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AMBASSADOR'S REPORT | MARK GRACE

My mum had a much-loved kete. A kete is a woven flax bag. She would take it everywhere, especially to our family marae, Rangitahi Marae at Matata. She made it on the marae, and so it took on special significance for her. To make her bag, mum took each strand of flax and carefully wove them over and under each other, every fold increasing the strength of the bag as a whole.

What's remarkable about the bag is how ordinary it is—regular East Coast flax, woven together to become something special to my mother.

When the Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Roman church, this same coastal region of New Zealand was covered by dense forest and bathed in birdsong. In chapter 16, Paul describes a movement of people woven together by the Spirit of Jesus, through the gospel from the Scriptures.

Richard Bauckham observes that Paul names 16 individuals in the Roman church at the conclusion of his letter—a church that Paul had never visited! He not only names them, but he also knows what they are doing to serve the Lord. The number of people who have ministered elsewhere with Paul and are now serving in the Roman church is huge.

In his book *The Gospels for all Christians* Bauckham observes:

“Of great importance is the extensive evidence that the early Christian Movement was not... a scattering of relatively isolated, introverted communities, but a network of communities in constant, close communication with each other.”

A vital contributor to the vitality of a local church often includes a wider ministry amongst other churches. In God's upside-down economy, sending can lead to strengthening, giving away can lead to gaining, and generosity can lead to receiving what is given. Weaving can lead to wonder.

We are a movement of independent local churches—and the campsites and ministries that support them. Each church, campsite, and ministry represent a strand of flax. We've been woven together in ways that might appear ordinary but transform us into something special. We've been woven together by God across almost a century and half. We've been woven together on these islands for the same reason God wove the wider church into the Roman house churches in the First Century—to bring people to be obedient to Jesus.

Over the history of our movement of churches we've seen the Holy Spirit carry the gospel, from the Scriptures, across New Zealand more when we are woven together.

We've seen this over the past year.

We were woven together as various churches shared live streams, technology, and resources with each other during the early days of the 2020 lockdown.

We were woven together as many of our campsites' camp managers came together for a regular Zoom call to pray, encourage, and support each other during lockdown and for several months afterwards.

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Getting together with ministry leaders from around New Zealand at the 2021 Ministry Summit at Willow Park in Auckland.

We were woven together as we joined each other for a National Prayer Gathering online last year—using technology to connect us in a time where physical distancing kept us apart.

We were woven together as churches, campsites, and support ministries as we came together for regional prayer gatherings in Otago/Southland, Christchurch, and Auckland during September and October last year.

We were woven together as E-QUIP online training provided a place for people serving in Children and Families Ministry to discuss what intergenerational ministry would look like in their churches. E-QUIP online training provided a place for people serving in these roles to discuss what intergenerational ministry would look like in their churches.

We’ve been being woven together as 11 more churches chose to formally link in to the CCCNZ service trust and strengthen their connection to each other and the wider movement.

We’ve celebrated together as various churches from Hamilton, Paeroa, Invercargill, and elsewhere have noticed more people seeking answers online and in person. We’ve celebrated together as various churches saw people come to faith in Jesus, and as many baptised people over the past year.

As we look back on 2020, we see the incredible ways God has been weaving us together into his kete. As a movement we’ve been stretched and challenged, but God’s grace is making us more supple and stronger.

As a staff team it is our immense privilege to serve amongst you as God works to weave us together so that more people can hear of Jesus, through the gospel, from the Scriptures.



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WOVEN TOGETHER TO SEE THE BIG PICTURE

THE CHAIR'S REPORT | GORDON FOUNTAIN

We are a movement of like-minded local churches, with regional camps and national ministries that support them, united together in a common purpose. We report another year of serving this movement as together we seek to point every New Zealander, of every age and ethnicity to Jesus, through the gospel from the Scriptures.

I write this report at the conclusion of the Ministry Summit where over 130 leaders are gathered at Willow Park in Auckland, representing 42 churches stretching from Whangārei to Invercargill. Ministry Summit facilitated learning and growing in youth ministry, prayer, administration, equipping and church planting. We certainly were all ready to connect after the challenges and frustrations of the COVID year in 2020! All of the CCCNZ staff team were involved in presenting and supporting this wonderful event.

