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17-19 July 2015

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National Youth Leaders' Conference



The vision of PYM is to make Jesus Christ known by:

Teaching and nurturing people in Christian faith

Loving service responding to human need

Proclaiming the gospel

Seeking to transform society

Caring for God's creation

We aim to do this by growing Christ-centred youth ministries that:



Look IN

Encourage young people to grow in a Christ-centred faith in God

Look AROUND

Encourage young people to grow in Christ-centred communities

Look OUT

Encourage young people to grow Christ-centred mission hearts to serve

Welcome to Connect 2015

Thank you for taking the time to join us for Connect 2015! We are really excited about all the ways that you will be encouraged, up-skilled and challenged over this weekend. We pray it will be a fantastic time of learning, encounter and encouragement.

Why Connect 3D?

The old adage is true: "you cannot give what you don't have". This weekend you will be given insights and tools to help you to minister out of a place of wholeness. We're moving beyond theory - a team of experienced spiritual directors will be here to help you in your personal journey.

As usual we have a phenomenal team of worship leaders, speakers, teachers and servants who will work tirelessly this weekend to bless you.

We have some new aspects to Connect this year. In particular make sure you check out:

Guerrilla Worship

Over the weekend Malcolm Gordon will be facilitating various prayer, worship and reflection spaces. Keep an eye out for these as they pop up around the facility.

Spiritual Direction sessions

On Saturday we have over 25 spiritual directors on hand to meet with you one-on-one.

May you be encouraged, refreshed, equipped, inspired and connected to others in the body of Christ this weekend.

PYM National Team



Matt Chamberlin
National Youth Ministry Director



Gordon Fitch
National Youth Ministry Manager

Timetable

Friday

4:00pm	Registration	
5:30	Dinner	Laidlaw Dining Room
7:00	Team Quiz Challenge	Auditorium
7:30	Keynote	Auditorium
9:30	TailGate parties	

Saturday

7:45am	Breakfast	Laidlaw Dining Room
8:30	Keynote	Auditorium
10:00	Morning Tea	Laidlaw Dining Room
10:30	Workshop 1	
11.35	Workshop 2	
12:30pm	Lunch	Laidlaw Dining Room
1:30	Table conversations / spiritual direction	Laidlaw Dining Room / Camp 1 Dining Room
2:30	Free time / spiritual direction	
5:30	Dinner	Laidlaw Dining Room
6:45	Workshop 3	
7.45	Keynote	
9:15	Connect's Got Talent	

Sunday

7:45am	Breakfast	Laidlaw Dining Room
8:30	Workshop 4	
9:35	Workshop 5	
10:30	Morning Tea	Laidlaw Dining Room
11:00	Final keynote	Auditorium
12:30pm	Lunch	Laidlaw Dining Room
1:00	Pack up	

@ Connect

Guerilla worship

Curated by Malcolm Gordon

Our God turns up in all sorts of surprising places so at Connect we will be finding all sorts of creative ways to invite you into God's presence. Prepare to be ambushed! Keep an eye out for a yellow flag that will indicate where a guerrilla worship station is going to crop up.

Jam it out in the Prayer Chapel

If you are feeling inspired by the awesome worship music at Connect and want to create some of your own then find your way to the Prayer Chapel where we will have instruments ready for you to jam with at your leisure.

Tailgate Parties

Friday 9:30-10:30pm

Come along to your Regional Tailgate party. A great chance to meet new people from your area or connect with old friends. There will plenty of food, music and non-alcoholic drinks.

South Island Party - Upstairs Lounge (Camp 2)

