

South Island Ministry Conference

17th & 18th May 2022

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God's Faithfulness through the Challenges

Speakers:

Andrew & Christine Harrex





Keynote Speakers:

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Christine has had a lifetime of training in teaching children about Jesus. Growing up in Wellington with Scripture Union staff workers for parents she attended many summer holiday programmes. After training as a secondary teacher, she moved to Dunedin, teaching at Queen's High School for 11 years.

Arriving at East Taieri Church she taught Sunday School to pre-schoolers and loved buying resources for each week's class. She

became friends with one of the ET Youth Workers. Andrew & Christine married in their 30's. They moved to Lawrence 10 years ago where Christine has played a massive role in organising the family and supporting ministry in the parish, especially leading the children's programmes and developing intergenerational services. A good book on the kindle, a real coffee, and happy children are Christine's picture of perfection.

Andrew trained as a teacher after high school and taught in Auckland for 6 years. This experience was formative in growing him as a person and a follower of Jesus. He learned a lot as a volunteer on Summer Holiday Programmes, Scripture Union Camps, and involvement with youth groups. With a sense of calling, he returned to East Taieri Church to do youth work in the church and community. Teaching was great training for working with young people. He loved his 9 years of youth work before he was accepted for ordained ministry training which included 4 years of study with a young family. He wishes he studied theology before doing paid youthwork. Lawrence-Waitahuna is Andrew's first parish and it has been a privilege to serve Jesus in the Tuapeka District for the last 10 years. He enjoys riding a bike and watching sport, especially if his children are involved. He continues to search for an elusive eagle in golf.

Andrew & Christine have 4 children, Toby (17 – Year 12), Anna (15 – Year 11), Katie & Emily (13 – Year 9), who attend Lawrence Area School, love their dog "Rosie" and holidays in the Maniototo. They are all better swimmers, runners, bikers than their parents, and willingly attend church.

This conference will provide hope for faithful and fruitful ministry even in difficult times when numbers of people attending are lower than we would want. God is still at work bringing growth in Christ and we can be a part of that.

Tuesday 17th May 2022

9.00am	Registration & Morning Tea
10.00am	Welcome and getting things sorted
10.15am	Worship
10.50am	Keynote Address: <i>Worship that engages all generations</i>
11.45am	Ministry Time
12noon	Lunch
1.30pm	Panel Discussion/Forum on a topical, relevant subject. You will be able to suggest topics when you register online
2.45pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30pm	Keynote Address: <i>Families growing in faith together</i> Worship
4.45pm – 6.30pm	Networking Drinks, Nibbles (if you attend you won't need dinner afterwards)

Wednesday 18th May 2022

9am	Worship
9.30am	Keynote Address: <i>Journeying through resistance and pushback</i>
10.30am	Morning tea
11.00am	Keynote Address: <i>The reality of disappointments in ministry</i>
12noon	Communion/Worship
12.30pm	Light lunch

Registration details:

Cost: \$130 for a single (or \$100 early bird)

\$190 for a double (you and your spouse) (or \$160 early bird)

Early bird registrations close on Wednesday 13 April. Registrations close Friday 6 May 2022.

To register click on link: <https://forms.gle/je8JgKkaJjXXSV7F7>

Or email your details to: manager@etchurch.co.nz

If Covid Alert Levels change we have a great "Plan B" - see next page for details

A great “Plan B”:

We realise everyone needs a great plan B these days, so if you end up needing to self-isolate or Covid prevents you from attending, we will refund 70% of your registration fee and stream the keynote sessions to you.

Some comments received from last year's conference:

"Affordable" "Refreshing" "Connecting"

- ⇒ *“So nice to see everyone leaving conference looking relaxed and refreshed.”*
- ⇒ *“I always connect with God here.”*
- ⇒ *“I was spiritually refreshed and took away much that will help me as I mentor my own leaders and care for their wellbeing.”*
- ⇒ *“Affirmation, peace, encouragement, inspiration”*
- ⇒ *“I had some worthwhile conversations with old friends, colleagues and new folk it was a joy to meet; at least one new ministry relationship formed.”*
- ⇒ *“I didn't realise how much I needed this. Definitely was a divine appointment.”*
- ⇒ *“It refreshed and nurtured my spirit and deepened my knowledge of my relationship with God.”*
- ⇒ *“The whole conference is well run and encouraging to all, even to those with very small ministry roles.”*
- ⇒ *“We won't often know who was on the point of giving up due to discouragement till they received God's voice of encouragement through a speaker or conversation during conference, or who perhaps received a call from God to a particular ministry.”*

"Encouraging" "Inspiring" "Sustaining"