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Welcome to the monthly newsletter of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Hāhi Weteriana Aotearoa

The Connexional Office

Please send your articles to reception@methodist.org.nz



Remember in your Prayers

The Connexional Office

It is with sadness that I would like to inform the Connexion of the peaceful passing of Rev Utumau'u Pupulu on Thursday, 12 September 2024.

Rev. Utumau'u was a remarkable leader for Sinoti Samoa, he served as Wellington's Regional Leader chaired various Sinoti committees and was a key member of the Sinoti executive for over ten years.

God called Utumau'u home while he was serving as Wellington Parish's Superintendent.

The late Utumau'u final service times and dates have yet to be confirmed.

For those who wish to offer messages of support or condolences, please send them to Mrs. Leu Pulu at leupupulu@outlook.com

Ngā manaakitanga

Rev Tara Tautari | General Secretary

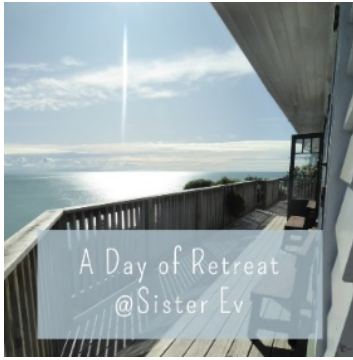
A REMINDER MESSAGE for all current and previous members and presbyters of Durham Street Methodist Church, Christchurch.

Wallace Woodley

The Celebration of the Church's 160th Anniversary will be held over Labour Weekend on Saturday evening 26th and Sunday morning and afternoon 27th October this year. The events to be held in the stunning Aldersgate Centre, 309 Durham Street, Christchurch Central will include: on Saturday (6.30pm), a Celebration Dinner; and on Sunday, a Service of Thanksgiving (10am), an Informal Luncheon (12 noon) and a Festival of Music (2pm). An updated history, *Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*, with over 60 coloured photos, will be launched over that weekend. Registration Information and the Registration Form (due by 15th October) are available [now](#).

Further enquiries may be directed to the Receptionist, Durham Street Church Office, Tel. 03 365 1855.





Sister Eveleen Retreat House invites you...

In our fast-paced, constantly connected world, seeking silence and going on a retreat has become increasingly valuable. We invite you to come to us for a day retreat ([send us an email](#)), join us for our [regular prayer times](#) or an upcoming retreat.

Especially have a look at [next years' programme is already online](#)

- Day of Retreat @ Sister Ev September (and every last Thursday in the month with different themes)

Date: Thur 25 July, 9:30 – 2:30 - facilitator: Antje

Duda - [September](#) - [October](#) - [November](#)- [January 2025](#) *this month:* season of creation

- 24 hour Prayer Vigil @ Sister Eveleen ,
Date: Sunday 20th October 5pm- Monday, 21st October 5pm - facilitator: Sue Sinclair- [RSVP on our website](#)
- Creative Joy to nourish your soul - Spring - facilitators: Glenda Joy
Date: Fri 8 -Sun 10 November 2024 - [Follow this link](#)

Retreats early in 2025

- Living from the Tree of Life - facilitators: Donald & Janice Scott -
Date: 19-21 January 2025- [Follow this link](#)
- Final Steps: A Universal Spiritual Practice- facilitators: Eddie O'Connor & Annette Reinheimer,
Date: 14-16 February 2025- [Follow this Link](#)

New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship Friendship Scholarship



FOR PACIFIC ISLAND GIRLS RESIDENT IN NEW ZEALAND ATTENDING A NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 20 November 2024

Student will be in

- In Year 12 or 13 during 2025
- Active members of a Methodist or Uniting Parish, within the Connexion of the Methodist Church of New Zealand
- New Zealand Citizens or have New Zealand Residency status

Information & Application Form [click here.](#)

1. Completed Application Form- both sides of one page
2. School Report
3. School Reference
4. Reference from the Church Minister are required
References must be on one side of one headed A4 page

All documents must be complete and sent together to: [Marie Smith](#)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 20 NOVEMBER 2024.





Sister Eveleen Retreat House may need you!!

Vacancy for a Live-In Host Interested in serving God through the gift of hospitality??