WELCOME TO RECENTLY LINKED IN CHURCHES

Since our last annual report, we have welcomed in 11 new churches:

- Heretaunga Community Church
- Summit Church
- Birkenhead Community Church
- Kelston Community Church

- Titahi Bay Community Church
- Fenton Park Bible Church
- City Bible Church
- Glentunnel Assembly
- Riccarton Community Church
- Franklin Bible Church
- Kaipaki Combined Church

We record that 72 churches have now formally linked in at the time of preparing this report. Thank you for your fellowship with us, and we trust this report encourages you on the growth of the ministry.

We're grateful to the many who support us financially, and we acknowledge and appreciate that support has grown as CCCNZ has grown. The level of financial support is humbling and generous. Your support enables us to serve more effectively around the nation.

The year to 2020 represents the fourth year of CCCNZ, and it gave us a useful period to assess the needs of the ministry from small beginnings, allowed us to move into more efficient office premises, plan the introduction of new team members, and recruit those positions.

While the past year saw our events programme severely curtailed with lockdowns and COVID alert levels, our team adapted well to the virtual space—enabling us all to remain connected with video conferencing and in-person gatherings when that was possible.

Since our last annual report we have welcomed JC Marais and Ray-Anne Cahill to the Palmerston North office in operations and support roles. Richard Davis has joined us in Waikato as Camping Enabler, and Richard Fountain as Auckland Enabler.

We farewelled Worship Enabler Yvonne Heng, who moved into a full-time creative ministries role. It was the end of a significant season as the APA¹ organising committee transitioned leadership to CCCNZ Auckland. Thank you all for your contributions to our movement and for your part in our team.

New initiatives included the formation of the National Youth Team, where Regional Youth Enablers meet from around the country.

We will continue to develop resources such as:

- Spiritual Shepherding—a handbook for church leaders
- Governance training for camps and ministry boards

The CCCNZ Board is grateful to have a fully-engaged staff team, led by Mark Grace, that continues to weave in resources, training and opportunities for greater connection and maturing within the movement.

CCCNZ BOARD

The CCCNZ Board is committed to supporting the staff team so that these connection outcomes continue to flourish and nourish our churches and support ministries. The board welcomed back re-elected trustees Graham Fletcher and Murray Frost, and we welcome new trustee Dr Richard Goodwin (Pathways College of Bible and Mission, and Raleigh Street Christian Centre) who was elected last November. Rick Iles has been appointed to the International Brethren Conference on Mission advisory committee with the full backing of the CCCNZ Board. Rick's appointment will help strengthen our part in the wider international movement.

It was a joy for the full CCCNZ Board to attend the 2021 Waitangi Day commemoration at the Treaty Grounds in Waitangi. It was a privilege to sense the mood of the nation at a political level, to remind ourselves of the Treaty of Waitangi, and

recall the Christian influence in the founding of our nation. It was a privilege for our Ambassador to represent the service trust at both the dawn and mid-morning services.

I thank each member of the CCCNZ Board for their wisdom, guidance, care and contribution to the ministry of CCCNZ.

THE BIG PICTURE

The process for the different strands of flax coming together to form a kete is called 'te raranga' or 'the weaving'. In the four years since CCCNZ was formed, over 70 churches have linked in, the staff team has grown to 15, the annual operational expenditure has grown to over \$800,000, and a significant number of local, regional, and national events have been held. We have seen God at work in te raranga, in both enduring connections and fresh ones.

As we connect with others in similar roles and responsibilities, as we seek to support and encourage one another, as we hear from our God from the Scriptures, as we gather to pray and worship, we are reminded of the big picture. We are a movement of churches, and the regional campsites and ministries that support them, with one heart and one mind sharing the gospel message with Aotearoa, New Zealand.

The apostle Paul writes his prison letter to the Ephesians² and reminds the churches they are brought into relationship with God by his grace. Along with the Ephesian churches, let us remember that we are his handiwork, created in Christ to do good works which he has prepared in advance for us to do. Let's continue to support one another in that responsibility together—together works better.



