

DIGITAL NOTEBOOK

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27-28 MAY 2022 — VIRTUAL EVENT



WELCOME TO THE 2022 VIRTUAL CHAMPIONS CONFERENCE

We are living in unprecedented times and navigating many challenges across our communities. Thankfully, because of Champions like you who are eager to see lives transformed and communities united, we continue to have hope.

Our prayer and desire is for the Conference to challenge, empower, equip and inspire you to fulfil the vision and mission God has given you.

Thank you for your heart to serve so that all may live as God intended!



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“... I have come so that they may have
life, and may have it abundantly.”

John 10:10 (New English Translation)

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS ONLINE PROGRAM

FRIDAY

- 6.55 pm Zoom Room Opens
- 7.00 pm Mihi Whakatau (Māori Welcome)
- 7.05 pm Plenary Session 1 — Cheri Peters
- 8.35 pm End of Session

SATURDAY

- 9.40 am Zoom Room Opens
- 9.45 am Plenary Session 2 — Ty Gibson
- 10.45 am Break
- 11.00 am Plenary Session 3 — Maurice Curtis
- 12.00 pm Lunch Break
- 1.50 pm Zoom Room Opens
- 2.00 pm Workshop Stream 1
- 3.05 pm Break
- 3.15 pm Workshop Stream 2
- 4.20 pm Break
- 4.30 pm Commissioning
- 5.00 pm Conference End

“Don’t copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 12:2 (New Living Translation)

SESSION ONE

SALT AND LIGHT

CHERI PETERS

CEO of True Step Ministries
and an Ambassador for
Mission to the Cities

Cheri is still amazed by the relentless love of God for those in our communities lost in trauma, for us in the church struggling, and how He delights in our recovery/healing.

Being salt and light as Champions in our Communities starts with your own personal relationship with Christ. It requires personal contact and building relationships with those in the community, and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit to overcome challenges you face as a Champion in helping meet their needs.



“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:13-16 (New International Version)



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SESSION TWO

BROKEN AND BEAUTIFUL

TY GIBSON

Co-director of Light Bearers and pastor of Storyline Adventist Church in Eugene, Oregon.

A passionate communicator with a message that opens minds and moves hearts, Ty teaches on a variety of topics, emphasizing God's unfailing love as the central theme of the Bible. He has authored eight best-selling books. Ty and his wife Sue have three adult children and two grandsons.

When people experience devastation, the pain can drive them toward shutting down or reaching out. Our mission is to help people, but our deeper mission is to be the human face of God's love and restore hope.



“No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:39 (New Living Translation)



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SESSION THREE

ACTIONS & THE BRAIN

MAURICE CURTIS

Professor of Neuroscience and Head of Department in Anatomy and Medical Imaging at Auckland University




Professor Maurice Curtis grew up in rural New Zealand before moving to Auckland to study radiography. After completing radiography training he studied for a Masters of Science degree at the University of Auckland focussing on treatments for neurodegenerative disorders such as Huntington's disease. Continuing on from this Maurice completed a PhD in Anatomy and Pharmacology investigating whether the human brain had the capacity to make new brain cells. During his PhD he discovered that in human brains affected by Huntington's disease there is a massive increase in the amount of new brain cell production – as the brain attempts to repair itself. These studies were published in a number of prominent journals and set the scene for much of the work that followed. Maurice then worked in Sweden as a post-doctoral fellow before returning to Auckland University as a lecturer. Maurice is currently Professor of Neuroscience and Head of Department in Anatomy and Medical Imaging at Auckland University, and is the co-director of the Neurological Foundation Human Brain Bank. The focus of Maurice's research is on the earliest changes that occur in the brain in Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease.

We were all born with a brain that responds to positive reinforcement and the more we enjoy something or are positively rewarded for it, the more we like to do it. This is especially true that when we engage in service projects and when we help out in our community. But we see in society that reinforcement can drive us toward things that build our communities up or toward things that break them down. So, what is going on in our brain while this happens? In this talk we will discuss the basic neurochemistry at play when we make decisions that give us rapid feedback and how networks in the brain get reinforced even when we think little about our actions.



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Community Transformation Partnerships

ADRA partners with churches and schools in NZ to deliver projects that serve the needs of their local community.

ADRA provides funding and resources to churches/schools who want to run a programme in their community. Below are some of the programmes currently available:



My Money helps families get their finances sorted through teaching financial literacy and encouraging responsible money practices.

Space:

Space provides a positive environment for parents to connect with their young children and learn helpful parenting tips.



Pathways helps people get their driver's license, opening up more opportunities for them and ensuring safer drivers on our roads.



Welcome Baby is a clothing library that helps struggling families with new born babies, by providing warm clothes for the babies first year of life.

Innovation Projects:

If you have a unique project idea that is outside the scope of any other project, we still want to help through our innovations fund and ensure different community needs are met.



DARP provides mental health education in a comprehensive way that deals with the core issues that cause and are associated with depression and anxiety.