Sister Eveleen Retreat House (SERH) is perched on the hill overlooking Sumner Beach. It is a place steeped in prayer and offering opportunities in contemplative Christian spiritual practice.

The house accepts guests all year around, runs regular retreats, and hosts a wide range of Christian groups.

We have a vacancy for a **Live-in Retreat House Host (RHH)**, paid 10 hours a week, accommodation provided. The RHH works with the Director to provide a hospitable welcome to guests and a presence at the house when the Director has left for the day. We're looking for someone who has a strong, firmly rooted, Christian faith, someone who has a heart for the contemplative expression of faith as a way for God to be closely present. Are you comfortable welcoming strangers, discerning when to chat and when to be silent, mature and responsible? This might be more than just a role; it could be a calling for someone who feels drawn to a ministry of hospitality and contemplative service. You might be on sabbatical, writing/researching/working from home, or in a transitional stage of your life. (with the possibility of a 6 -12 months role)

Still Interested??

If you think Retreat House Host sounds like you, please ask for a ministry description, or arrange a visit to Sister Eveleen Retreat House, by contacting the Director, Antje Duda antje_duda@sistereretreat.com, phone 022 563 6879. We would welcome your expression of interest, so please email a 1-page summary of who you are, what you've got to offer, and how this role might work from your perspective to the [chair of the Oversight Board](#) to by Friday, 11th October 2024.

For more information about Sister Eveleen Retreat House check out our [website](#).
Sarah Gardiner
(SERH Board chair)

Wesley Historical Society

Associated with the Conference, the Wesley Historical Society will be holding its AGM and dinner on Friday 8th November 2024, at 5:30pm at Trinity Union Church, 14 Hall Avenue, Newtown, Wellington. Our speaker will be the Rev Armstrong Pitakaji, Moderator of the United Church of Solomon Islands, He has been asked to reflect on the historical relationship between the UCSI and MCNZ and how this may develop in the future. The cost is \$25 (including GST).

You are warmly invited to attend by registering your intention with [Lucille](#) no later than Friday 18th October. Please include "WHS AGM & dinner," the number of people attending, and your bank account details to enable a direct debit by the accounts team at the Connexional Office who will forward an invoice to you to advise details.

Bradley Trust

Applications for a research grant of up to \$10,000 are invited by 31 October 2024. All details and an application form can be found on the [website](#). All communications to the Secretary of the Professional Grants Committee, [Sonia Faulkner](#).





Join Christian World Service in Giving Climate Hope this Christmas

Rising sea levels, severe weather events, and environmental degradation threaten the livelihoods and well-being of our Pacific neighbours. These communities are vulnerable to climate change and confronted with challenges including food insecurity, water scarcity, and the destruction of vital ecosystems.

At the heart of this year’s appeal is a focus on Oceania, and the changing impacts of climate.

Highlighted in our appeal is a wonderful woman of faith, Mrs Mafi from Tonga, we are delighted to be introducing this lively Grandmother to your congregations and will share ways that together we can support women like Mrs Mafi to build a more resilient future.

Rev Dr Steve Taylor is writing a set of church service resources, including sermon notes for each of the four Sundays of Advent, and the Christmas Day Service. We hope this offering will help you and you congregations, as you partner with CWS and support those facing hardships in the Pacific and around the world.

For further information and to get involved, please contact [Christian World Service](#) tel: +64 3 366 9274 or 0800 747372



South Island School of Theology 2025 Kete Aroha o Waipounamu

Save the date ...

Starting Sunday afternoon, 16 March
to Tuesday afternoon, 18 March.

Location: Aldersgate, Christchurch Central Methodist Parish

Details soon once speakers have been confirmed.

Conference Accommodation - spare bed available for a male @ The Trinity Hotel – only \$372.40 cost share for 5 nights

Members of the South Island Synod have been encouraged to book at the Trinity Hotel for Conference – just a 10 minute walk from Wesley Church, Taranaki Street. One of the people who arranged to share a room is now not able to attend Conference, therefore there is now a spare bed if any man is looking for accommodation for Conference. The cost-share for this room is **\$372.50 per person** for the five nights. If you are interested, please contact Kelvin – kaird71@gmail.com or 021 304 845





Climate Change and the stewardship of creation

Freddy De Alwis

As this is the season of creation, I would like to focus on “the stewardship of creation” that’s a theme found in Mt 21 – the renters of the vineyard. If we take the second creation story in Genesis 2 as about living in a garden, Mt 21 is a good parable about caring for it. And also, Psalm 19, and Ps 104, Isa 5: 1-6 This parable was a reminder about ownership. We do not own the vineyard; we are trustees or stewards of it.

