



CCCNZ
LINK-IN

CCCNZ is a National Service Trust serving a growing family of independent churches and support ministries across New Zealand.

We are a movement of churches and support ministries* working together to grow, multiply and send everyday disciples, leaders and churches into every local community in New Zealand with the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ.



WHAT WE OFFER

Most independent churches and support ministries* want to flourish, but often lack the shared resources which come from being part of something larger.

The CCCNZ National Service Trust, alongside the wider movement, endeavours to provide what's missing.

A key feature of CCCNZ is that it allows each local church and support ministry to “Link-In” and take advantage of the shared services and benefits while remaining *autonomous and independent*.

*A support ministry is our term for the campsites, individual ministries and para-church ministries that share an Open Brethren heritage.



MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR ELDERS AND LEADERS

CCCNZ is committed to supporting the leadership of elders and pastors in churches across New Zealand.

CCCNZ Coaching Coordinator Jeremy Suisted is available to help facilitate a coaching relationship between elderships/leaders/pastors and a coach, at the invitation of the leader.

CCCNZ desires to see every pastor—with their spouse and family—supported in sustaining ministry through a network of ‘pastors supporting pastors’ that values unity, encouragement and growth across the wider Open Brethren and CCCNZ movement of churches—locally, regionally and nationally.

CCCNZ PastorLink aims to build up a National Leadership Team, supporting the mentoring and coaching of pastors, systems and support for raising up new pastors, recognised local support for pastors in need, and dynamic sharing of resources for growth and learning.

The CCCNZ PastorLink Annual Retreat for pastors and their spouses provides a safe context for pastors to debrief, unwind, be fed from the Word, share with each and grow in friendship and relationship.

CCCNZ PastorLink Enabler Kerry Rickard serves to help the vision of ‘pastors supporting pastors’ grow through the development of the National Leadership Team.

CCCNZ also sends out LEADERS, a regular email newsletter seeking to share stories from leaders within our movement—with the aim of encouraging connection and learning from each other.

CCCNZ Regional Enablers are elders and pastors (or leaders in support ministries) who are committed to serving you and your team at a geographically closer level. They currently do this by growing regional networks of leaders and elders who are increasingly interested in actively caring for and supporting one another.

CCCNZ Regional Enablers, PastorLink, and the CCCNZ Coaching Coordinator seek to serve leaders, locally and regionally through events and gatherings. These could be prayer breakfasts, ministry forums or gatherings of elders and or pastors.



GENUINE ASSISTANCE TO SEE YOUR CHURCH GROW A FLOURISHING MOVEMENT OF YOUNG LEADERS

CCCNZ will help churches and support ministries grow discipling cultures within their organisation. This will include identifying, equipping and funding future leaders.

Our email newsletters seek to share practical ideas and stories about how churches in our movement are cultivating ‘greenhouse’ environments to nurture and grow young leaders.

CCCNZ will help churches who wish to intentionally grow specific men and women to be evangelists, pastors, church planters, children and youth workers and cross-cultural workers.

Some of these people may need financial assistance to transition into ministry training, and into ministry itself.

Ian Reid serves the CCCNZ movement as the 3Trusts Scholarship Coordinator, supporting the Hillview, Lichfield Lands and Longview Trusts with the David Bay Evangelism Scholarship, the JH Baldwin Scholarship and the Matt Alexander Scholarship. At the heart of each scholarship is the desire to see the right people, studying in the right institutions, and heading to the right ministry locations in New Zealand.



SUPPORT AND RESOURCING FOR YOUTH PASTORS AND LEADERS

CCCNZ wants to see youth leaders and youth pastors working with people from across the generations to evangelise and disciple youth by pointing them to Jesus through the gospel from the Bible.

Murray Brown serves as the CCCNZ Youth Enabler and supports our movement's youth pastors and leaders by consultancy, mentoring/coaching, and training.

CCCNZ consults with your youth ministry to identify its assets, concerns and challenges, resulting in a list of recommendations that are then developed into a strategic plan. Through recommendations and personal support, CCCNZ also provides mentoring and coaching for your youth pastor or youth leader.