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¹ Auckland Partnership of Assemblies

² Ephesians 2:8-10

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WOVEN TOGETHER IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Despite the challenges of 2020 there is a clear sense of coming together to find strength in Christ, to rely on God's provision for gospel ministry, and to experience the benefit being churches working together to reach New Zealand for Jesus Christ.

We interviewed leaders from regions around New Zealand to hear how God has been at work regionally across the movement as leaders have grappled with different challenges and seen God at work in areas of growth.

NATIONAL OBSERVATIONS

GC3 Ambassadors Murray and Joy Stevenson visited over 100 of our movement's churches over the past year. We asked Murray for his observations on challenges, areas of growth, and how churches are connecting with each other.

"We have been warmly welcomed by so many church families, and are encouraged by the openness to hear mission stories and a generosity in giving towards mission.

"However, we have noticed that a significant number of churches are wrestling with social issues, cultural debates, conspiracy theories, and getting caught up in the busyness of life—rather than with developing a missional heart.

"What does a missional heart look like? It is the fervent desire, prayer for, and participation in sharing the gospel and seeing people come to saving faith in Jesus.

"Truly missional churches understand their own role as missionaries in the communities and families where God has placed them, and this invigorates their support of global mission.

"One of the phrases we've used is, 'It's not about the 'me', it's about the 'we''. We've noticed there is great openness to working together, and people are particularly responsive to invitations made by CCCNZ and GC3 to work together with other churches.

"One area of growth we've been encouraged by is seeing faithful prayer support wherever we go. In each church, in each region, there will be people faithfully praying for mission. Prayer reintroduces us to the character of God and helps order us to God's agenda (not our own!). Prayer puts the weight on God's shoulders as Sovereign, and frees us to participate enthusiastically in his mission.

"Another area of growth we've observed is in churches that have a biblically-grounded view of social, environmental and justice issues. Being able to articulate and contextualise a biblical view on these issues has opened up mission opportunities in their homes and communities.

"Our hope and desire is that we continue to see a missional heart grow in churches as they seek to share the gospel across New Zealand and beyond."

SOUTHLAND/OTAGO

Christian communicator and Bible teacher Graham Ashby spends a lot of time traveling around New Zealand, we asked him for his reflections on churches in the Southland/Otago regions.

“From the conversations I’ve had with church leaders, ‘staying connected’ has been the biggest challenge. Online meetings have created both joy and frustration. Not everyone (older folk) can cope with the technology.

“Some people have shifted to other churches. This movement creates an ebb and flow to church life. Consequently, old connections are lost and new connections are made. Elders were left feeling stretched with expectations of pastoral care.

“Unsolicited growth has happened in the work with youth. There seems to be a warming of non-Christian families to have their children/teens coming to church youth activities. Some churches in the region have experienced teens coming to Christ and baptisms. They are rejoicing in this shift in community acceptance.

“It appears to me that there is more collaboration in the regions, especially among the youth groups. It has been encouraging to learn that some of the more traditional churches seem to be accepting of other churches and have even been involved in combined community activities.”

CANTERBURY

Regional Enabler Lawson Scott’s aim is to grow cohesion among CCCNZ churches across the Canterbury region, but he said that the past year has thrown up new challenges.

COVID-19 highlighted existing areas of isolation. Larger churches quickly pivoted to streaming services online while some smaller churches struggled to know how to connect with social isolation.

Despite the disruption, Lawson has been encouraged by early discussions with a church plant in Lincoln, and the addition of two more

churches that have officially linked in with CCCNZ: Riccarton Community Church and Glentunnel Assembly.

His own church, Rutland Street Church, has been providing support for the smaller Wairakei Road Bible Church. Lawson said that Rutland Street’s rebuild has affected the availability of resources and leaders, but the relationship is ongoing.

Following a year that’s been pitted with distractions, there is a hope of re-establishing connections and working together for the gospel.

NELSON

Grace Church enjoys close relationships with Hope Community Church (15 minutes south), and Tasman Church (20 minutes towards Golden Bay).