The earth, air, water and food we receive as a gift from God, for every human being to use it wisely and sustainably, and pass it on to the next generation.

Background: Just in order to get to the subject - the word, “The Environment” what does it mean? It means whatever surrounds us or is outside us. Is it a correct understanding of the world??

But the truth is contrary to this understanding. The world/creation around us is also within. We are an expression of the creation; creation is an expression of us. We are made of it; we eat, drink, and breathe it. Read Gen 3: 19, And someday, when the day comes, we will each return to the earth. Earth is the bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh.

We have to admit that no one can ever understand the “holy mystery of creation”, the point I want to make is that the word “environment” does not carry the real meaning of God’s creation.

1. Anthropocentrism = A human-centred perspective

It is a fact that so much anthropocentrism has emerged through the influence of the Bible, and so many arguments are there to justify the human-centred perspective, Gen 1 and Ps 8, just to mention few. With this (wrong) understanding of the will to dominate the earth, Gen1:26b -28, Ps 8:6, begins with an understanding that humans are radically different from everything else in creation. It assumes that there is an unbridgeable gap between humans and the rest of creation.

Is it possible to think that this kind of understanding of theology has led the Church over the years to interpret scripture to undergird such theological positions and even to interpret biblical words such as “dominion” and “subdue” to abuse God’s creation.

2. Creation is the place of God’s presence

Many religious traditions mainly Judaism and Christianity believe and understand the indwelling of God within the whole creation. Creation is the place of God’s presence. God is “home” here, as we are. The Greek word earth and home is Oikos! The first and basic meaning of oikos is simply “Habitat Earth.” Oikos – earth as a vast but single household of life - means the capacity for survival, that is, sustainable habitat. It means space and the means for the living of all living things. Without adequate hospitable habitat, nothing lives. Not only humans, but all life-forms need carefully fitted habitats.

The same creation story says that God saw the other creatures were good quite apart from human beings, indeed, before there were any human beings. In Psalm 50:9-12, *For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the world and that is in it is mine....* Actually human beings are closely related to, and even dependent on non-human creatures. The truth is non-human creatures and the whole of creation (forest) can survive without humans, but humans cannot survive without them. This point is presented beautifully in Psalm 104, especially in verses 27-30, which is a liturgical parallel to the Genesis creation story.





Jesus in the NT says that God cares for even the ravens “they neither sow nor reap” (Luke 12:24) and clothes the lilies (Luke 12:28) which invites us to see in creation the sacrament of God’s hidden presence and experience all things as part of God’s creation.

So, God creates and protects the whole of God’s creation and indwells, accompanies, participates and delights in them. I am convinced that similar insights can be drawn from Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish and Islamic scriptures.

In fact, the delicate design behind whole of God’s creation convinces that nothing is accidental! This foundational fact - that we all need a fitted space for us to live – right to live, right to migrate is the great element of “democracy” in life. And even seasonal movement of animals/birds from one region to another. _More than two thirds of the world is crying for this space and democracy. That is an echo of the crisis we are faced with. There is a group of people call “Rohinjya in Myanmar” just over 700,000 women and children..... No country..

Whatever we choose to call it, the point is that all living beings, including animal need a space, a productive land, forest, a hospitable atmosphere, safe water and clean air.

3. When we talk about creation is the place of God, I am not talking about “Pantheism” God and creation equal in scope -Pantheism

In the Christian tradition there is a fear that this kind of theology will lead people to venerate matter and that is condemned by the Church as a heresy, and that heresy is named Pantheism. Pantheism is described in terms of making God and creation equal in scope. that the universe is God and God is the universe.