Training is also available in the areas of:

- *Christian Leadership*: A Biblical understanding of the call, motives, requirements and trials of Christian leadership for youth leaders.
- *Ministry Skills*: Running programmes, preparing and leading Bible Studies and preaching/teaching.
- *Discipleship*: Biblical models of discipleship, designing a youth ministry, practical approaches to building disciples.
- *Understanding Teenagers*: Adolescence, pastoral care and youth culture.

REAL TIME AND COST SAVINGS THROUGH PRACTICAL SERVICES

Danielle Diprose is the CCCNZ National Administrator and works to provide practical services to churches and support ministries. Danielle comes from an accountancy background and is experienced in serving churches, trusts and organisations within our movement. She has a passion for administration as a releasing ministry in our churches, and she prayerfully supports admin staff and volunteers to continue serving their communities.

This practical support includes coordinating network contacts to provide resources in the areas of finance and accounting, loans and investments, insurances and employment. We also work in the area of identifying bulk-buying, licensing, and membership arrangements to benefit churches, support ministries, trusts, pastors and ministry staff. In addition to providing the resources, Danielle is also able to coordinate connections with qualified specialists who are able to support our movement by providing formal advice in specialist areas.

Our website hosts a church and support ministry National Resource Library, which includes up-to-date details on remuneration, employment, privacy, child protection, charities compliance, financial reporting, and health and safety. As National Administrator, Danielle Diprose keeps the National Resource Library up-to-date and legally compliant. This could save you and your team huge amounts of time and money.

As well as resourcing our churches, Danielle is working alongside administrators and elders (both volunteer and paid) to upskill those working in this area and to foster growth in seeing the next generation step into this releasing ministry in our churches. Building the Admin Enablers team around the country, as well as providing regular ADMIN newsletters and the Facebook group is assisting in building these connections.





REAL SUPPORT FOR CHURCH PLANTING/REIGNITING/RENEWAL

CCCNZ supports the planting of new churches and the renewal and flourishing of existing churches. Dave Giesbers serves the movement as a Church Planting Enabler to help recruit, assess, assist, resource, coach and train church planters and churches.

Your church may be thinking of church planting. Whether it's a new congregation, a church plant out of a community ministry, a movement of multiplying house churches, or even sending a church planter and team to replenish a nearby church; CCCNZ is keen to serve, support and assist.

We recognise that planting a church is a unique challenge. We want to support local churches to recruit, resource and send out church planters. We have a rigorous process of assessment that involves a mix of reports, in person and online interviews, coffee and engagement with church elders and referees.

Resourcing includes helping church planters who have been assessed to apply for three years of funding for themselves, and for the churches they are planting. CCCNZ also seeks to work with our movement's property trust to identify potential buildings that can be used by church planters. Church planters will also be supported with resources—legal, health and safety, financial reporting systems—designed uniquely for a church planting situation.

CCCNZ also provides coaching for church planters. Supportive and strategic, pastoral and purposeful, intentional and independent wisdom and input. Coaching takes place in a number of formats: Regular face-to-face meetings, regular Skype calls and regular coaching clusters with other planters in your region as well as other training opportunities.

PRAYER SUPPORT

Faithful and fervent prayer has played a vital role in the development of our movement, and CCCNZ desires to see people across New Zealand cultivating a heart of prayer and dependence on God.

CCCNZ Prayer Coordinator Jackie Millar serves to encourage and practically mobilise our movement to seek God in prayer. This will be done through researching, developing and implementing a prayer strategy for the CCCNZ movement that includes the development of prayer strategies and processes that mobilise people to pray.

Jackie will also be identifying a network of prayer intercessors and the formation of a prayer network to identify, encourage and provide support to prayer intercessors in their local church context. This will be developed to enhance the prayer intercessors effectiveness in mobilising people to pray and undergirding their church's ministries with prayer.

All for the purpose of seeing God's people within our movement create a stronger dependence on God through the power of prayer.



COMMUNICATION

Telling the stories of what God is doing in your local church to others in and through our movement is an important part of connecting with each other to learn, grow and work together.

Sophia Sinclair serves as CCCNZ Communications Manager to coordinate our publications, website and communications—which seek to reflect the diversity of our movement and encourage connection.

- *Rongopai* is our quarterly magazine.
- *Te Harinui* is our general email newsletter.
- *Leaders* is an email newsletter for elders, pastors and leaders.
- *Admin* is an email newsletter for admin staff and volunteers.
- Our *Community Calendar* is for all churches and support ministries within our movement to list and share events and deadlines.



