:00pm</b>	Tauiwi meeting ( <i>venue TBA</i> )
<b>1:00pm – 4:00pm</b>	Te Taha Maori meeting ( <i>venue TBA</i> )
<i>Time TBA</i>	Introduction to Conference ( <i>venue TBA</i> )

### Wednesday 17 November

*Wellington Methodist Parish, 75 Taranaki Street, Te Aro, Wellington*

<b>8:30am – 5:00pm</b>	<b>Registration open</b> ( <i>Parish foyer</i> )
<i>9:15am – 9:45am</i>	Families of the Deceased meet with TTM Representative (Arapera Ngaha) ( <i>venue TBA</i> )
<i>9:30am – 9:45am</i>	<i>Gather outside Church to be called in for Powhiri/Welcome</i>
<b>10:00am</b>	Powhiri/Welcome ( <i>venue TBA</i> )
<b>10:30am</b>	Service to Honour Those Who Have Died ( <i>Whole Conference</i> ) ( <i>venue TBA</i> )
<i>12:00 noon</i>	<b>Lunch for all attendees</b> ( <i>venue TBA</i> )
<b>1:15pm</b>	Opening Worship ( <i>Presidential Team and Chaplains</i> )
<b>2:00pm</b>	Welcome of invited Guests
<b>2:15pm</b>	Presentation of Conference Agenda, Introductions, Consensus Decision-making & Questions 1-24, receiving onbloc decisions
<i>3:30pm</i>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b> ( <i>venue TBA</i> )
<b>4:00pm</b>	Business sessions
<i>6:00pm</i>	<b>Evening Meal</b> ( <i>venue TBA</i> )
<b>7:00pm</b>	Business sessions / speakers
<b>8:30pm</b>	Close of Day ( <i>Presidential Team &amp; Chaplains</i> )

<b>Thursday 18 November</b>	
<i>Wellington Methodist Parish, 75 Taranaki Street, Te Aro, Wellington</i>	
<b>8:45am</b>	Opening Worship ( <i>Presidential Team and Chaplains</i> )
<b>9:30am</b>	Business sessions
<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Morning Tea (venue TBA)</i>
<b>11:00am</b>	Business sessions
<i>12:00pm – 1:30pm</i>	<i>Lunch (venue TBA)</i>
<b>1:30pm</b>	Business sessions
<i>3:00pm</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea (venue TBA)</i>
<b>3:30pm</b>	Business sessions
<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Evening Meal (venue TBA)</i>
<b>7:00pm</b>	Business sessions
<b>8:00pm</b>	Close of Day ( <i>Presidential Team &amp; Chaplains</i> )
<b>8:30pm</b>	Wellington Methodist Parish Celebration Evening ( <i>Hall 2</i> )

<b>Friday 19 November</b>	
<i>Wellington Methodist Parish, 75 Taranaki Street, Te Aro, Wellington</i>	
<b>8:45am</b>	Opening Worship ( <i>Presidential Team and Chaplains</i> )
<b>9:30am</b>	Business sessions
<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Morning Tea (venue TBA)</i>
<b>11:00am</b>	Business sessions
<i>1:00pm</i>	<i>Lunch (venue TBA)</i>
<b>2:00pm – 3:00pm</b>	Business sessions
<i>3:00pm</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea (venue TBA)</i>
<b>3:30pm – 4:00pm</b>	Business sessions
<b>4:00pm – 5:00pm</b>	Covenant Service ( <i>Presidential Team &amp; Chaplains</i> )
<b>5:30pm</b>	Wesley Historical Society AGM/Dinner ( <i>registration required - \$TBA incl. GST</i> ) ( <i>venue TBA</i> ) ( <i>see below at 7:30pm for Lecture details</i> )
<b>6:00pm</b>	Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Network & Friends Dinner (GLAM) <i>all welcome. Venue TBA - RSVP to TBA</i>
<b>7:30pm</b>	Wesley Historical Society Annual Lecture ( <i>venue TBA, everyone welcome</i> ) Topic: Dr Kevin Clements, "A Reflection on where the Methodist Church was at 80 Years Ago - Rev Ormond Burton and the Crisis at the 1942 Conference"

<b>Saturday 20 November</b>	
<i>Michael Fowler Centre, 111 Wakefield Street, Te Aro, Wellington</i>	
<b>8:30am – 9:00am</b>	Ordination Service Practice ( <i>Michael Fowler Centre</i> )
<b>10:00am – 11:30am</b>	Service of Recognition
<b>11:30am - 1:00pm</b>	Lay Preachers meeting and meal ( <i>venue TBA</i> ) ( <i>registration required – no cost</i> )
<i>12:00pm</i>	<i>Lunch (venue TBA)</i>
<i>12:00pm – 1:00pm</i>	<i>Presidential Lunch with the Ordinands and their Families</i>
<b>2:00pm – 3:30pm</b>	Ordination Service & Reception into Full Connexion
<i>3:30pm</i>	<i>Refreshments at Wellington Methodist Parish</i>