To overcome the issue of Pantheism Christian tradition has insisted on God’s transcendence, recognizing that God may be present within creation but cannot be reduced to creation. On the other hand, Christian tradition also talks about the immanence of God, meaning that God can be found within all creation. There are several biblical texts to justify these positions. Conclusion: Look at the beauty and the scientific balance behind the whole of God’s creation that tells us that nothing is accidental.

In spite of this knowledge and awareness, the planet earth is under threat and according to Romans 8: 18-25, the whole creation is groaning.

What a mess we humans have made of God’s beautiful world! Pollution, forests wiped out, species of animals vanishing due to human actions, green-house gas CO2 damaging thin ozone layer, climate change, imbalance of weather pattern and hundreds of years of tribal warfare which still continues to destroy our world even today. What a mess we’ve made of God’s beautiful creation.

I would like to conclude with Psalm 19 it begins with how clearly the sky reveals God’s glory! How plainly it shows what he has done! and how we can understand and see God through the creation. Each day announces the following day, yet it is speechless, no voice, no words used, yet their messages go out to the whole world. I see this as a wonderful metaphor. The voice of God then is speechless, yet the words go to the end of the world.

There is a voice in the creation, which the wise will listen to. Amen, thanks be to God.



**Job Opportunity: Director of Formation: Lay & Ordained Ministry.**

Trinity Methodist Theological College

Job Title: Director of Formation: Lay & Ordained Ministry**Location:** Trinity Theological College, 202 St Johns Road, Meadowbank, Auckland**Employment Type:** Full-Time, 2-Year Fixed Term Contract**Reports to:** Principal of Trinity Theological College**Job Description:**

Trinity Theological College invites applications for the position of Director of Formation: Lay & Ordained Ministry. The successful candidate will be responsible for leading the ministry formation program, supporting the spiritual, theological, and practical development of students preparing for both lay and ordained ministry. Additionally, the Director will play a key role in teaching ministry-related papers such as pastoral theology, ministry leadership, and contextual theology, ensuring academic rigor and alignment with the College's vision. This role is essential in shaping future ministry leaders for diverse contexts within the church and the wider community, ensuring alignment with the mission of Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa and ecumenical values. The Director will design and implement a holistic formation program that incorporates the key principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Bicultural Partnership, and Climate Justice, fostering spiritual growth and leadership development.

Key Responsibilities:**1. Program Leadership:**

- Lead and oversee the ministry formation program for both lay and ordained ministry candidates.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive curriculum that integrates spiritual, academic, and practical components for ministry readiness.
- Teach ministry-related papers, such as practical theology, pastoral care, and church leadership, contributing to students' theological and ministerial education.
- Ensure the inclusion of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Climate Justice as core aspects of the ministry education.

2. Formation & Mentoring:

- Provide individual and group mentoring to students, fostering their spiritual growth and leadership potential.
- Create and monitor personalized ministry formation plans tailored to the unique callings of students.
- Facilitate spiritual retreats, workshops, and reflective practice sessions.

3. Partnership & Collaboration:

- Work closely with denominational bodies, particularly the Methodist Church of New Zealand, to align the program with the evolving needs of the church.





- Collaborate with faculty to ensure academic teaching, including ministry-related papers, supports ministry formation objectives.
- Build and maintain relationships with local and national church leaders, offering students practical ministry opportunities.

4. Cultural Integration & Justice Initiatives:

- Ensure the formation program emphasizes cultural awareness and biculturalism, with a focus on the significance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Lead initiatives that integrate climate and social justice themes into the formation process, equipping students to serve in contexts requiring advocacy and ethical leadership.

5. Administration & Reporting:

- Manage all administrative aspects of the ministry formation program, including scheduling, student communications, and evaluation processes.
- Prepare reports on program progress for the Principal, College Council, and denominational partners.
- Participate in the student selection process, ensuring alignment with college values and entry criteria.

6. Qualifications & Competencies:

Education & Experience:

- Postgraduate qualification in Theology, Ministry, or a related field (PhD preferred but not essential).
- At least 5 years of experience in ministry formation, theological education, or church leadership.
- Strong understanding of Methodist ecclesiology, spirituality, and ministry practices, particularly in Aotearoa New Zealand or the broader Pacific context.
- Experience in teaching at a theological college or equivalent institution.

