

# BUILDING THE CHURCH FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW CONFERENCE

## FEATURING



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AUSTIN  
(AFA)



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CHRISTINA  
BAIRD



DR MIKE  
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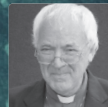
DR LYNDON  
DRAKE



PAUL  
GILBERD



JAMES  
PALMER



BISHOP  
RICHARD  
RANDERSON

17 OCT  
24 OCT  
25 OCT

CHRISTCHURCH  
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PALMERSTON NORTH

31 OCT  
1 NOV  
2 NOV

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**A**re you looking for new ideas, plans and actions for how your church can practically live out its faith? Do you worry about building a church that is engaged with its community and will remain engaged into the future? Do you wonder how your church can help build the kingdom of God in Aotearoa, New Zealand?

If so, you are invited to join with other church leaders, pastors, volunteers and involved lay people for a one-day conference. Come and be inspired, informed, and equipped to lead your church into effective stewardship, a refocus on God's mission in your community and hope for the future.

# BUILDING THE CHURCH FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Christian Savings, in partnership with Carey Centre for Lifelong Learning and Laidlaw College, is bringing together a range of experts from different church backgrounds to address some of the difficult questions of mission and ministry in the twenty-first century. What is the place of the church in a changing culture? How do we best manage our finances? What does strategic planning look like for a church? If we can't do everything, what should we focus on? The day will start with some theory: church, society and culture. We'll then move into practice: faith in action, money (investment and stewardship), and where to find help. The day will end with inspiration: real life case studies of churches doing well.

As Desmond Tutu says in his recent book, *The Book of Joy*, God has hard-wired us as human beings to be at our best, our happiest, when we are helping and caring for others. This conference has at its heart the mission of God, and what that looks like when our churches express it well to their communities.

Christian Savings is pleased to offer subsidised ticket prices of \$30 per person, because we believe every church in New Zealand can benefit from asking these questions and receiving expert guidance on how to answer them for their communities.



# SPEAKER PROFILES



DR ROSHAN ALLPRESS

Roshan took up his role as National Principal/CEO of Laidlaw College in February 2017. Prior to this, he helped found and then led the Compass Foundation until 2011 (now part of the Venn Foundation), working to help young adults 'know the gospel; know the culture; translate'. Prior to Compass, Roshan was the first manager of Maxim Institute's internship programme.

Roshan holds degrees in History from the Universities of Canterbury and Oxford. His doctoral research at Oxford focused on how intergenerational groups of evangelical entrepreneurs in the eighteenth and nineteenth century British world shaped society and culture, most prominently in the work of the clapham sect. His research interests include how the gospel has motivated social and cultural reform, with particular emphases on evangelicalism and the history of religious reform, the origins of philanthropy and humanitarianism, and intersections of theology and political economic thought.

Since returning to New Zealand in 2015, Roshan has worked as a Senior Fellow for the Venn Foundation, teaching in the foundation's residential and wider programmes, and consulting to a variety of Christian organisations. He is a regular speaker in churches and at Christian events.

Born in India (his parents and grandparents served as missionaries), he was raised in Christchurch, where he met and married Lottie. They have two young daughters, Esther and Zoe.



**COLIN JAMES AUSTIN (AFA)**

**C**olin is a well-known and respected member of the IFA (Institute of Financial Advisers) and holds the CFP (Certified Financial Planner) mark of excellence. He has also served as Chairman on the IFA Auckland Branch Committee, and on the National IFA Council.

Colin joined the investment profession in 1998 and established his own independent financial planning firm in 2001 (now DecisionMakers). He is a financial planner who is truly committed to creating and protecting wealth for his clients.

“I have worked extremely hard over the last 19 years to build a business based on ensuring clients are financially secure in their retirement years.”

Colin has a special interest in providing sound stewardship options for churches and Christian charities.



**DR CHRISTINA BAIRD**

**D**r Christina Baird is passionate about helping people grow in creative wisdom to help them see the future and respond well to its challenges and opportunities. She provides coaching, external supervision and debriefing to individuals in ministry, mission and the non-profit sector. She first started critically reflecting on the church when she was 8 years old and decided she didn't like Sunday School, she has finally found an outlet for her reflections by blogging at [www.breadandpomegranates.com](http://www.breadandpomegranates.com)

Christina has worked as a tertiary lecturer/tutor, a church administrator, and as a telephone counsellor for children. She spent 5 years working as a leader

in tertiary student ministry when the world was just starting to think about and adapt to Gen Y. She then spent just over 7 years working in personnel development for a mission agency.

