

## Breakout Session #1 Choose one option

<p><b>Church, Home &amp; Community: Holistic Discipleship with Children</b></p>	<p>Effective, holistic discipleship with children involves three interconnected spaces: church, home, and community. Most ministries are stronger in some areas than others. This workshop offers a framework for exploring how these three dimensions are currently functioning in your setting and for reflecting on the strengths, connections, and gaps that emerge. Facilitated by Julie McKinnon, CCCNZ Children &amp; Family Ministries.</p>
<p><b>Wired for Wisdom</b></p>	<p>This session offers a thought-provoking exploration of how Christian leaders can engage with technology with wisdom and intentionality. Drawing on Ephesians 5:15–17, facilitator Mike Fitness will examine what it means to live thoughtfully in a digital age, making deliberate choices rather than letting technology shape us. Consider the latest developments in AI and technology, and reflect on the impact on our personal lives and communities. Mike brings a wealth of experience in church leadership and education.</p>
<p><b>Creating Leadership Development Maps</b></p>	<p>Leadership development has been recently identified as the most common challenge across our wider movement—how can we address this together? Several churches have plans in place, however, many do not have the resources for this. CCCNZ CEO Roger Osbaldiston will share some thoughts on what is already broadly available, and invite input on creating leadership development maps.</p>
<p><b>Youth Mental Health Matters: Tools to Help Youth Thrive, Not Just Survive</b></p>	<p>The latest NZ Health Survey shows 1 in 4–5 young people aged 15–24 is experiencing high or very high psychological distress, with half reporting anxiety or depression symptoms in the past year. Explore what the Bible says about mental health, suffering, hope, and caring for one another. This breakout includes a discussion with an experienced mental health worker on practical tools and skills to support our young people. Facilitated by Craig Barrow, CCCNZ Youth &amp; Young Adult Ministries.</p>
<p><b>Supporting Leaders Well: Discover the new CCCNZ Resource Library</b></p>	<p>Healthy churches require vision and passion—supported by strong systems and wise governance. This session explores the refreshed CCCNZ resource library. Find practical tools to help support you with administration, legal compliance, governance and more. Facilitated by CCCNZ National Advisor Jan De Lange.</p>

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## Breakout Session #2 Choose one option

<p><b>Church, Home &amp; Community— Strengthening the Bridges</b></p>	<p>Strong bridges between church, home, and community are key for nurturing discipleship with children and families. Join a panel of local leaders as they share their experiences of building these connections in practice—what worked, what challenged them, and what surprised them along the way. Hear their stories and reflect on how these connections could grow in your own context.</p>
<p><b>Raising Up Our Own: Identifying and Developing Future Church Leaders</b></p>	<p>How can churches intentionally cultivate leadership rather than simply hope it appears? This practical and hopeful panel discussion will explore biblical convictions and real life experience in developing and supporting people into church leadership. Hear how you can identify, grow and support leaders from among your church family.</p>
<p><b>Song Theology: Worship Song Selection that Cultivates Participation and Theological Depth</b></p>	<p>E. Y. Harburg famously said of songs, “Words make you think a thought. Music makes you feel a feeling. A song makes you feel a thought.” Every worship song conveys ideas about God, and these ideas are theological. In a world where song choice feels endless, let’s dive a bit deeper into meaningful song selection that fosters participation and nurtures theological depth. Facilitated by Pathways College Academic Director Rosie Devery (Oak Lane Community Church).</p>
<p><b>Youth Mental Health Matters: Leading with Wisdom, Courage, and Care</b></p>	<p>This breakout session dives into the youth mental health crisis with a strong emphasis on actionable advice and strategies. We will have a dynamic panel discussion featuring insights from youth and young adult leaders and pastors, based on real questions they are asking now. This breakout includes interactive Q&amp;A, small group discussions, and time to develop practical steps tailored to your own context and ministry.</p>
<p><b>An Open Invite to an Exclusive Club? Biblical Sexuality in a Changing Culture</b></p>	<p>Navigating the subject of alternative sexualities has become one of the most fraught challenges for churches in New Zealand. One difficulty is that of offering an invitation to Christian faith that is genuinely welcoming while at the same time upholding the vision for sexuality that is pleasing to God. This session will show why churches must endeavour to do both and offer some suggestions and resources for doing so. Facilitated by Lincoln Road Bible Chapel Elder Chris Northcott.</p>

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