# NATIONAL ALUMNI GATHERING

#### **REGISTRATION FORM**

or www.laidlaw.ac.nz/alumni-gathering to register or pay online

Last name:	
Address:	
City:	Postcode:
Phone (Home):	(Mobile):
Email:	
Year(s) at College:	

Auckland	Chri	Christchurch	
Full day	or	Half day – 9.00 am to 1.30	

Half day – 1.30 pm to 6.00 pm

pm

#### **Payment options:**

Note: Any amount given above the registration fee will go into the David Stewart Scholarship Fund.

A cheque for (made out to Laidlaw Colle	ege) is enclosed
I/we wish to pay by credit card Amount: \$	
Visa Mastercard	
Card Number	
Name on Card	
Expiry Date Signature	

If you have special dietary requirements, please indicate these below.

# PROGRAMME

- 9.00 am Doors open with opportunity to socialise over morning tea. A Mihi whakatu / Greeting to occur at 9.30 am
- 10.00 am Sung Worship
- **10.15 am** *Principal's Welcome and College updates* Rod Thompson
- 10.30 am Equipping God's people for new challenges **Rod Thompson**

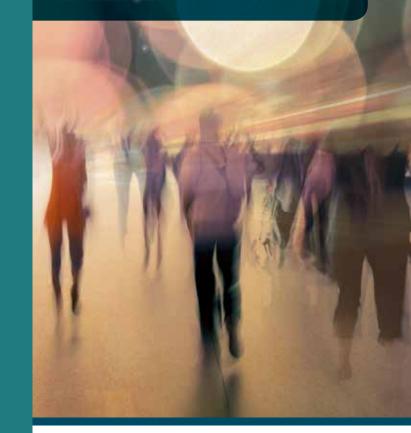
#### 12.00 pm Lunch

- **1.30 pm** *"One Good Word is Bread for a Thousand"* Sheila Pritchard
- **2.30 pm** A Tribute to former Principal David Stewart
- 3.00 pm Group Photo Followed by Afternoon Tea and opportunity to socialise
- 3.45 pm Student and Alumni Stories
- **5.00 pm** Drinks and Canapés (An opportunity for final catch-ups)
- 6.00 pm End

# **2015 NATIONAL ALUMNI GATHERING**

# Challenging our Cultural Idols

How does the Gospel of Christ give us life and hope in the midst of rapid changes and new challenges?





**AUCKLAND** Saturday 8 August 2015 **CHRISTCHURCH** Saturday 15 August 2015



Please complete this form and post it back to us in the reply-paid envelope supplied





#### To the graduates of Laidlaw College, BTI, BCNZ and MASTERS Institute.

You are warmly invited to attend the 2015 National Alumni Gatherings in Auckland and Christchurch. Spouses or partners are most welcome.

Come and join with other alumni for a day of theological study and reflection as well as relaxed opportunities to catch up with old friends and get to know alumni from other years.

### We would love you to join us!

Jenny Mackie (Alumni Coordinator) and Alumni Committee: Rod Thompson, Viv Richmond, Denise Edwards, Matt Hakiaha, Tara Holdaway, Joyce Carswell, Ron Maddox

# CHALLENGING OUR CULTURAL IDOLS

As the world rapidly changes, new idolatries such as busyness, technology, travel and wealth are promoted as being able to save us. We are relentlessly bombarded with information, and can find ourselves over-stimulated, over-stressed and over-busy. So what does the Gospel have to say and how can we live well in this kind of world?

# **ALUMNI GATHERING**

- DATE: AUCKLAND: Saturday 8 August 2015 CHRISTCHURCH: Saturday 15 August 2015
- TIME: 9.00 am 6.00 pm (with half day options available)
- PLACE: HENDERSON CAMPUS, 80 Central Park Drive, Henderson, Auckland
  - or

CHRISTCHURCH CAMPUS, 70 Condell Avenue, Papanui, Christchurch

#### COST:

- Full Day: \$50 per person (includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and canapés) \$45 for Gold Card/unwaged/student
- Half Day: \$30 per person (9am 1.30pm or 1.30pm– 6pm) \$25 per person Gold Card/unwaged/student
- **RSVP:** Friday 31 July by completing the enclosed registration form and posting it back to us in the post-paid envelope provided or registering online at www.laidlaw.ac.nz
- **CONTACT:** For assistance with accommodation, transport or general enquiries please contact Jenny Mackie on 09 836 7806 or alumni@laidlaw.ac.nz



# **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

Sheila Pritchard was originally a primary school teacher in Auckland before doing theological training and then missionary service in Nigeria from 1972–1978. On her return she taught Pastoral Care and Spiritual Formation at the Bible College of New Zealand for 21 years. She is



now self-employed offering spiritual direction, supervision and retreats. Sheila will be exploring the themes of balancing words and silence in life and ministry: the difference between information and transformation.



Rod Thompson has been the National Principal of Laidlaw College since 2010 and finishes up in the role this December. His teaching to students, churches and in public lectures has been greatly appreciated, with a number of his public lectures filmed and used as resources

for church groups. He is always highly rated in the feedback we receive on our Alumni Gatherings. Rod will be examining how the Gospel of Christ equips us to live well in the midst of new changes and challenges.

# DAVID STEWART MEMORIAL

We will be remembering former Principal, Rev Dr David Stewart during the Gatherings through spoken tribute and video. A scholarship fund was set up in honour of David when he retired, with funds providing scholarships to needy students of promise in their second or third year of study. There is opportunity to contribute to that fund by adding an amount on to your registration fee, should you wish to.