“Working closely with other churches in your region has a lot of benefits, learning from each other,” Lead Pastor Peter Somervell said. “Local churches—so often they’ve got this thing about the autonomy of the local church, and that’s very important... But there’s also a learning that we can do from one another. Instead of reinventing the wheel—starting with what someone else is doing in your region.”

Grace’s youth pastor meets regularly with Hope’s youth pastor, and the more geographically isolated Tasman Church is able to join in the other churches’ initiatives.

Historically, all three churches were highly involved with the establishment of two campsites in the region, Teapot Valley and Bridge Valley. They provided volunteers and leadership support, but over time that connection faded. Peter said that recently the churches have revived this partnership, recognising the great potential for mutual encouragement. They’re also keen to disciple the youth who come through the camps.

Importantly, this collaboration between the trio of churches reaches beyond practical matters.

“The other thing is spiritual and moral support, prayer support,” Peter said. “We pray together with other elders. We had other elders meeting together with Hope elders for no other reason than praying, and I think that’s pretty powerful. There’s nothing that unites believers faster than prayer.”

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WELLINGTON

Darryl Ward is a PastorLINK Enabler for the Wellington Region, he reflects on a year of chatting with other leaders about the challenges and joys of ministry:

“Many leaders are dealing with deep levels of exhaustion after a tough year. One of the biggest challenges many churches have faced is one that has been brewing for a while—the challenge of leadership.

“This shows up in different ways in different churches. How to raise up new leaders remains an issue in many churches, some are discussing how to train new elders, and several churches are still looking for youth pastors.

“Dealing with the challenge of leading a church in the most secular city in New Zealand (more people report to have ‘no religion’ in Wellington than anywhere else in New Zealand) remains an issue for many as they grapple with secular ideas and liberal theology. This has a profound effect on evangelism and the cost of Christian discipleship.

“COVID-19 was definitely a challenge for many churches. Larger ones were often more affected by level changes and restrictions due to the number limits. Many churches struggled with how to care for people remotely without adequate digital resources. This was one way churches connected, as they shared material or encouraged people to join in with livestreams during lockdown. Regular combined men’s breakfasts connected men across the churches, and pastors are also connecting with each other occasionally for support and fellowship.

“In 2020, Titahi Bay Community Church formally linked in to CCCNZ, and it is great to have that relationship between churches strengthened.

“One area of growth has been an increased hunger for God’s Word. There is a developing

thirst for knowledge and joy in hearing from the Bible. We pray we’ll see this hunger develop into increased desire to be bold in evangelism as people share the gospel, grow in Christ, and live out their faith.”

MANAWATŪ

CCCNZ PastorLINK Enabler Kerry Rickard reflected on the impact of the past year on churches in Manawātū.

“A growing challenge has been a change in the nature of church attendance—particularly in larger churches. Many people attend just one week out of four and it becomes hard to develop consistent discipling relationships where everyone is growing in Christ.

“There have been significant changes of staff in churches around the region—this has had both good and challenging aspects.

“There is a real desire among churches to see depth of growth, specifically growth in discipleship. To see people discipling each other, reading the Bible together and praying. This desire is reflected in several staff appointments: Gary Gilpin has joined the team at Feilding Bible Chapel as Equipping Pastor, and Nevin Beukes is now Assistant Pastor at Church on Vogel.

“There is a growing diversity in churches across the region—people from different socio-economic backgrounds, a variety of life experience, different ages and ethnicities are gathering together in church families. It’s a joy to see the Church come together in this way.

“People who have grown up in the Open Brethren movement are a minority in many churches—resulting in discussions and varying understanding of what it means to ‘be Brethren’ in terms of church life, belief and practice.



Sunset at the first North Island Easter Camp 2021.

“As a region with a significant rural community, there is often a difference between urban and rural churches—many rural churches are struggling to stay open. Contrasted with urban churches that have noticed numbers increasing as the communities they work with join the church family. There has been some connection between urban and rural churches to talk about supporting each other into the future.

“Our pastors enjoy informal catch ups and friendship with each other, and we’ve met as wider churches for shared mission evenings with GC3, and all elders were invited to a catch up by the Feilding Bible Chapel elders.