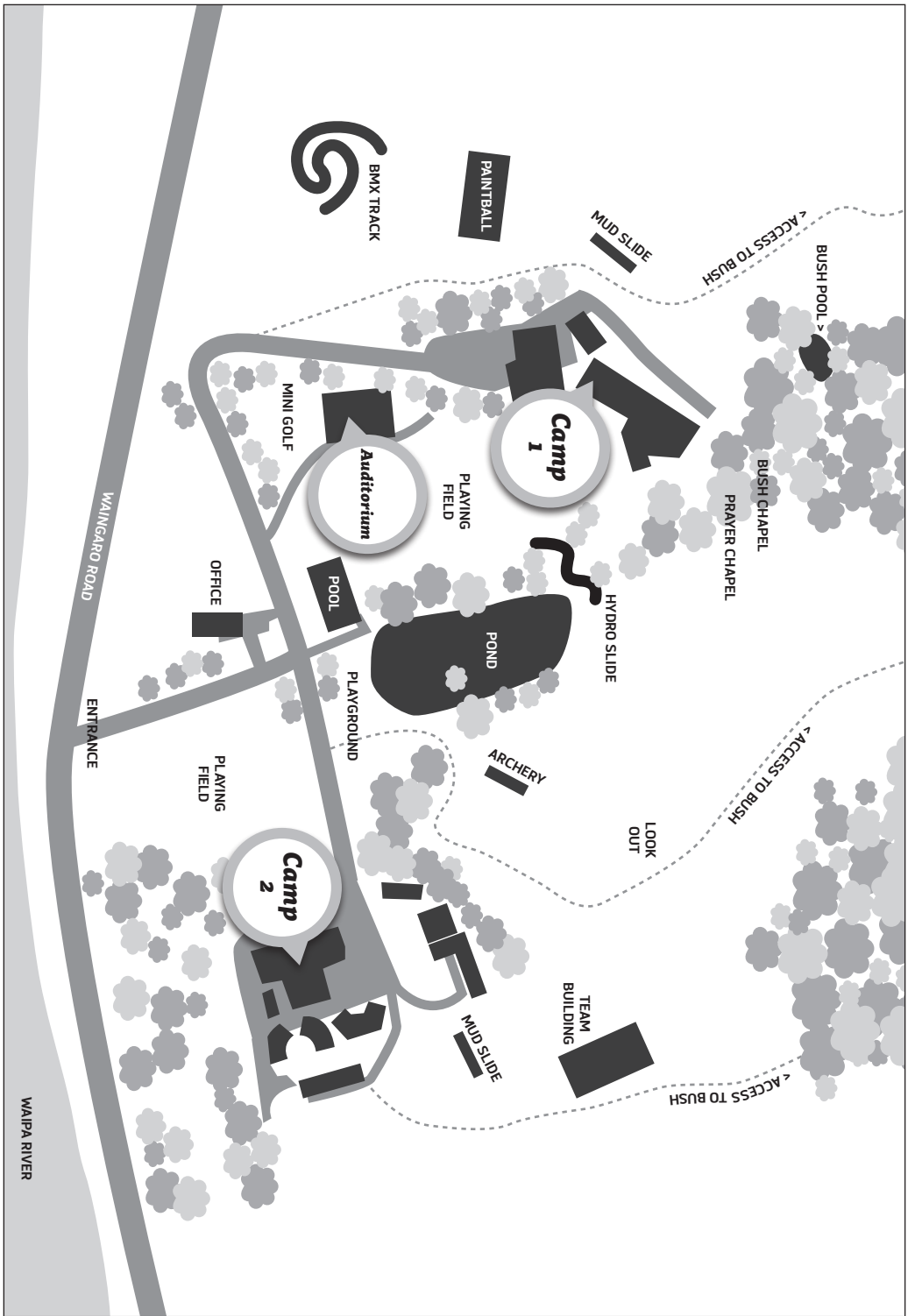
Northern Party - Laidlaw Dining Room

Central and Kaimai Party - Lodge (Camp 1)

Workshops at a glance

AUDITORIUM	LAILAW DINING ROOM	LODGE (CAMP 2)	BIBLE SOCIETY ROOM (CAMP 1)
SATURDAY / 10:30-11:30AM			
Leading from the Centre Bill Maston	Prayer and Personality Fran Francis	Vocation - Finding Your Mission in Life? Dr Stephen Garner	Let's GO FISHING Teiho Tengarua and Meauli Seuala
SATURDAY / 11:30AM-12:30PM			
Fun and Faith at Youth Group - Getting the Balance Right Marty Kingi	Practising the Presence of God Ricky Waters	Youth Engagement Rod Baxter	The Art of Story-telling Neville Bartley and Steve Adams
SATURDAY / 6:45-7:45PM			
	Intergenerational Ministry Murray Brown	Navigating Kiwi Culture Out of a Traditional Pasifika World Mareta Ford	The War of the World Views; Christianity vs Secularism and Other Philosophies of the Modern World Lew Meyer
SUNDAY / 8:30-9:30AM			
Multiplication vs Addition Bill Maston	Be a Visionary: How to Prepare Your Church for Effective Youth Ministry Tala Page	Indwelling Discipleship Murray Brown	Bible literacy in New Zealand Emma Dyer
SUNDAY / 9:30-10:30AM			
Taking the Pulse of a Youth Ministry Mike Dodge	Dynamic Prayer Jonathan Hesp	Changing Gear without the Wheels Falling Off Rev Mark Johnson	Conflict Resolution... Yeah Right Rev Wayne Matheson