Christina loves learning and so has a PhD in social psychology, a graduate diploma in theology and a post-graduate certificate in professional supervision. She grew up in Lower Hutt but slowly moved up the country via Palmerston North and Tauranga to make her home in Auckland. That is where she now lives with her husband, their 7-year-old acrobat, a dog and a bossy Burmese cat.



**DR MIKE CRUDGE**

**D**r Mike Crudge is the Director of the new Carey Centre for Lifelong Learning. This is a church-leaders facing, serving, and resourcing centre, set up to enhance the way Carey supports church leaders throughout their ministry endeavours: “professional development” and continuing education for church leaders. This role enables Mike to hook into his passion for the future of the church by serving church leaders throughout the country.

Mike completed a PhD in Communication Studies in 2013. His thesis is called *“The disconnected church: a critical examination of the communication of the Christian church in New Zealand.”* His research interest is in the area of mission and church engagement within New Zealand society, and the consideration that mission is a form of communication.

Mike has been a Baptist pastor in Christchurch and Auckland. Prior to all of this he spent his time focused on electronic engineering working in the telecommunications industry in Wellington.

Motueka is his home town, and his favourite bit of New Zealand is the Abel Tasman National Park. Mike is married to Geraldine and their first child was born in June this year.

Mike occasionally blogs about issues to do with communication, church, and society at [MikeCrudge.com](http://MikeCrudge.com).



DR LYNDON DRAKE

The Revd Dr Lyndon Drake is a part-time minister in the New Zealand Anglican Church, in Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau. Alongside this he is doing research for a doctorate at the University of Oxford, working on a biblical theology of capital.

Until 2010, Lyndon was a Vice President at Barclays Capital, trading government bonds and interest-rate derivatives. Since then, he has served as pastor of a city centre church in New Zealand, as well as teaching the theology of work at seminaries, serving in regional church leadership and internationally within the World Evangelical Alliance, and chairing the Board at his children's school.

Lyndon has degrees in Science and Commerce (Auckland), a PhD in Computer Science (York), two degrees in Theology (Oxford), and a number of academic publications. He has written *Capital Markets for the Common Good: A Christian Perspective*, to be published in November 2017 by the Oxford Centre for Enterprise, Markets, and Ethics.



PAUL GILBERD

Paul Gilberd is a business development specialist assisting with strategic direction, governance and change. His role as GM Strategy and Development at the NZ Housing Foundation is all about partnerships and collaboration to bring new people, new money, and new land to the table. The purpose of this work is enabling the growth of affordable housing programmes supporting the relief of poverty. The Housing Foundation delivers affordable rental (rent to buy) and Affordable Equity (Shared home

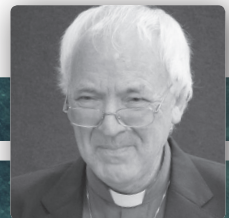
ownership) programmes and assists low income households to move out of the rental poverty trap through affordable housing and community building. Paul is strongly motivated by social justice and building thriving sustainable communities. He is particularly interested in helping churches to be the thriving, relevant and growing centres of such communities.



**JAMES PALMER**

**J**ames Palmer is the Chief Executive of Christian Savings, New Zealand's only charity that is also a licenced non-bank deposit taker with the Reserve Bank of New Zealand. He has a BA and LLB from the University of Auckland. As a lawyer, his areas of practise included commercial and property law and the not-for-profit sector. He has a strong interest in the governance and asset management of churches and charities. He currently acts as an advisor to two other New Zealand charities—Child Rescue and Life Child Care Centre.

James attends Life Church in Manukau and lives with his wife Melissa and their two sons, William and Oliver.



**BISHOP RICHARD RANDESON**

**R**ichard Randerson is a retired Anglican bishop, now living in Wellington, whose 50 years in ministry have focused on the church's engagement with the wider society, addressing issues of poverty and justice, ethics in public square and contemporary issues of theology and inter-faith.

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