

North Newz



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North New Zealand Conference

Building Leaders ▶ Growing Churches ▶ Serving Communities

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WELCOME

"NORTH NEWZ" is a monthly newsletter of the Adventist Church in the north island of New Zealand. This is a shortened version. If you would like to receive the full version please sign up by visiting our website www.nnzc.org.nz to subscribe to the North Newz.

LIFESPOT

SPIRIT GIFTING – GIFT, ALWAYS GIFT

Giving is the love language of Heaven. This makes the Kingdom of God a gift-giving operation. God is gift. Christ is gift. Life is gift. The Holy Spirit is gift. Gift is not just a piece of the picture, it is the picture! "We all live off His generous bounty, gift after gift." John 1:16, The Message. This is our context for gifts of ministry. If I imagine my goodness or talents originate with me, I ruin the picture. A gift is a gift. When I try to pay for it by my hard work or sacrifice, it's not a gift any more. If I take pride in it as my personal creation, I sabotage it. If I focus on my gift rather than on the Giver, I spoil it. Every ability I have for ministry stays gift—God's gift, every day and in every way.
- Pr Ed Gallagher, Senior Pastor for Healthy Adventist Churches, NNZC



THOUGHTS & REPORTS ON NNZC

NEW CHURCHES BUBBLING UP...

Kia Ora Conference Family!

New churches bubbling up... on Sunday 14 August at the Church Planting School run by Dr Paul Siopo new church planters were commissioned to go and make disciples with the message, 'that wherever Jesus Christ is believed and received the church is planted'. During the four weeks of training they began to plant eight new churches! They will be given two years to bear fruit and then be considered for recognition by the conference.



By the way we now have 101 official churches, companies and groups in the conference!

Christchurch Offering. Thank you very much for giving generously to the special offering for our churches in Christchurch. Almost \$20,000 was raised. Let us keep praying for Christchurch as it rebuilds.

Children. How involved are our children in church? Most often our focus on them is limited to a story for the children during the worship service on Sabbath. Do we give these presentations less prep time than we would when addressing adults? There are specialized techniques and strategies that must be appreciated in order to plan child friendly services. I have found it very helpful to either observe or to spend time with a teacher who I am comfortable with and whose style, behaviour management and presentation methodology I find particularly helpful.

How are you doing in this most important of areas? What do you need to do to improve? Visit our website to find resources to help with involving children in church. (<http://www.nnzc.org.nz/worship> and <http://www.nnzc.org.nz/children>)

Spirit Led (Sept 30-Oct 2) This year our focus is on Discipleship. Join us for a special weekend where YOU, a leader in your local church will be empowered and equipped to fulfil Christ's commission to us as believers.

Women's Conference (Oct 7-9) A very special weekend where women will be encouraged to use God's building blocks to find meaning, reaffirm and enhance their lives.

Town Hall. We are currently working on a report of the Town Hall Meetings. Copies will be sent to your churches and posted on our website as soon as it is ready.

Annual Report. Attached is a copy of my NNZC Annual Report, presented to the NZPUC Executive in June.

God bless you my sisters and brothers in the greatest cause on earth. I am always praying for you.

- Pr Eddie Tupa'i, Lead Pastor, NNZC

03 September 2011

The PRAYERHOUSE Word

"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."

- Psalm 119:165 (KJV)

2011— THE YEAR OF WORSHIP

"There is, however, equally great incentive to worship and love God in the thought that, for some unfathomable reason, He wants me as His friend, and desires to be my friend, and has given His Son to die for me in order to realize this purpose. not merely that we know God, but that He knows us."

- J I Packer

PRAYER ZONE

Unceasing PRAYER is the unbroken union of the soul with God, so that life from God flows into our life; and from our life, purity and holiness flow back to God.

- Ellen White, (Steps to Christ ch 11, p 98)

Prayer Focus

The song 'What a friend we have in Jesus' reminds us to 'Take it to the Lord in prayer'. Do we attempt to take everything we face before the Lord in Prayer. Oh, how much stress and worry would fall off our shoulders if only we did.

Pray about everything. Pray at any time all the time! Pray especially when you don't want to pray. Pray honestly. Pray without ceasing for THIS is the will of God.

Mission

To Grow Healthy Adventist New Zealand Churches by Mentoring, Supporting and Resourcing Leaders

Vision

To See a Spirit-filled body of Believers sharing Jesus in their Community

Focus for 2011

Worship

Focus for 2012

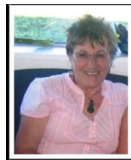
Discipleship

NNZC LE'S ON THE GO!

WAITING FOR THAT KNOCK ON THE DOOR...

Hine is a mum of six children ranging from 4-16 years old. She expressed her concern that her 8 year old daughter is being bullied by her peers at school. Her eldest 16 year old son is now schooling by correspondence after being expelled. He spoke to me and said that, had he known better, he would have preferred to have stayed at school. Before I arrived Hine had a feeling of hopelessness, she now has been given hope. She is aware that her family can benefit from our books and she was eager to give me her details to ensure she receives her books asap. I know there are many families in a similar circumstance as Hine, who are waiting for our knock at the door. May God renew our strength each day as we continue to be of service to Him.

