

Conference Update

May 2022

BICENTENARY METHODIST CONFERENCE 2022

Saturday 19 November – Wednesday 23 November

Kerikeri, Northland

Turner Centre, 43 Cobham Road, Kerikeri

Pre-Conference Tauwi and Te Taha Maori meetings will take place Friday 18 November

Plans are well under way for our special **Bicentenary Methodist Conference 2022**. The venue this year is the Turner Centre at 43 Cobham Road, Kerikeri.

Important to Note: as this is a special celebration Conference there are a number of Commemorative Events planned over the duration of Conference days, the first of these commencing on Thursday 17 November. Please refer to the Day to Day schedule for more information.

The Conference 'Day to Day' schedule commences on Friday 18 November with the pre-Conference Tauwi and Te Taha Maori meetings, services will take place over the weekend and business sessions will take place from Monday 21 November to Wednesday 23 November.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS - A HYBRID CONFERENCE

Conference this year will be a hybrid event, where registered members and observers will be able to choose to follow the Conference online for the business days. More information on fees and how this will work will be provided prior to registrations opening.

The registration form is scheduled to 'Go Live' around the first week of August. The full registration fee will be reduced by an early-bird discount if you register on or before 7 October 2022. Conference Reports will be available separately as either a paper copy or electronic PDF copy. Costs will be advised as they are confirmed.

Please note registration will close off earlier this year on Friday 28 October to enable the President and Vice President Elect voting process to be completed prior to Conference. Ensure you take careful note of this date as you will not be able to register after close-off.

Parishes, 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.

CONFERENCE DAY TO DAY

The very first draft of the Conference Day to Day timetable has been sent out via emessenger email, uploaded to the Methodist website www.methodist.org.nz/whakapapa/conference/2022 and 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.

LIVE STREAMING FOR SERVICES

We will be arranging to 'live stream' the Service to Honour those who have Died, the Retirement Service, and other 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.

ACCOMMODATION

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

Please note that the Northland Waste Kerikeri Half Marathon and Kerikeri Street Party takes place over the weekend we are there, so accommodation is already booking up. **Please do not leave it too late to make your arrangements!**

WEEKEND GUESTS

Those people attending weekend services only do not need to register. Further details and costs for these events will be advised as soon as they are available.

Guests who are not registered for Conference and who wish to attend these additional events must obtain a ticket or register for the event as will be indicated on the Day to Day schedule. Instructions on how to do this and also details for RSVP to the RAINBOW Methodist's dinner will be advised as soon as they are available.

Details on how to register for these events will be advised in later communications.

EVENTS

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

Methodist Conference 2022

Conference Day to Day

Kerikeri, Northland

Venue Location: Turner Centre, Kerikeri, 43 Cobham Road, Kerikeri

Thursday 17 November

10:00am – 1:00pm	Commemorative Event: at Waitangi (including tour, karakia and lunch)
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Walter Lowry Event (including hākari)

Friday 18 November

8:30am – 9:30am	Rehearsal Induction Service
10:00am – 1:00pm	Commemorative Event: at Kaeo (including tour, karakia and lunch)
1:00pm – 5:30pm	Registration open in foyer of Turner Centre
2:00pm – 5:00pm	Tauiwi Strategy
2:00pm – 5:00pm	Te Taha Maori
5:30pm	Wesley Historical Society AGM/Dinner
6:30pm	RAINBOW Methodists - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Network & Friends Dinner (venue TBC)
7:30pm	Commemorative event: hosted by Wesley Historical Society - details TBA

Saturday 19 November	
9:00am	Registration open in foyer of Turner Centre – EXHIBITION SPACE OPENED
8:30am – 9:30am	Introduction to Conference
<i>9:30am – 9:45am</i>	<i>Families of the Deceased meet with TTM Representative</i>
10:00am	Powhiri / Welcome – <i>please wait in the car park to be called in</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	Service to Honour Those Who Have Died (<i>whole Conference</i>)
<i>12:00pm – 1:00pm</i>	<i>Lunch for all attendees</i> BOOK LAUNCH 1: TTM
2-00pm – 3:30pm	Induction Service for President and Vice President
<i>3:30pm</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea - GROUP PHOTO</i>
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Recognition of Retirees / End of Ministries
<i>5-30pm</i>	<i>Finger food refreshments available to conclude the day</i>
Evening	Join with the local community at the ‘Kerikeri Street Party’. <i>This follows the Northland Waste Kerikeri Half Marathon and is held in the Kerikeri CBD where you can sample wonderful food, wine, and many other local specialties or just dance the evening away to live music.</i>

Sunday 20 November	
Sunday morning	Worship with local congregations
Time TBC	Commemorative event: Karakia at Mangungu (including tour, karakia and BYO picnic lunch – cap of 40 people)
12:00pm	Lay Preachers meeting and meal (venue TBC)
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Affirmation of Ordination Service for all Presbyters (reception into Full Connexion)
<i>2:00pm – 2:30pm</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
2:30pm – 4:00pm	Trinity College Graduations
6:30pm	Conference Bicentenary Celebration Dinner (Conference members only - registration required (Venue: Turner Centre))

Monday 21 November	
6:30am – 8.00am	Prayer Breakfast - Possibility of Commemorative Event: (Content TBC)
8:30am – 9:00am	Opening Worship
9:00am – 9:30am	- Introduction to Conference Staff, Observers, Visitors, Council of Elders - Consensus Decision Making – reminder of Conference Process - Questions 1-24
9:30am – 10:30am	
<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11:00am – 12:30pm	
<i>12:30pm</i>	<i>Lunch</i> BOOK LAUNCH 2: SINOTI SAMOA
1:30pm – 3:30pm	
<i>3:30pm</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
4:00pm – 5:00pm	
5:00pm – 6:00pm	
<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Evening Meal</i>
7:00pm – 8:45pm	
8:45pm – 9:00pm	Close of Day

Tuesday 22 November	
8:30am – 9:00am	Opening Worship
9:00am – 10:00am	
10:00am – 10:30am	
10:30am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11:00am – 12:00pm	
12:00pm – 12:30pm	
12:30pm	<i>Lunch</i> BOOK LAUNCH 3: Trinity College
1:00pm	<i>Lunch-time Communion</i>
1:45pm – 2:30pm	
2:30pm – 3:30pm	
3:30pm	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
4:00pm – 5:00pm	
5:00pm – 6:00pm	
6:00pm	<i>Evening Meal</i>
7:00pm – 8:45pm	
8:45pm – 9:00pm	Close of day

Wednesday 23 November	
8:30am – 9:00am	Opening Worship
9:00am – 9:30am	
9:30am – 10:00am	
10:00am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
10:30am – 1:00pm	
1:00pm	<i>Lunch</i> BOOK LAUNCH 4: BOA
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Covenant Service
3:00pm	Close of Conference