“There is still a generational difference in overall leadership, but the diversity is growing. Some churches are intentionally handing over leadership to younger generations, others find nurturing new leaders more of a challenge.”

HAWKE’S BAY

For Heretaunga Community Church, a new linked in church plant, their launch was postponed due to lockdown in 2020. Rob Morton is one of the church’s elders and reflected that although COVID has been inconvenient, it hasn’t stopped things from progressing:

“Once we launched, Level 2 restrictions meant very few changes for us, being such a small group. Our aim is to be a church that grows through mission and evangelism, as people from the community come to know and trust in Jesus. This means we’re not actively seeking ‘transfer growth’ from other churches, and are happy to grow as God allows.”

For the larger churches in the region, changing COVID levels meant more online services and

changing restrictions depending on the situation. Riverbend Bible Church and Onekawa Bible Church are two large and established churches in the region and are well-connected with each other.

After 68 years of ministry on one site, Onekawa Bible Church has grown to a point where a new site is needed. They have moved locations and are preparing to develop a new building. The popular Impact Bible Conference, held at Riverbend Bible Church, was put on hold during 2020. It is back in 2021, with a line-up of all-Kiwi speakers and more than 700 people registered to attend (at the time of writing).

BAY OF PLENTY

We chatted with Jeremy Opie, one of the pastors at Lifezone Church in Tauranga, about ministry in the Bay of Plenty:

“The increasing consumerist lifestyle is a large challenge, from church attendance, to lifestyle priorities and willingness to serve in the local church.

“In the Bay of Plenty we have a growing transient population; we’re challenged with asking: How do we minister and help people who are constantly travelling due to rent and other socio-economic constraints?

“Regionally, we also have a widening poverty gap; this is an amazing opportunity to provide for our communities (and a growth area), but it is also a stretch on resources. There is ongoing discussion how we disciple in this area, as the workers are few (with those doing the work being exceptional but stretched).

“At Lifezone we are particularly blessed by connection to Pathways College of Bible and Mission (also based in Tauranga) and their internship programme.

“At Lifezone we have been challenged in the area of biculturalism, and how as a church we can move forward in partnership to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We are blessed to have people who are passionate and skilled in this area, and look forward to where this journey will take us.”

CCCNZ was pleased to welcome Fenton Park Bible Church in Rotorua as a linked in church in October 2020.

WAIKATO

The region’s Saturday morning prayer breakfasts, held several times a year for pastors and elders, have been meeting at various sites of activity around the region. About 20 church leaders recently gathered at a community centre that Manawarū Bible Chapel created. The church has transformed an old dairy factory in the rural area, creating amenities like a cafe, event venue and climbing wall to bring people together.

The most recent breakfast was in Kaipaki, a rural community between Cambridge and Hamilton. Several mainline churches were supporting a fortnightly service at an old church building when, in 2019, they invited Raleigh Street to help out. The church provided a part-time pastor, and it went well enough that the other supporting churches asked if they’d take it over.

In 2020 regular weekly services began, and the church became Kaipaki Combined Church. KCC now has a regular attendance of around 60 people and has recently linked in with CCCNZ. Regional Enabler Nick Goodwin said that about one third of the congregation has come from Raleigh Street Christian Centre, another third had some church connection but weren’t necessarily attending, and the remainder are new to church.

CCCNZ also welcomed City Bible Church as a linked in church in December 2020.

Other collaborations have led to revitalised churches. In central Hamilton, a Pasifika congregation asked Whitiara Bible Church if they could rent the facility for their meetings. The elders there were open to that, but suggested merging the two congregations instead—and so they have. They have a joint eldership and the two congregations are meeting as one.

There has been good collaboration between the three Ngati Hauā assemblies in the area, with new youth leaders taking the initiative. The Waharoa Marae hosted a Ngati Hauā youth conference for the first time last year with about 100 in attendance, and ran a second one this year.

The region has also expanded its youth activities, with Tōtara Springs running the first CCCNZ North Island Easter Youth Camp.