Invictus:

The Invictus wellbeing programme is focused on youth mentoring and helps participants to harness skills and ways of thinking that will promote resilience and wellbeing for the rest of their lives.

Pasifika Families:

Pasifika Families is a series of parenting seminars especially for Pacific people. Tackling some of the big issues facing pacific people adjusting to family life in New Zealand – how to handle discipline, creating time with our kids when work takes up so much time, relating to schools, and much more.



In partnership with the Parenting Place, we provide toolbox parenting sessions where parents are able to attend workshops and gain positive parenting skills.

Is your church ready to serve its community?

Learn more at www.adra.org.nz/ctp
or contact our National Programme Manager: SallyLavea@adra.org.nz

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS



Dr Paul Siope Making Kingdom-centric Disciples

Paul Siope is a mentor to many in pastoral ministry, church planting, prophetic witnessing, and kingdom discipleship. He likes walking, reading, gospel music, follows a bit of Rugby, Rugby League, UFC, and NBA Basketball — but enjoys most playing with their grandchildren, and sharing Jesus with others around food.

Workshop: Unlock a Kingdom-centric shift to share the good news in a real and personal way.



Maddy Voinea The Art of Knowing your Community

Maddy has a background in Communications and Television and is currently serving as the Ministry Innovations and Marketing Leader for the SDA Church in the South Pacific Division.

Workshop: How to ensure community initiatives meet a real-world need, are effective, and are a blessing to your team as well as your community.



Cheri Peters Beautiful Disaster...Restoration, Unlikely Ambassadors...

Cheri Peters CEO of True Step Ministries and an Ambassador for Mission to the Cities... is still amazed by the relentless love of God for those in our communities lost in trauma, for us in the church struggling, and how He delights in our recovery/healing.

Workshop: Can God actually restore us? Hear the amazing truth about what He wants to do in your life. When God anoints us with the Holy Spirit, even the least likely of us become ambassadors to those we love...to our communities, and to a hurting world.

Celebrating Life in Christ ... how cool is that! Learn how to work alongside of God, and each other, through friendship-recovery ministries your journey will bring healing to others ... your journey matters!

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

Adrielle Carrasco ELIA Wellness: become a partner with Adventist Health Ministries



A dedicated health professional with a history of meeting company goals utilising relevant and evidence-based practices. Skilled in working under pressure and adapting to new situations and challenges to best enhance the organisation's purpose and values.

Caring Nurse with 30+ years of experience in diverse healthcare organisations, working with various patient groups in the community. Adept at introducing detailed care plans and coordinating patient care through interdisciplinary collaboration. Demonstrated expertise in physical, psychosocial, developmental and educational aspects of nursing care for all patients and families.

A health professional who works towards upholding the Treaty of Waitangi and what this means for Maori in Aotearoa.

Workshop: If you would like to learn about ELIA Wellness (Lifestyle Health) and would like to become a partner, with the ability to facilitate multiple health programmes in the community (online and in person), then come join us.

Victor Kulakov How to resolve the challenge with lack of commitment in member engagement



Pr Victor Kulakov currently serves as the Missional Ministry Development Leader for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference and has ministered in Russia and Greece. With his beautiful wife, Agnessa, and two boys, Nathan and Daniel, he enjoys skiing, travelling, mountain-biking, photography, playing with his boys and meeting new people. Victor's greatest passion is empowering people to fall in love with life; to make positive changes, to enjoy the fullness of relationships and to have abundance and success in all aspects of life.

Workshop: Discover how to set your church 'on fire' for God and engage them in community service! Yes you can take your church from apathy to highest level of engagement and commitment!

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS



Tafa Fidow Equipped to Connect with your Community

Talofa! My name Tafa Fidow, employed as Service Delivery Manager for a IT company called CodeBlue Ltd. I am married, to a wonderful woman Maranatha, we have two girls Summer, Nature and my son River (She chose the names) I am part of a spirit led team who planted a church called The Fields in 2021. I enjoy playing a variety of sports and recently combined my heart for mission and love of fitness to connect with my community. I look forward to sharing my learnings on how you can use your strengths to be relevant in your community, in a covid world.

Workshop: Struggling or unsure how to connect with your community? Come along and hear about the practical ways and methods, Tafa and the team at The Fields (one of our newest church plants here in Auckland, NZ) have been able to connect with their communities.



Andrea Kross Destress & Thrive

Andrea Kross trained as an occupational therapist and worked as a school-based occupational therapist while living in South Auckland. She has completed further study in community health education and lifestyle medicine, and is currently working on finishing her masters in lifestyle medicine. Andrea has been working with ELIA Wellness for four years, primarily in the areas of product development, Partner training and management. She is passionate in empowering people to bring Whole-Person Health to the community.

Workshop: Learn to run a Destress & Thrive programme. This programme offers simple solutions for complex problems and shares principles and skills applicable to most stressful situations

“But don’t just listen to God’s word.
You must do what it says. Otherwise,
you are only fooling yourselves.”