LODGE (CAMP 1)	DINING ROOM (CAMP 1)	UPSTAIRS LOUNGE (CAMP 2)	PRAYER CHAPEL
SATURDAY / 10:30-11:30AM			
Understanding and Equipping Today's Volunteers Jonathan Hesp	What's in Your Kete? Tama Bucknell	Where to From Here with Young Adults Nigel Cottle	
SATURDAY / 11:30AM-12:30PM			
Worship and World-making Rev Malcolm Gordon	Nailing Events in Youth Ministry - How to Plan and Host Successful Youth Events/ Fundraisers Vine Isaiah Takai	Justice & action (Just Act) Anne Overton	
SATURDAY / 6:45-7:45PM			
The Evolution of a Youth Minister Mike Dodge	God just wants you to happy...and other lies about scripture: How to help students really engage with the Bible Jane Pelz	Chocolate Provided - How do we Connect, Inspire and Empower Young Women in Today's Society? Sarah Crocombe	Trusting God in the Mess of Daily Life Conrad Demmocks
SUNDAY / 8:30-9:30AM			
Are you Surviving or Thriving 2.0 : Sharing the Journey Rev Ivan Martinez	Community Engagement: Getting the Church Into the Community and the Community Into the Church Jennie McCullough	The Justice Challenge: Inspiring Youth to Work for a Better World Dr Murray Sheard	
SUNDAY / 9:30-10:30AM			
Holiness, Dualism and the Problem of Jesus Rev Malcolm Gordon	Raising up Young Leaders Jill Kayser	Why You Shouldn't Go on a Mission Trip Rev Phil King	



Camp 1

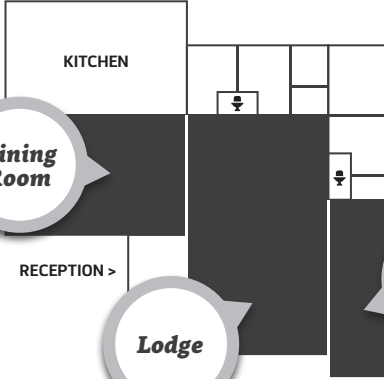
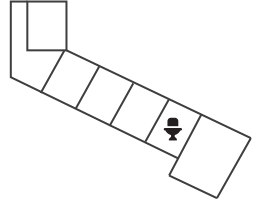
Prayer Chapel



FAMILY CABINS



LAUNDRY DRYING ROOM



KITCHEN

Dining Room

RECEPTION >

Lodge

Bible Society Room

Camp 2



FAMILY CABINS



CABINS 7-12



Upstairs Lounge

< RECEPTION

Lodge

Laidlaw Dining Room

CABINS 1
CABINS 2

FAMILY CABINS

STAFF

WASH UP AREA

< LOUNGE

CABINS 3
CABINS 4

MAIN KITCHEN



CABINS 6



Keynote speakers

Friday evening



Bill Maston / LEADING FROM THE CENTRE

Bill is the founder of Nexus International and brings a wealth of leadership and ministry experience from his 30+ years in youth ministry. Bill (more commonly known as Gandalf among his younger staff) has been developing youth leaders in over 25 different countries with Nexus International including: Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Romania and within the continent of Africa. As an organisation, Nexus International is involved with training and equipping 1,000+ youth leaders from 53 nations on an annual basis. Bill is brilliant at helping people centre their lives and ministry around Jesus Christ and helping them to take the call to make disciples seriously and strategically. Bill lives in Colorado with his wife Karen and has four married adult children and 10 grandchildren.

Saturday morning



David Crawley / SOUL CARE

David and his wife Sarah live in Titirangi and both lecture at the Henderson campus of Laidlaw College. David's teaching area is spiritual formation. He also works in a private capacity as a spiritual director and supervisor, and is preparing for ordination as a sacramental minister in his local Anglican Church. When not busy with those responsibilities, David enjoys walking, drinking coffee in local cafés, watching movies, listening to music, and annoying the neighbours with his attempts to play the saxophone.

Saturday evening



Bill Maston / MULTIPLICATION VS ADDITION

What was Jesus' plan to transform the world? The answer is that he focused most of his time on a few people. In a ministry culture that is so in love with big events and programmes, how can we work the strategy of investing into a few people to set about a multiplication of believers that will transform the world?

Sunday morning



Mareta Ford

Mareta has been involved with young people since she was thrown in the deep in at the age of 13 years by her father, helping him with Sunday School. This experience has set the trend for Mareta's induction into youth ministry and community work. Mareta does not hold a degree but is definitely "QBE" (Qualified by Experience) after 22 years of church and community youth work. Mareta is currently Senior Community Adviser for youth at Hamilton City Council and has been involved in countless youth initiatives, including establishing community youth leadership programmes throughout Hamilton. Mareta is a New Zealand born Cook Island Maori who loves helping people to figure out what it looks like to hold onto their culture while trying to make it in a palangi world. Mareta has got lots of wisdom and experience and is looking forward to sharing it with us all at Connect 2015.



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Workshops

- G** General interest
- I** Interactive workshop
- D** Discussion
- B** Beginner
- M** Intermediate
- A** Advanced
- HL** Volunteer leaders
- KL** Key leaders
- F** Forum

Saturday 10:30-11:25am

Leading from the Centre

I / G / AUDITORIUM



Bill Maston

President, Nexus International

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This workshop will take the big picture ideas discussed in the keynote address and help you apply the challenge of living out of a set of spiritual core values.

Prayer and Personality

G / LAIDLAW DINING ROOM (CAMP 2)



Fran Francis

Spiritual Director, Retreat Leader, Senior Pastor
Solace Spiritual Direction and Pastor of Shore Vineyard Church

Who you are is how you pray! This practical workshop will explore life-giving prayer practices that you are hard-wired for. If in your prayer life you feel bored, stuck or dried-out, you are not alone! Come and find out what will enhance deeper intimacy with God.