Viki Johnson, the Children’s Pastor at Raleigh Street Christian Centre, supports CCCNZ Children and Family Ministries Enabler Julie McKinnon, in the facilitation of a local ‘cluster’ for people working in children and family ministries. Viki has



Renata Te Aho and Aaron Hodgson at the youth hui in 2021.

also developed connections in the community as regional coordinator for 24-7 YouthWork and her involvement at Cambridge Middle School.

Viki said that a she spoke to a teacher who had her child come home from Launchpad (formerly Bible in Schools) with questions and, via a colleague the questions ended up with Viki. She found resources and Bibles for the family, and they received an invitation to church ministries. Viki said that various people around her were also involved in the response:

“It might not be one of us; it’s all of us doing our bit,” she said. “If one of us isn’t obedient to God’s calling, there’d be a gap.”

AUCKLAND

Auckland is by far the most diverse region, both culturally and in terms of the size and context of its congregations.

Last year marked a transition from the region’s Auckland Partnership of Assemblies (APA) to

CCCNZ Auckland. Auckland Regional Enabler Richard Fountain has picked up the APA executive’s aim of keeping churches connected, and has made contact with about 90 percent of the region’s 40+ Open Brethren heritage churches.

One of the encouragements he’s seen is the recent revitalisation of some heritage churches that had been on the decline.

“Revitalisation has happened just through relationships, through shared preaching—pulpit ministry—and behind-the-scenes relationships and connections,” Richard said.

Some churches are banding together or even merging, in the case of Auckland Bible Church and Ngaire Ave Bible Chapel. In other areas, large churches are supporting smaller ones.

“There’s all this evidence of big churches trying to connect with smaller churches, and small churches sending a preacher to another small church,” Richard said.

Another of his highlights has been meeting the Samoan and other Pasifika churches in the region, which have their own cultural networks. He hopes

“It is hard work connecting,” Richard said. “There are lots of jokes, like, ‘We don’t like going over the [harbour] bridge’—but when they do take the time, there is benefit.”

to see the young leaders that are coming through those congregations connected in with other leaders across the movement.

“It’s experiencing God’s power and strength through relationships,” Richard said.

At a recent Area Dinner, leaders from three churches that had been instrumental in a church plant at Hobsonville Point were able to meet the young church’s new pastor for the first time.

“Without connections, people are going it alone,” Richard said. “In a good sense, churches go it alone because they have to take care of themselves, take care of their own people. And then the challenge becomes, ‘How do we look after one other?’ Or, ‘How do we contribute outside of our communities?’ I always say to people, “Keep doing what you’re doing and taking care of your people; we’re here to help with that challenge of benefitting more broadly.”

Summit Church (Botany), Birkenhead Community Church (North Shore), and Kelston Community Church (West Auckland) all formally linked in to CCCNZ over the past year. Franklin Bible Church is the newest Auckland church to link in, and is a recent church plant commissioned and sent from Manurewa Bible Church.

One of the important contributions that Richard encourages churches to make is to simply share their stories and listen to shared experiences.

“They don’t realise how good some of those stories are,” he said. “They actually are experiences that other people would benefit from.” Whether those stories encourage others along the way or show them that they’re not alone, they’re valuable.

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NORTHLAND

Andrew Clemow, Northland Regional Enabler, said that the lockdowns of the past year have been challenging for churches in the sparsely populated region, which have been historically independent.

In October 2019 an offshoot of Clark Road Chapel began meeting fortnightly at Tutukaka. Andrew said that the new work has been prioritising reaching out to people in the area. Many of them are older, so even though the church is in its infancy, Andrew said many members are established in their faith. During lockdown they did a good job of keeping in touch the old-fashioned way: by phone.

“They came out without losing anyone and picked up a few people just by being a gospel-focused community,” he said.

Tōtara North Church is also outward-looking. “They have a wonderful work in their community reaching out to some high needs, socially-deprived kids,” Andrew said. The church also has connections with Auckland’s Manurewa Bible Church, having benefitted from visiting teachers from the larger church, and through lockdown some members tuned into Manurewa’s online content.