Skills & Attributes:

- A deep commitment to the Church's mission and ministry formation for both lay and ordained contexts.
- Proven experience in pastoral mentoring, spiritual direction, and guiding students through personal and vocational discernment.
- Strong understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Bicultural Partnership, with the ability to integrate these into the educational process.
- Excellent organizational, communication, and leadership skills, with the ability to manage multiple program components simultaneously.





- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with faculty, students, and external partners.

Working Relationships:

Internal: Principal and faculty at Trinity Theological College, administration staff, ministry formation students.

External: Connexional bodies (e.g., Methodist Church of New Zealand), local and national church leaders, partner institutions, and community organizations.

Terms & Conditions:

- Full-time, 2-year fixed term contract with the possibility of renewal based on performance and institutional needs.
- Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience (and based on the Methodist Church of New Zealand stipend if ordained).
- Occasional travel is required for retreats, conferences, and external engagements.

If you are passionate about ministry formation, theological education, and leadership development, and have the experience and vision to support students in their journey, we encourage you to apply

Application Process:

To apply for the position, please submit the following:

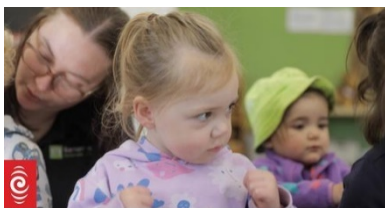
- Cover Letter outlining your interest in the role and your relevant experience.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) detailing your qualifications, professional experience, and any relevant achievements.
- Three Professional References with contact information. Applications should be sent to:

[Barbara Maile](#)

Application Deadline: 31st October 2024

For further information about this position, please contact the [Principal's Office](#).

We look forward to receiving your application!



Methodist Mission Southern: How to stop a tantrum before it starts

Barnardos is rolling out ENGAGE across early childhood centres nationwide, with the support of the team at [Methodist Mission Southern](#).

ENGAGE focuses on three core aspects - cognitive, behavioural and emotional. These skills are developed through games, so it makes it really fun for the children.

Dianne Kabigting from the central Wellington Barnardos Centre says "The superhero breathing exercise is a favourite".

Hear the positive feedback from the Barnardos Delivery Manager, teachers and parents about the impact of ENGAGE!

Aired on RNZ: 10:38 pm on 2 October 2024 [How to stop a tantrum before it starts | RNZ News](#)





[Mary Argue](#), Journalist

We all have big feelings, but for toddlers especially, it can all get a bit too much sometimes. But can you stop a tantrum in its tracks?

According to some parents, a game that teaches breathing through these big feelings is helping their kids to not throw their toys.

The Engage programme - a series of games and activities designed to help kids self-regulate - is rolling out across the nation's early learning services, with the goal of being in more than 2000 centres by June 2027.

While parents and teachers say the techniques are working wonders, education experts warn no approach is a silver bullet.

Barnardos in central Wellington has been running the [Engage \(Enhancing Neurobehavioural Gains with the Aid of Games and Exercises\) programme](#) since May.

Delivery manager Dianne Kabigting said the superhero breathing exercise is a favourite.

The exercise involves mimicking a hero's classic gesture - such as hands on hips for Wonder Woman and shooting webs for Spider-Man - while taking deep breaths.

She said it helps the kids work through periods of heightened emotion.

"We explain to them that we use this breathing exercise when we have really big emotions, when you're feeling angry, frustrated this is a really good time to do this breathing... and then when it happens in real life we can coach them to do these breathing exercises."

It was a helpful technique, kaiako/teacher Tiara Lafeta said - especially before nap and kai time - because it was not uncommon for a room full of children to get "pretty hectic".

The exercises also got a good run in the playground.

"When we notice that they're getting into a bit of a scuffle we ask them, 'What can you do to calm down a little bit?'

"The fact that they can talk back to us and say, 'We can do our superhero breathing'... [it] just helps them regulate their emotions."

It is not just kids taking deep breaths.



Lizzy Prunster with Leo. Photo: RNZ / REECE BAKER

Lizzy Prunster - whose two-and-a-half-year-old Leo attends the Barnardos - finds the deep breathing beneficial for her too.

She said when it comes to the exercises, Leo had a favourite hero.