James 1:22 (New Living Translation)

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

Keira Bullock Storytelling to Inspire

Keira has been leading and hosting worship spaces for 20 years. She served in full time ministry in Worship and Creative Arts for 12 years. Currently she serves in Corporate Chaplaincy for the Sanitarium Group. While serving in the local church, her diverse interests and new opportunities led her to take on additional roles of teaching and preaching, discipleship and pastoral care as well as pursue Postgraduate study in Counselling.



Ryan McCutcheon Storytelling to Inspire

Ryan has worked as a professional photographer and videographer for the past 7 years, but his interest in capturing and editing video content has spanned the past 40 or so... Over this time Ryan has come to appreciate the power and responsibility that comes with being in control of how captured footage is presented, particularly when he has been given the honour of helping to tell someone else's story.



Workshop: Do you know how to spot a good story? Or how to get someone who isn't sure they even have a story to share something powerful? And once you find the story, how do you capture someone's specific story and tell it in a way that it can relate to a broad audience? If you want to know some tips and tricks on how to film and produce a transformative story join us as we share what we learned from 11 years of trial and error and learning the art ourselves. (This workshop is run by both Keira Bullock and Ryan McCutcheon.)

"So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."


2 Corinthians 3:18 (New Living Translation)

WORKSHOP ONE



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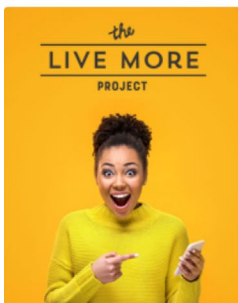
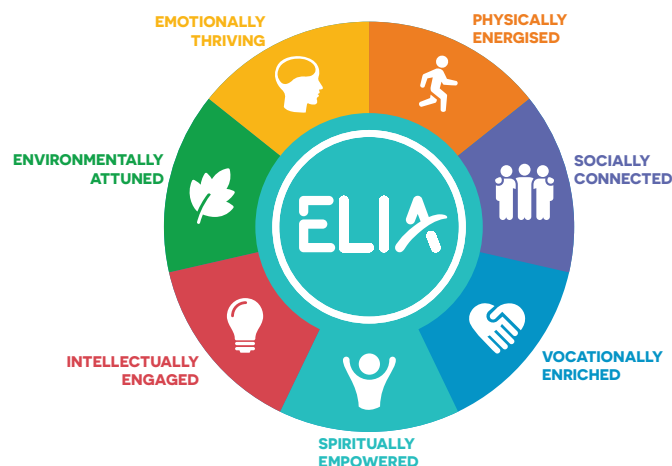
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WELLNESS HUBS

Could your community benefit from being healthier?

Adventist Health partners with churches and organisations to form **ELIA Wellness Hubs** to promote wellbeing through **7 dimensions of Wellness**.



Live More Project



Forgive to Live



Retirement Ready?



De-Stress and Thrive



Enhance Your Gut Health (Coming Soon)

PLUS MORE PROGRAMS COMING SOON



Adventist
Health

For more information, resources and to start your journey, contact Adrielle Carrasco at Adventist Health
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Discover Your **SHAPE** For Ministry

Discover how to use your unique **gifts, passions, abilities, personality** and **life experiences** to fulfil God's purpose for your life.



Spiritual Gifts
Unwrapping Your Gift



Heart
Monitoring Your Heartbeat



Abilities
Discovering & Applying Your Abilities



Personality
Plugging In Your Personality



Experience
Examining Your Experiences

This course will take you on a journey of discovery, to unlock your God-given potential and help you find a way to serve – and set you and your CHURCH up for greater community impact!

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Consider this tool as an action roadmap to use during the Conference. Here you'll find all the main steps — defined by you during the Conference to be salt and light in your community during these challenging times.

TOPIC/SPEAKER	ACTION STEP
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PLENARY 1
SALT & LIGHT
Cheri Peters



PLENARY 2
BROKEN &
BEAUTIFUL
Ty Gibson



PLENARY 3
ACTIONS & THE
BRAIN
Maurice Curtis



WORKSHOP 1



WORKSHOP 2





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Community Transformation Partnerships



Aroha Mai
(Love Received)

Aroha Atu
(Love Given)

He aha te mea nui o te ao?
What is the most important thing in the world?
He tāngata, He tāngata, He tāngata
It is people, It is people, It is people

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“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt,
that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”

Colossians 4:6 (New King James Version)



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“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?”

Isaiah 58:6-7 (New International Version)

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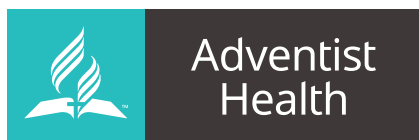
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We want to acknowledge and thank the organisations and ministries that have contributed towards our Champions network over the past year in various ways.

Thank you also to those who have helped to make this Champions Conference possible. We are so thankful for your Kingdom investment and pray God multiplies it and blesses you tenfold in return!

Called to Serve

We believe that we have all been called to serve others, just as Jesus did during His time here on earth. Our mission is to serve humanity so all may live as God intended. Our dream here in New Zealand is to see all churches actively serving their community and in turn serving God.