Clark Road is growing its relationship with Tōtara North, along with congregations in Dargaville and Onerahi, by providing speakers and other support. They’re particularly involved with the Onerahi church, whose leadership has been affected by illness.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:3-6



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FINANCIAL REPORT

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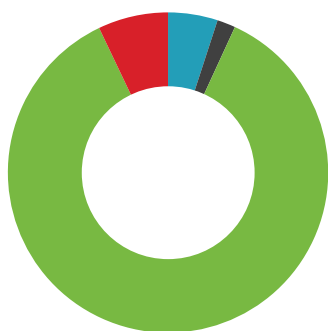
2020

DONATIONS \$50,800

GRANTS \$873,000

EVENTS \$18,804

OTHER \$71,835



2019

DONATIONS \$30,875

GRANTS \$970,583

EVENTS \$38,782

OTHER \$41,771



EXPENSES

2020

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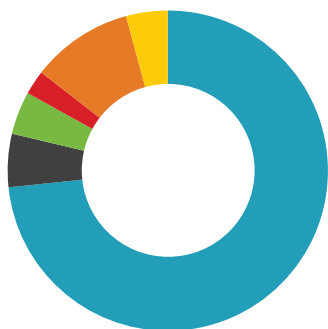
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OFFICE \$83,839

TRAVEL \$43,815

PUBLICATIONS \$20,031

OTHER \$34,212



2019

STAFF \$476,939

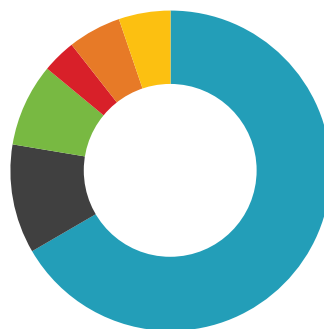
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OFFICE \$38,479

TRAVEL \$78,831

PUBLICATIONS \$24,363

OTHER \$37,408



“We have been woven together as a movement through our history, through hard times, and through our support and connection to each other.”

COVID-19 was barely an international news story when we started the 2020 year. Within weeks the situation developed into a pandemic and now, more than a year later, our world is still grappling with the impact of the virus.

The uncertain and changing landscape of what it means to be churches, campsites, and support ministries during a pandemic resulted in an increased desire and urgency to work together.

During the past year, the investment in the staff team grew to \$597,489 or more than 73% of our total expenses during 2020 (2019: \$476,939 or 67%). Our team desires to support churches, campsites, and ministries in their connection to each other. We hope to encourage your faithful work of sharing the gospel, from the Scriptures, to see people come to know Jesus Christ as Lord.

COVID restrictions had a significant impact on our events over the past year. Net cost after income for the year was \$16,516 (2019: \$21,110). Openness to online connections led to Zoom meetings between camp managers, trust boards, and with church leaders. People began to talk about sharing resources and ideas—giving each other solidarity and support. The recent Ministry Summit brought together people who had only seen each other via a screen, to meet in-person for the first time—what a joy it was to see these connections strengthened.

Telling the stories of how God is at work among people in and through our churches, campsites and ministries remains an important focus of our team. Digital communications became increasingly important during lockdown with new web-based initiatives such as E-QUIP training for those in Children and Family Ministries, the weekly Prayer Hour and online Prayer Gatherings, and the introduction of four new email newsletters for specific ministries and groups within the movement. Our expenses in this area were impacted by pandemic-related restrictions and costs amounted to \$20,031 (2019: \$24,363).

Many individuals and churches continue to faithfully demonstrate their high view of the gospel by one-off and regular donations. In 2020, these donations were \$50,800 (2019: \$30,875). We are so thankful for your continuous support.

The decrease of the amount received from funders reflects their wisdom in directing funds toward specific initiatives in 2020, with a total of \$873,000 (2019: \$970,583). We are truly grateful for the partnership and ongoing support of Lichfield Lands Inc., Hillview Trust, Soul Purpose Trust, Longview Trust, GPH Charitable Trust and Stewards' Trust. These entities supply not only funding, but also direction, prayer, and relational encouragement for where God is leading CCCNZ.