- Marea Campbell (pictured) Literature Evangelist North New Zealand Conference



NOT EVERYONE IS INTERESTED...

Working with Brian Brunton at the farms up north New Zealand we met a lady called Kelly, a dairy farmer's wife with 4 children aged 17 down to 9. She told us she had cancer. When we showed her the Food Healing & Plant books, her response really blew us away. She said 'I don't want to eat all that funny food or change my eating habits and go on any strange diets' I replied by saying 'Kelly don't you owe it to your children to do whatever you can to stay alive for them and your husband' although medication hadn't stopped the cancer, she answered, 'I'll still trust the doctors and the treatments they recommend.' We drove away from that farm saddened at such 'gung ho' 'she'll be right' attitude of Kelly in this day and age. It makes you realize that even people with good education, an informed upbringing, and plenty of money sometimes think science has all the answers.

- Monet King (Pictured) Literature Evangelist North New Zealand Conference

From INTOUCH – Looking for the Seekers. 11 August 2011



CONFERENCE EVENT

SPIRIT LED 2011—PURSUING CHRIST

Date: 30 September - 2 October 2011

Venue: Tui Ridge Park, Rotorua

Each year, Spirit Led is our #1 Leadership event, where church leaders come together to share, fellowship and learn. This year our focus is Discipleship. Churches—get teams together and plan to be at a very special weekend where we will be challenged to renew our primary calling as believers and to discover ways that work for each of us individually that will help us make disciples. We are able to accommodate more people this year. So please encourage your church leadership teams and your members to be there. Don't miss out!!

We are sending you a copy of the application as your personal invitation to be there! If you cant make it, have a read so you can see for yourself what the weekend is about and keep us in prayer.

Feature Speaker: Dr Terry Swenson

Terry Swenson, DMin, MDiv, serves as campus chaplain and an associate professor of the School of Religion for Loma Linda University. Working with young people has been a constant focus throughout his pastoral ministry in Northern and Central California. The opportunity to focus his ministry on students at a university level attracted him to his current position eleven years ago.

Pastor Swenson recently completed a Doctor of Ministry degree from George Fox University, Oregon with an emphasis in the areas of postmodernism, cross-cultural and global interactions and leadership.

He is married to the former Marian Sanker for the past thirty years and the proud parents of four children, Jasmine (LLU SDH), Mia, Crystal and Jared.



FOOTNOTE

I watched a video on 3 News this week that touched my heart. 71 years ago Tony Jones was removed from his young mother. The journey that followed classified him as one of Britain's lost children, shipped around the world after World War II. He was treated to a life of work and chores by his foster parents and made to sleep on the veranda with the dog. In all those years Tony Jones simply wanted to see his mum.

71 years later, Tony has found his mum, who amazingly is still alive! He will soon be on his way home to England where he will meet his 90 year old mother for the very first time. It brought tears to my eyes as I watched him speak to her on the phone for the very first time. "Hi mum," he said, "This is your son."

Oftentimes in my life my heart cries out, 'I simply want to see my Father'.

John 14:1-4— "Don't let this throw you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father's home. If that weren't so, would I have told you that I'm on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I'm on my way to get your room ready, I'll come back and get you so you can live where I live.

We are going home soon. We will see our Father face to face. We will spend eternity with Him. Keep on keeping on until that day.

-Hana Isaac, Editor/North News



ON A MISSION

The NNZC is on a **mission** to **build godly leaders**, who grow **healthy Adventist churches** that **serve their communities**. They look forward to seeing many more **Spirit-led** believers **sharing Jesus** in their communities.

SUNSET TIMES & OFFERINGS

Auckland

Sabbath 03 September: **6:02 pm**

Next Friday 09 September **6:06 pm**

Wellington

Sabbath 03 September: **5:58 pm**

Next Friday 09 September **6:04 pm**

Offerings

Sabbath 03 September: **Local**

Next Sabbath 10 September: **Annual Sacrifice**

Global Mission

Special Days This Month

September 17: **Tertiary Students Day**

September 24: **13th Sabbath**

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information on events please visit our website – www.nnzc.org.nz

05 - 10 September 2011

Big Ideas - Tour

10 - 11 September 2011

Pathfinder Leadership Award

North: NNZC Office, Manukau

South: Longburn Adventist College

17 September 2011

Wellington Regional

18 September 2011

NNZC Executive Committee Meeting

24 September 2011

Pastoral Family Appreciation Day

Local Church

30 September - 02 October 2011

Spirit Led

Location: Tui Ridge Park

07 - 09 October 2011

Women's Conference

Location: Tui Ridge Park

09 - 16 October 2011

Teen Expedition

Location: Lake Waikeremoana

12 - 15 October 2011

Kingdom Productions

Location: Papatoetoe Church

Adventist Book Centre

The Adventist Book Centre is now open on Sundays!! Find us on Facebook as **Adventist Boom Centre NZ**.



ABC is the one stop shop for all your Christian resource needs, be it for you individually or your church. Drop in! Come visit us today.