Vocation - Finding Your Mission in Life?

♻️ / G / LODGE (CAMP 2)



Dr Stephen Garner

Head of Theology, Laidlaw College

Stephen Garner is Head of Theology at Laidlaw College, Auckland. He teaches practical theology and Christian spirituality. He is married to Kim and they have four children. Stephen worships at Massey Presbyterian Church, and serves on our Church's Leadership Sub-Committee.

We often talk about God's plan for our lives, but what do we really mean by this? This workshop explores what vocation or calling looks like, and how we might discern that.

Let's Go Fishing

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Teiho Tengaru and Meauli Seuala

Youth Leaders, PIPC Tamaki

Teiho has served in child and youth ministry at Pacific Islanders Presbyterian Church, Tamaki (Auckland) as a leader in their Cook Islands Mapu (Youth), combined Bible Class as well as Sunday school. Although she has no formal training, Teiho is very qualified in finding creative, fun and interactive ways of sharing the Word of God. Meauli has been serving at Tamaki PIPC for over 30 years, and he is also the co-convenor for the PI Synod Youth Komiti and a Fono Samoa Rep. He is married with six kids and lives in Manurewa where he works as Youth Pride Coordinator at Tamaki Rec Centre.

This is a workshop where you will be fishing for ideas, skills and tools to help you in lesson planning for your young people. Here you will learn to HOOK in your audience, keep your LINE strong and utilise your SINKER to reel in your audience.

Understanding and Equipping Today's Volunteers

 / G / LODGE (CAMP 1)



Jonathan Hesp

Executive Director, Alpha New Zealand

Jonathan is the Executive Director of Alpha New Zealand. He has a passion for young people and evangelism, believing that we can combine the two! He has been married to Lynne for 15 years and has two kids and are now of their own personal youth ministry journey.

Volunteers today are tricky. They have time constraints, want to do things on their own timetable, have a high level of skill and many other complicating factors. Alpha works with many volunteers and we've found some generic principles that will make you a better volunteer recruiter, manager and leader.

What's in Your Kete?

 / G / DINING ROOM (CAMP 1)



Tama Bucknell

Director, Epic Ministries Inc

Epic Ministries is a youth organisation based in Waipukurau. Over the last 10 years we have focused on developing youth initiatives that provide a healthy community for young people as they grow and develop.

In this workshop we will explore how the image of kete can help unpack the strengths and assets that you and your young people bring to the community. We will share resources and stories to help you get the most out of your kete back home.

Where to From Here with Young Adults

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Nigel Cottle

Youth and Young Adults Coach, Northern Baptist Association

Nigel was a youth pastor for 10 years overseeing intermediate age children, teenagers and young adults. He has worked in a regional capacity for the past 10 years with a primary focus on young adults. He is passionate about seeing our young adults stay connected to Jesus and the church.

Everyone is aware of the huge dropout rate of young adults from churches across all denominations. In this seminar we will look at some reasons why this happens. Then we will explore strategies and pathways that make churches places that young adults (and all ages) want to engage with.

Save the date!

CONNECT 2016

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**Queens Birthday Weekend
El Rancho Waikanae**

Saturday 11:30am-12:30pm

**Fun and Faith at Youth Group
- Getting the Balance Right**

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Marty Kingi

Youth Pastor, Hawera Presbyterian Church

In this workshop we will be looking at how to get a good balance between fun team building activities and spiritual growth times. I will be sharing tools, insights and structures that I have used to keep the balance and inspire youth. I will also give you the chance to take the lessons learnt from this workshop and create an ideal term plan for your youth group.

Practising the Presence of God

♻️ / G / LAIDLAW DINING ROOM (CAMP 2)



Ricky Waters

Coordinating Chaplain, Massey University (Albany),
Unitec Institute of Technology, Manukau Institute of Technology

Is it possible to enjoy God in the fast lane? In this workshop we will work with the famous line of St Patrick's great prayer "Christ beside me, Christ beneath me, Christ before me". Is it possible to know God's presence with us now?!

Youth Engagement

♻️ / G / LODGE (CAMP 2)



Rod Baxter

Youth Worker, BGI Wellington

Rod Baxter is a youth worker with Wellington Boys' and Girls' Institute (BGI), a youth development organisation founded in 1883 by young people in partnership with St John's in the City. He has enjoyed journeys with St John's youth group, chairing the National Youth Workers Network of Aotearoa and helped found Ara Taiohi in 2010. Rod's current focuses within the BGI kaupapa are a group of young leaders called 'Link' and a crew of emerging street artists painting murals in alleyways.