"Leo is obsessed with Spider-Man. We do that every time he needs to calm down or he's having a bit of a tantrum - which he does a lot of these days - and we find it really useful." Psychologist and University of Otago professor Dione Healey created the programme and said it was an approach that had kids learning life skills through play.

"If you want them to learn to calm down or slow down if they're getting overly excited, or learn to persist a little bit more, for example getting them to complete a puzzle without having to leave halfway through.





"So you pick your skill and then you think about games that would involve that skill."



Photo: RNZ / REECE BAKER

She said decades of research also showed self-regulation played a critical role throughout life.

"The [longitudinal] [Dunedin Study](#) published a famous paper that's often referred to around the importance of self-regulation development where they showed that poor self-regulation at age three was predictive of a wide array of adverse outcomes in adulthood.

"So if you had poorer self-regulation, you had higher rates of unemployment, relationship difficulties, physical health difficulties, mental health difficulties, substance use problems, criminal involvement ... so it was a strong predictor of life course outcome."

Healey said self-regulation was a core life skill, and one that related specifically to the transition from early childhood education to school.

"Being able to sit still focus, concentrate, manage your emotions and behaviours in the classroom for example are really really important skills."

University of Canterbury psychology professor Lianne Woodward agreed, and maintained the strength of the Engage programme came from its real-world application, which signalled a move away from computer-based teaching methods.

"It's play-based and it's fun for children, and so they're learning but they're playing. "Children learn in interactions with other humans."



Demi Hadfield (3). Photo: RNZ / REECE BAKER

University of Otago education professor Alex Gunn cautions that no technique was a silver bullet, and warned against being too prescriptive about what was and was not 'correct' child behaviour.

In her view, the merit of the Engage programme was its ability to foster shared understanding about behavioural expectations and "getting adults to talk to each other".

"It really schools the adults more than the children in some ways ... and that's a little bit of magic in the approach."

[Government funding in April last year](#), means Engage is now rolling out across early learning centres and according to programme lead, Jimmy McLauchlan, is on track to be in more than 2000 by mid-2027.

Walk like a giraffe

Healey said for parents wanting to encourage certain behaviours, the key was to explain the skill and the why first.

"Sometimes when you walk down to the park with mum, if you run ahead that could be dangerous, so you might need to slow down when she asks you."

The next step was to introduce the game that used those skills.





Healey said the most important part was to link it all back to real-life scenarios. She said in the Engage game, 'animal speeds' could be a useful one for indicating a gear change.

"A cheetah could be really fast, a giraffe could be moderate, and a sloth could be slow. "So if you're a parent with a child and they're running around and you want them to slow down you could say, 'Go into sloth mode'.

"Or if you want to speed up you could say, 'You're bit of a sloth at the moment, go into giraffe mode, we need to hurry up to get somewhere on time'."

Be part of our story, our work, and our community.

Is there a specific programme we do that your group would be interested in learning more about? Would you like to read more about MMS' work in Otago and Southland?

Please contact [Julie](#) to receive our monthly e-newsletters and connect with us on our various social media channels. [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).



Climate Justice Group

The Climate Justice Working Group is committed to producing a calendar for each of the five key focus areas in the Climate Justice Decade – Rekindle the Va of Papatūānuku. The focus area for 2025/26 is Climate Migration/Displacement.

Our calendar leads the connexion month by month in challenging and inspiring reflections on this theme. It includes practical suggestions for action and a prayer. Contributors to the reflections are George Zachariah and Elisapesi Havea. Actions and prayers have been added by

Marion Hines. Translators have provided language versions of the calendar in Tongan, Samoan, and Fijian.

In love and respect for our late chair, Rev Siosifa Pole, the calendar for 2025 is dedicated to him in recognition of his passion for our work over the past five years.

Orders can be taken now (delivery end of October)

Calendars cost \$18 each or \$15 each for orders of 10 or more. Postal orders cost an additional \$10 per order. Conference delegates may collect their copy at Conference, Access the order form on our [web page](#) or order by [email](#).

Enquiries: Please email [Maion Hines](#) or Ph 021 053 2053





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Theology@Otago 2025

Theology for the Whole of Life.