CONNECTION

While we provide unique services to independent churches, we also work closely with a team of like-minded support ministries. As a group of support-ministries we are constantly exploring ways of working more closely together to more effectively support, encourage and resource your church. We are in this together for the sake of the gospel.

These include:

- Stewards—who offer trusteeship services and financial assistance for church properties.
- Pathways College—who offer online, classroom-based and internship learning.
- GC3—who assist churches in their overseas mission emphasis.
- Lichfield Lands, Hillview and Longview Trust—who offer funding towards initiatives, projects and people.
- Christian Camping New Zealand.



JOBS

Your church/ministry can advertise job vacancies on the CCCNZ website.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

CCCNZ Regional Conferences are events for everyone connected to our movement: mums, dads, leaders, retired people, students, blue collar workers, labourers, professionals... whatever age and stage of life you're at!

Our regional conferences are places for people to:

- encounter Christ through his word
- meet others from the region
- be up-skilled in reading the Bible with others
- explore ways of placing the Bible at the centre of life and ministry.

Please get in touch with the office for more details about our events or check out the events page of our website for the latest dates and details: www.cccnz.nz



YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

We are deeply committed to the autonomy and independence of each local church and support ministry. We do not want to change that!

Linking-In is an invitation for you to engage with other churches and support ministries locally, regionally and nationally.

WHAT DOES LINKING-IN MEAN?

It means Linking-In to the gospel

The heart of CCCNZ is that we would commit to one another out of our love for Jesus Christ. It is our heartbeat that the death and resurrection of Jesus draws us closer to each other. It is our hope that as the cross of Christ unites us, it also motivates us to take the Good News to every part of New Zealand.



By Linking-In, you are affirming the CCCNZ Doctrinal Statement (please see page 13).

It means Linking-In to the growth of the gospel

The focus of CCCNZ is to see all New Zealanders delighting in Jesus, having encountered Him through the gospel from the Bible. We deeply long to see lost New Zealanders coming to the cross, and trusting in Christ.

By Linking-In, you commit to sharing our endeavour to reach New Zealand.

It means Linking-In to each other

Linking-In to the CCCNZ Service Trust is also an invitation to Link-In to the other CCCNZ churches and support ministries in our movement. In your area there will be churches, campsites, commended workers and ministries that could work with you to make a greater impact with the gospel.

Could you pray for them in a Sunday service? Could your elderships share a meal with their leaders? Could you work together on an outreach, or share teachers and preachers, or serve one another in a tangible way?

By Linking-In, you're committing to pursuing these connections.



WHAT DOES LINKING-IN LOOK LIKE?

Link-In to CCCNZ events, communications, services and resources

- We'd love to have your pastoral team attend the CCCNZ PastorLink Pastor's and Spouse's Retreat.
- We'd love your leadership team to bring along a group to our regional conferences.
- We hope your leaders can plug into regional initiatives for elders and leaders.
- We invite you to sign up for the CCCNZ communications and to make use of the services and resources.

By Linking-In, you're committing to connect in with these activities.



Link-In to the CCCNZ Trust Board

The CCCNZ Trust is a service trust with a desire to serve churches and support ministries. The trust can have up to 12 trustees. The trust has been intentionally structured to be made up of six representatives that are elected by churches and six representatives that are appointed by the Board. It is our conviction that this structure will better enable us to serve and be accountable to our network of churches and support ministries.

All elected representatives are on an election rotation where every year two representatives either step down or request to be considered for re-election. Elections are held every year in November where potential people are identified to consider the role and voting material will be sent to all associated churches.

By Linking-In, your church commits to consider voting.

NEXT Steps: What can we do once we LINK-IN??

Call any of our staff and invite them to get in touch. We can visit you, your leadership or your teams. Contact the regional enabler to see how you can be served and/or supported. Invite your ministry leaders to access our email newsletters.



STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe, affirm and teach:

1. God is. He exists as One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is almighty and has need of nothing. He is eternal, and He is Love.
2. God, who is Spirit, has chosen to create space and time and matter, and all that exists. He has planned this in his wisdom and created all things by his power. He has life in himself, and all life has its source in him. He continues to be Lord and active sustainer of this world and all that he has made.
3. The crown of God's creation is humanity, whom he has made in his image to reflect his glory. He made Adam and Eve male and female, and breathed into them the spirit of life so that they became living souls capable of enjoying a personal relationship with him. He established the relationship of man and woman in marriage as a covenant. He also gave them the power of choice which, tragically, they used to disobey him, and in so doing passed on their fallen nature to all humanity.
4. Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, came to earth to be the Saviour of the world. He is the complete revelation of God in human form (John 1:18). He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, fully God and fully human. He lived among us on this earth, fulfilling the will of God, speaking the words of God, and doing the works of God.
5. He was crucified – an act of sinful men – but his death was also his own act of obedience to God by which he offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. He was raised to life again by the power of God, on the third day, left the tomb, and after showing himself alive to his disciples, ascended to heaven, whereby God has bestowed on him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
6. God planned before the world was created that there should be a way of salvation for sinful people. We are accountable for our choices, but we are totally unable to achieve peace with God by our own efforts. God has acted in grace and chosen to call men and women into his family and kingdom. At the same time, he invites all people to respond to him by faith in Jesus Christ. Redemption from the guilt, penalty, dominion and pollution of sin, is solely



through the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God as our representative and substitute.

7. As we receive salvation, we are justified, forgiven, born of God, and have the gift of eternal life. By the Spirit of God, we begin to be changed to live according to God's design, and to become like Christ. Our growing likeness to Jesus Christ is evidence of our coming into relationship with God. God's greatest requirement of us is that we love him with all of our heart, and that we love our neighbours as ourselves.
8. At the time that anyone receives the gift of salvation, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within them. It is by the Spirit of God that we are born again. The Holy Spirit is eternal and divine. He reveals Jesus Christ, God's Son to us. He teaches the truth and communicates the life and power of God to us.
9. The Holy Spirit has inspired the Scriptures (the Old and New Testaments). The Scriptures are God's Word. They are sufficient for our guidance and are our final authority in all matters of faith and conduct. Scripture is true and fully reliable. We do not judge Scripture – rather, we stand under its judgement, and seek in humility to understand it by the Holy Spirit's aid, and then obey.
10. All who have received salvation become members of Christ's church. They are his disciples. To them is given the task and privilege of being his ambassadors to represent their master to the world, and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ, God's Son, and his sacrifice. The

Church functions as a body. God by his Spirit gives gifts which equip every member to contribute to the church's ministry, and, for the church to be healthy, every member must be playing his or her part. All believers are priests, with access to God in prayer and worship solely on the ground of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, God's Son. The typical pattern of church government presented by the New Testament is that of oversight by a group of elders. This provides the pattern for church leadership in our own day. The Lord Jesus Christ has asked his disciples to remember him regularly in the celebration of the Lord's Supper (or Communion). This is a focus of the shared spiritual life of the Church and expresses the unity of believers in Jesus Christ. Baptism by immersion in water is a symbolic act in which believers publicly declare their commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.

11. Evil is real. Satan, the enemy of God, is active in this world. There is a hell as well as a heaven. But Satan, sin and death have been overcome by Jesus Christ, God's Son in his death and resurrection.
12. The salvation which God has planned for His people is not yet complete. The Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to this world as King of kings. Evil is yet to be finally put down in a process of judgement and in this process, God's people are vindicated. God's promises to his covenant people will be fulfilled in a way that demonstrates God's faithfulness. God's wise justice will be vindicated and his people's salvation perfected. The dead will be raised – those who have been born of God to eternal joy, and the unrepentant to eternal sorrow. Creation will be renewed, and there will be a new heaven and a new earth. All creatures will sing God's praise.

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CCCNZ REGIONAL ENABLERS

CCCNZ Regional Enablers are elders, pastors and support ministry representatives from around New Zealand and act as a local point of contact for you and your church.



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RESPONSE FORM

Please indicate that your elders/leaders have considered these matters. If you choose to sign this form, it tells us that your church is committed to the vision, ethos and statement of faith of CCCNZ.

"We the elders of _____ accept and agree to *Link-In* to CCCNZ."

Elder:	Signature:	Phone:	Email address:
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"We will send through our logo and we are happy for our church to be listed on the CCCNZ website, with details of our location and how to contact us."

"We will also send CCCNZ a contact list of our elders, pastors and ministry Leaders."

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