Come play with some toys! And then work out why. This interactive workshop will fuse ABL and Youth Participation frameworks to find fresh perspectives on familiar practices. Often, when we ask young people why they're involved in something, they'll reply with "fun, friends, and food" and then maybe something that we think is "more substantial". How can we ensure that every element of our programmes include an intentional engagement edge? We'll explore the concepts of meaning, control and connectedness in an applicable sense. You'll take away some cool research links and maybe a new game or two. And you may have an urge to visit the toy store.

The Art of Story-telling

♻️ / G / BIBLE SOCIETY CHAPEL (CAMP 2)



Neville Bartley and Steve Adams

National Youth Director, SUNZ

A youth worker in NZ for the last 28 years, Neville has now shifted from being a youth pastor to supporting youth pastors throughout NZ. He has a passion to see youth workers well supported and resourced and to see youth effectively equipped to become world changing disciples for Christ. He has worked in many different areas of NZ with different ethnic and socio-economic groups and brings all these years of youth work with him in the training he provides.

Steve has been involved in youth pastoral work for over 30 years, has been married for 29 years and has three children. As a youth pastor he has worked in a range of different churches and youth ministries. In his current role as Youth Consultant with Scripture Union, Steve is able to pass on advice from his own experience.

Come and learn more about the art of story-telling and how to use it to bring the Bible alive to young people in a new and exciting ways. Be prepared to get involved.

Worship and World-making

🔄 / G / LODGE (CAMP 1)



Rev Malcolm Gordon

Worship, Music and Arts Enabler,
Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership

Malcolm helps churches do worship as creatively and authentically as possible, while making a platform for artists, poets and musicians to enrich the worshipping life of our church.

We are all captivated by epic stories. We all want to believe we're a part of such a story. Worship is the place we tell that story and let it shape our lives.

Nailing Events in Youth Ministry - How to plan and host successful youth events/fundraisers

🔄 / G / DINING ROOM (CAMP 1)



Vine Isaiah Takai

Family Support Worker / Specialist Youth Worker,
Open Home Foundation and Youth Horizon

I started working with young people as a volunteer at Onehunga Cooperating Parish and have now been working with youth for over 13 years. I currently work as a Family Support Worker for the Open Home Foundation, supporting the needs of young people with intellectual disabilities. I am also a specialist youth worker for Youth Horizon working with youth offenders and young people in care and protection. I live in Onehunga, Auckland, and am married with two boys named Daniel and Clayton.

This workshop is for youth leaders looking to explore and create innovative ideas, to bring youth groups and community together through events. You will get the chance to plan a mock event as well as share and learn ideas through small group discussion. We will also create plans to help with fundraising ideas for the development of your youth group.

Justice & action (Just Act)

C / G / UPSTAIRS LOUNGE (CAMP 2)



Anne Overton

Community Advocate, Presbyterian Support Northern

Anne works as the Community Advocate for Presbyterian Support Northern. She believes that we all have a part to play in speaking up and advocating for those who are often unseen in our neighbourhoods and communities.

A fair and just world begins with you and me. Discover creative ways to motivate people to take action.

GOING **FURTHER** IN DISCIPLESHIP

If you are 18-30 then come and join us for a week long discipleship camp that will challenge, inspire and deepen your journey with Jesus.

We will explore together what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in our time. Spiritual practices and rhythms are an important part of this week together.


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It is our hope and prayer that The Bachelor of Ministry PYM Internship will see a new wave and generation of such youth workers and ministers taking up positions of leadership in our church.

The Bachelor of Ministry PYM internship is a collaboration between Presbyterian Youth Ministry (PYM), the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership (KCML), the local host church and either Laidlaw College or Carey Baptist College.

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Saturday arvo options

Spiritual Direction at Connect 2015

1:30-5:00PM / DINING ROOM - CAMP 1

Make sure you book a free 30 minute, one-on-one session with a spiritual director at Connect. We have over 25 trained spiritual directors who will meet with you and provide you with a confidential spiritual direction session. Get in quick by booking on the sign-up sheet in the dining room. Sessions are available from 1:30pm -5:00pm

Facilitated Spiritual Practices

2:00PM, 3:00PM / LODGE - CAMP 1

Find out just how powerful spiritual practices can be by participating in small group facilitated by one of our spiritual directors. You can book a slot for these too on a sign-up sheet in the dining room.

Lectio divina - meditating on the Word with David Crawley and Ricky Waters

Ignation - meditating using imagination with Jeannie Martin Blaker

Visio divina - meditating using pictures and images with Fran Francis

Body prayer - we usually pray with our words, learn to pray with your whole body - with Bridie Southall

Table Topics

1:30-2:30PM / DINING ROOM - CAMP 2

Get the most out of your time at Connect by getting involved in table topics. We have carved out a special slot in the programme where you can have intentional youth ministry conversations with colleagues and experts over a cup of coffee. This is a great opportunity for you to get some help with challenging areas of ministry or wrestle with new ideas you have heard at Connect 15. With table topics you just rock up to a table and join in on a conversation for as long as it's helpful. You are welcome to move to different tables whenever you like. To get us started we will have twelve conversations up and running:

- **Why Become an Ordained Minister** - Mark Johnson from KCML
- **Intermediate Ministry** - Ngahui Rolston, & Jennie McCullough
- **Young Adult Ministry** - Nigel Cottle & Ivan Martinez
- **Worship (music, curation, bands etc)** - Malcolm Gordon and friends
- **Games & Youth Group Activities** - Vine Isaiah Takai, Emma Payne & Marty Kingi
- **24-7 Youth Work Schools Ministry** - Matt Chamberlin

- **Resources & Curriculum** - Brad Kelderman and Jono Hesp
- **Getting Out into the World - Missions & Service Projects** - Phil King, Jo Weiland and Anne Overton
- **Living out Discipleship and Core Values** - Bill Maston
- **Training to be a Spiritual Director** - David Crawley, Gareth Walters and Jeannie Martin Blaker
- **Tips and Tools for Great Youth Work** - Rod Baxter and Tama Bucknell
- **Ask anything you like** - Mike Dodge and Murray Brown
- **Safety, Safety, Safety...RAMS, Policies, Police Checks and more** - Gordon Fitch

These conversations kick off in the dining room (Camp 2) , just look for the signs posted on the relevant tables

Free time activities

2:30-5:30PM

Our venue has lots of great free time options for you. We have a bunch of sports equipment on the field, plus there are beautiful bush walks, beach volleyball and even paddleboats that you can use, as long as you wear a lifejacket (provided by the camp).



All welcome!

SATURDAY 9:15 / AUDITORIUM

Connect's Got Talent is back again following its success last year. If you have a musical gift, a poem, a drama or a dance then we would love you to share it with us at Connect's Got Talent.

To enter you have up to 2 minutes to wow the judging panel and audience with your awesome talent. You will receive encouragement and feedback from each of our expert panel, we're confident it will be a hugely positive experience for you. The best of the best will get their chance to showcase their talents on the Main Stage Sunday morning.

Saturday, 6:45-7:45pm

Intergenerational Ministry



C / G / LAIDLAW DINING ROOM (CAMP 2)

Murray Brown

Youth Enabler/Youth Pastor,
Presbytery Central/St Albans Presbyterian

Murray has been involved in professional youth ministry for over 30 years including time as a youth pastor, director of YouthTRAIN, and lecturing in youth ministry at various tertiary colleges. Currently Murray is youth pastor at St Albans and was recently appointed as one of the youth enablers for Presbytery Central.

Some of the greatest assets for teenage faith development are the adults and grandparents who sit in our pews and have little contact with young people. This workshop explores ideas for making intergenerational youth ministry a reality in your church.

Navigating Kiwi Culture Out of a Traditional Pasifika World

C / G / LODGE (CAMP 2)



Mareta Ford

Senior Community Advisor, Hamilton City Council

Mareta Ford has been working for the Community Development and Leisure Unit for over 13 years, supporting communities to become the best they can be. Mareta likes to think that her work helps put hands and legs on the community dreams. Mareta is currently leading a team of six Community Advisors, serving the Hamilton City communities. Her passion and love for young people is a huge motivator in her role to ensure her team is kept relevant, safe and also be the best they can be!

Mareta was born and raised in Hamilton by her awesome Cook Islands parents, Ere Ford and the late George Ford. and life at home wasn't your typical Kiwi home. Mareta grew up in a community of mostly Europeans and Maori, but living in a very traditional Cook Islands home. Mareta learnt very quickly that life outside her home, had different rules, values and life was

not the same as in her home. In this workshop she will explore barriers that non-kiwis face living in New Zealand and how to best work with young people battling with church/family traditions and making sense of these.

The War of the World Views; Christianity vs Secularism and Other Philosophies of the Modern World

♻️ / G / BIBLE SOCIETY CHAPEL (CAMP 2)



Lew Meyer

National Director, OAC Ministries

This workshop will look at the effect of secular philosophies on the thinking of young people today, inside and outside the church, and how to influence belief systems and communicate the gospel.

The Evolution of a Youth Minister

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Mike Dodge

Director, Canterbury Youth Services

Mike has been involved in youth ministry for over 30 years. He is the PYM regional consultant for Canterbury and he leads a team to support churches across denominations in the region. He is a brilliant presenter with a huge amount of insight to share.

Sticking it out in ministry over the long haul requires constant adaption and evolution of not only your ministry but also yourself. How do you reinvent yourself for the next stage of life and ministry?

**God just wants you to happy..
and other lies about scripture: How to help
students really engage with the Bible**

C / G / DINING ROOM (CAMP 1)



Jane Pelz

International Student Staff, Auckland,
Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship

Jane brings a wealth of experience after 30+ years working amongst tertiary students (specifically international students) in the USA, UK and NZ)

What should our approach be to help students (not necessarily Christians) love and think deeply about scripture so that they are not tossed about by every wind of doctrine? How can we help students feed themselves and be transformed by God's word? (With special attention given to different worldviews and religions).