Taking all this into account we ended 2020 with a surplus of \$199,734 (2019: \$366,099) as reflected in the annual accounts. The balance on our prepaid grant account was \$380,001 (2019: \$266,668).

Despite the difficulties of the 2020 year we have confidence in our God, the one weaving us together. We have been woven together as a movement through our history, through hard times, and through our support and connection to each other. Most importantly, we are woven together in Christ. Let us continue together to serve him as we faithfully proclaim the gospel, from the Scriptures, to see people across our country put their hope and trust in Jesus.

Our full accounts are available at the Charities Commission (CC54332) or by request from our Operations Manager, JC Marais jcmarais@cccnz.nz or 027 303 2914.



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WOVEN TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP

LINKED-IN CHURCHES

Northland

Clark Road Chapel
Raumati Crescent Chapel

Auckland

Auckland Bible Church
Birkenhead Community Church
Eden Community Church
Franklin Bible Church
Howick Community Church
Kelston Community Church
LifeChurch Manurewa
Lincoln Road Bible Chapel
Manurewa Bible Church
Massey Community Church
Mt Wellington Community Church
New Lynn Bible Chapel
Northcross Community Church
Orewa Community Church
Papatoetoe Bible Chapel
Samoan Open Brethren, Ranui
Summit Church
Tāmaki Community Church
Wiremu Street Bible Chapel

Waikato

Chapel Hill Community Church
City Bible Church
Hillcrest Chapel
Hukanui Bible Church
Kaipaki Combined Church
Manawarū Bible Chapel
Matamata Bible Church
Northgate Community Church
Paeroa Bible Chapel
Putaruru Gospel Chapel
Raleigh Street Christian Centre
Te Awamutu Bible Chapel
Whitiora Bible Church

Bay of Plenty

Fenton Park Bible Church
Lifezone Church
Lakes Church (Rotorua)
Paengaroa Bible Chapel
Redeemer Church
Roosevelt Road Chapel
The Orchard Church

Taranaki

New Plymouth Community Church

Hawke's Bay

Heretaunga Community Church
Onekawa Bible Church
Riverbend Bible Church

Manawatū-Whanganui

Crossroads Church
Feilding Bible Chapel
Kingston Community Church
Ingestre Street Bible Church
Queen Street Chapel – Levin
York Street Chapel – Levin

Wellington

Onslow Community Church
Porirua Gospel Chapel
The Anchor Church
Titahi Bay Community Church

Nelson-Tasman

Grace Church, Richmond
Hope Community Church
Tasman Bible Church

Canterbury

Bryndwr Chapel
Church Street Bible Chapel
EAUKS (Ekalesia Au Uso
Kerisiano Samoa)

Glentunnel Chapel
Redemption Church
Christchurch
Riccarton Community Church
Rowley Avenue Bible Chapel
Rutland Street Church
Wairakei Road Bible Church

Otago

Caversham Community Church
Cornerstone International Bible Church
Orwell Street Church
Riverside Chapel

Southland

Rosedale Bible Chapel

BOARD MEMBERS

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National Youth Team Enablers

Murray Brown
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STAFF TEAM

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CCCNZ Ambassador
Full time.

Danielle Diprose
National Administrator
Four days per week.

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PA to Ambassador
Four days per week.

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National Youth Enabler
Four days per week.

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Events and Promotions Manager
Four days per week.

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Two days per week.

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Two days per week.

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One day a week.

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One day per week.

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NATIONAL MINISTRIES

We would like to acknowledge the many ministries and regional camps supporting the wider movement.

We would particularly like to acknowledge Stewards Trust, GC3—Global Connections in Mission, and Pathways College of Bible and Mission.

For a wider list of support ministries, campsites, and other agencies, see the CCCNZ website: www.cccnz.nz



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We'd love to connect with you and keep you up to date with prayer requests, stories and news from our movement.

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- Join us on Facebook:
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- We have a number of email newsletters available: Prayer, Admin, Youth, Equipping Church Leaders, Te Harinui, Children and Family Ministries, and Mark's Weekly Wrap. Email office@cccnz.nz to sign up.
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