The Christian Summer School
11 November - 4 December 2023
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Summer School
8 January - 16 February 2025
PAST 323 Christian Ministry in Te Ao Māori (enrolled 17-20 January 2025)
MINS 405

Semester 1 2025 - Easter & Jubilee terms
PAST 302 Special Topic: Trauma-Informed Ministry (enrolled 27-31 January 2025)
MINS 426 Special Topic: Māori Faith & Theology (enrolled 1-11 February 2025)

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BIBS 102 Hebrew: New Testament
BIBS 200/201 Hebrew: The Bible
BIBS 202/203 Hebrew: The Bible
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Greetings from the Theology Programme at the University of Otago!

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers many opportunities for the study of Christian Theology, both on-campus and to many students across New Zealand through our successful distance study programme. We are committed to serving Christian communities throughout New Zealand. Enrolments for Semester 1, 2025 are now open. For details of courses click [here](#).

- The subjects on offer include Old Testament and New Testament Studies, Church History, Systematic Theology, Māori Theology, Pacific Theology, Ethics, Practical Theology and Ministry (including Chaplaincy Studies), and Biblical languages (Hebrew and New Testament Greek). The Theology Programme also has a Centre for Theology and Public Issues, offering papers with a strong social justice focus on contemporary issues.

• You can study toward a qualification, or you can take a single paper (or more) for interest, or as part of another degree. (Most University of Otago students can include up to 5 Theology papers in their degree.)

• We offer many qualification options: Diploma in Theology; Bachelor of Theology; Postgraduate degrees in Theology, Ministry, Chaplaincy, and Faith-Based Leadership and Management; MTheol; and PhD. If you've already got another degree, we offer a Diploma for Graduates, which is 7 papers, 4 at 300-level. (This is the equivalent of one full year's study of Theology, but can be split up across several years.)

• We're offering a paper on Trauma-Informed Ministry (PAST 307/MINS405) as a Semester 1 paper, with a block course in Dunedin from 27-31 January. Click [here](#).

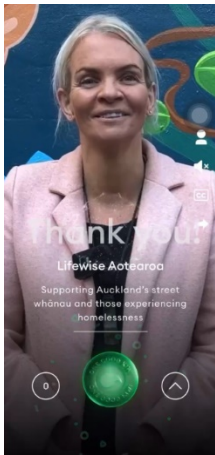
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Donate your FREE tokens to Lifewise this October

For the whole month of October Lifewise is lucky enough to be one of the chosen charities of One Good Kiwi, an awesome donation platform of One New Zealand. We are set to receive a share of \$100,000 courtesy of digital koha (donations) that are given free through the One Good Kiwi platform.

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Swipe and flick your tokens to Lifewise and support their mission to end homelessness and create a positive change in the community. Every little bit counts. Thank you.

Methodist Lay Preachers Network Annual Meeting by zoom

We warmly invite Lay Preachers and kaikarakia from all Synods, experienced, in-training or anyone simply interested, to the Methodist Lay Preachers Network annual meeting by zoom on Monday 4 November at 7.30pm.

To join this Zoom Meeting, [click this link](#) or use the meeting ID and passcode below:

Meeting ID: 894 7123 0844

Passcode: 325346

This will also be an opportunity to meet other Lay Preachers across the motu and address any questions.

Please pass this on to any Lay Preachers who do not have email. They may be able to join up with someone locally on zoom for the evening.

More information from [Viv Whimster](#), 07 578 6056, 021 137 2349
or [Ngairi Southon](#), 07 578 7119, 021 0224 5165

Conference Sunday service led by Lay Preachers at Waiwhetu

The service on Sunday 10 November at 10.00am at Waiwhetu Uniting Church (6 Trafalgar Street, Waiwhetu, Lower Hutt 5010) will be led by Lay Preachers. Following a shared brunch for all present, there will be an opportunity for Lay Preachers to share and discuss. This will conclude in time for people to attend the Ordination service at Taranaki Street.

We encourage all Lay Preachers to attend, especially if you live locally.

Lay Preachers Annual Update Form July 2023 – June 2024

Have you returned your 2024 Update Form yet?

The accuracy of the list in the Methodist Yearbook depends on these returns.

Only forms received by 30 November 2024 will be processed for the 2025 Yearbook.

The form can be downloaded from [here](#).