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Presbyterian Youth Ministry website. At the top left, it says "Presbyterian Youth Ministry". At the top right, there are search and menu icons. The main heading is "Your Youth Ministry Portal" with the tagline "serving youth workers in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond". Below this is a circular logo with three interlocking shapes. The website address "pym.org.nz" is prominently displayed in a large, bold font. At the bottom, a text box states: "Our website is filled with resources, curriculum, youth ministry news, jobs and events".

Chocolate Provided - How do we connect, inspire and empower young women in today's society?

 / G / UPSTAIRS LOUNGE (CAMP 2)



Sarah Crocombe

Youth Pastor, Mahurangi Presbyterian & Mahu Vision Community Trust

Sarah has been working in youth ministry for 15 years and has always had a passion to see young women being supported and mentored through the curve balls that life throws at them. Sarah has been running a programme called 'Girl' since 2012, which is primarily designed to support meaningful relationships. It has been developed to simply create an opportunity for Youth Workers to engage and meaningfully connect with girls. The programme creates an opportunity to intentionally explore how life is going and is a great way to encourage openness and set a tone of being able to talk about the bigger stuff within your relationship.

We will take a look at how we can design programs, create mentoring relationships and plan nights that provide youth workers opportunities to engage with girls and provide an encouraging environment.

Trusting God in the Mess of Daily Life

 / G / UNDER COVER BALCONY (CAMP 1)



Conrad Demmocks

PYM Youth Ministry Intern, Wairau Presbyterian Parish

Conrad is in his second year of the PYM youth internship, and has been involved in youth ministry in Blenheim since 2009.

This workshop will provide discussion and practical help in dealing with the doubts and emotional messiness of daily life.

Sunday, 8:30-9:30am

Multiplication vs Addition

C / G / AUDITORIUM



Bill Maston

President, Nexus International

Bill is the founder of Nexus International and brings a wealth of leadership and ministry experience from his 30+ years in youth ministry. With Nexus International, Bill has developed youth leaders in over 25 different countries including Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Romania and in the continent of Africa. Bill is brilliant at helping people centre their lives and ministry on Jesus Christ and helping them to take the call to make disciples seriously and strategically.

Both multiplication and addition have their place. This workshop will move from the big picture of considering Jesus and Paul's core strategy of investing in a few to reach the many, to sharing current cross-cultural stories from the chalk face of ministry along with some practical steps in choosing to build people before we build programs.

Be a Visionary: How to prepare your church for effective youth ministry

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Tala Page

Youth and Families Worker, Greenlane Presbyterian Church

2015 marks the ninth year of Tala being in paid ministry. She has learnt a lot along her ministry journey but feels that only recently has she truly understood and appreciated the importance of being a visionary. Tala's passion is mentoring, bridging the gap between children and youth ministries and community work. Tala also serves on the Board of Trustees at her local intermediate school and coaches hockey in her spare time, all while planning a wedding!

What do you want your youth ministry to look like in five years? Are you new to ministry? Want to know where to start? Build your ministry foundation with vision and strategy - faithfully prepare the soils of youth ministry to reap a harvest. This interactive workshop is designed to help you start thinking about the bigger picture.

Indwelling Discipleship

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Murray Brown

Youth Enabler/Youth Pastor, Presbytery Central/St Albans Presbyterian
Murray has been Involved in professional youth ministry for over 30 years including time as a youth pastor, director of YouthTRAIN, and lecturing in youth ministry at various tertiary colleges. Currently Murray is youth pastor at St Albans and was recently appointed as one of the youth enablers for Presbytery Central.

Most of our discipleship involves teaching information to young people which is useful to a point, but neglects the need for them to develop their own relationship with the indwelling Christ. This workshop explores an approach to discipleship by first establishing a Biblical foundation and then exploring practical strategies.

Bible Literacy in New Zealand

☺ / G / BIBLE SOCIETY CHAPEL (CAMP 2)



Emma Dyer

Youth and Children's Ministries Specialist, Bible Society New Zealand
Hear about Bible Society's latest research on Bible literacy in New Zealand and what youth leaders can do to effectively engage young people with the Bible.

Are you Surviving or Thriving 2.0: Sharing the Journey

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Rev Ivan Martinez

Minister, studentsoul

Rev Ivan Martinez is originally from the USA and is the Student Soul minister in Dunedin. After working in the corporate world in America he worked in youth ministry for ten years. Ivan has worked in schools, churches, and not-for-profit organisations. He trained for ministry at Duke Divinity School and is a qualified mental health counsellor.

In this session we will look at some of the common causes for ministry burn-out and examine some of the ways we can stay healthy (spiritually, emotionally, and physically) for the long haul. Topics will include burn-out, self-care, and achieving work-life balance. Come find out how you can have a thriving ministry AND personal life!

Community Engagement: Getting the Church Into the Community and the Community Into the Church

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Jennie McCullough

Youth, Child and Family Coordinator, Knox Church, Waitara

Jennie leads and coordinates the under 20s ministries at Knox Waitara. She loves to equip and mobilise the church - young and old to help others find and follow Jesus. She also has a passion to develop teams who can help smaller, struggling churches to do likewise in their own community

Have you ever wondered how you could get your church into the community and then just as importantly how you could get the community into the church? Well this workshop will aim to help you explore some creative ways to engage and connect both.

The Justice Challenge: Inspiring Youth to Work for a Better World

♻️ / G / UPSTAIRS LOUNGE (CAMP 2)



Dr Murray Sheard

Education and Advocacy Manager, TEAR Fund

Murray is an advocate for justice and is passionate about connecting people to make positive change. His background includes youth work, university teaching, overseas development and advocacy.

The gospel is not just about life after death. It can only be understood if we see that God is also concerned with justice here and now. We'll look at what the Bible has to say about justice, discuss how to lead youth into local and global-focused action for healing a broken world and explore some tools for getting started.

Sunday, 9:30-10:30am

Taking the Pulse of a Youth Ministry

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Mike Dodge

Director, Canterbury Youth Services

Mike has been involved in youth ministry for over 30 years. He is the PYM regional consultant for Canterbury and he leads a team to support churches across denominations in the region. He is a brilliant presenter with a huge amount of insight to share.

After more than 25 years of taking the pulse of youth ministries, you just get to know what the vital signs are. In this workshop we will explore what the key signs of healthy youth ministry are and how you can develop these things in your own patch.

Dynamic Prayer

C / G / LAIDLAW DINING ROOM (CAMP 2)



Jonathan Hesp

Executive Director, Alpha New Zealand

Jonathan is the Executive Director of Alpha New Zealand. He has a passion for young people and evangelism, believing that we can combine the two! He has been married to Lynne for 15 years and has two kids and are now of their own personal youth ministry journey.

So often we sit around in circles praying for each other hoping that the people before us don't pray what we have thought to pray about! Dynamic prayer in that setting looks like two words that don't belong together! In this practical session come and see how we can encourage all people to get more out of their prayer life.

Changing Gear without the Wheels Falling Off

C / R / G / LODGE (CAMP 2)



Rev Mark Johnson

Auckland Coordinator, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership

Mark has led a parish in Wellington, experimented with cafe church and alternative worship and community events, been involved in church planting in Scotland, started a youth street project with a London double decker bus, taken young people to the slums of Peru and up the Amazon, discovered the plight of Palestinian Christians in the West Bank, and is currently Auckland Coordinator for the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership.

Change will result in some fall off. People leave and cohesion does take a hit - so it's no good pretending we get a win-win all the time. The thing is not to crash or blow up the ministry. This workshop looks at how we can transition change if we need to change purpose or mode of operation.

Conflict Resolution... Yeah Right

 / G / BIBLE SOCIETY CHAPEL (CAMP 2)



Rev Wayne Matheson

Assembly Executive Secretary, Presbyterian Church

Wayne is the Assembly Executive Secretary – a bit like the General Manager or CEO of the Presbyterian Church... impressive eh! He has been a minister in Balclutha, Whangarei and Lower Hutt. Wayne is married with two adult children.

Conflict happens... so how do we navigate it? How do we name the elephants in the room? How do we talk about the real issues and all the time be respectful?

Holiness, Dualism and the Problem of Jesus

 /  / G / LODGE (CAMP 1)



Rev Malcolm Gordon

Worship, Music and Arts Enabler, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership

Malcolm helps churches do worship as creatively and authentically as possible, while making a platform for artists, poets and musicians to enrich the worshipping life of our church.

Holiness is about purity and perfection, right? So how does Jesus manage to be holy while he's hanging out with sinners? How we understand holiness shapes a lot about our faith and worship. Jesus can unsettle and re-orientate this conversation.

Raising up Young Leaders

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Jill Kayser

Kids Friendly Coach, Kids Friendly,
Presbyterian Church Aotearoa New Zealand

Jill is the Kids Friendly team leader. She coaches and trains church leaders to effectively minister with children and families. She is passionate about growing disciples for Christ.

In this workshop we explore why and how churches can encourage servant leadership in young people, share research and stories on the effectiveness of mentoring, and introduce the Transformers Raising Up Young Leaders mentoring and discipleship initiative.

Why You Shouldn't Go on a Mission Trip

 / G / UPSTAIRS LOUNGE (CAMP 2)



Rev Phil King

Global Mission Coordinator,
Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

Phil has been a Presbyterian minister for 25 years and now serves as the church's Global Mission Coordinator. Phil is passionate about cross-cultural engagement and loves encouraging people to grow in their understanding of what it is to be a global follower of Jesus.

Why do people go on short-term mission trips? To serve God, to help others, to gain experience. All valid reasons, but what happens if things don't work out as planned? This workshop addresses some of the challenges involved when cultures, lifestyles, and expectations clash, with a view to helping participants plan thoughtful and fruitful mission engagements.



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