



## Kia ora pastors' group convenors

Here is the Term three update, for possible reflection prior to your Term 3 pastors' group meetings. This is sent to just one or two people from each geographic city/town pastors' group we are aware of.

Its purpose is to remind and highlight various things for our cities and towns that are easily overlooked otherwise.

**(i) In the calendar** (...you could take notes on what you feel is relevant to pass on if you desire)

**(ii) Spheres of influence** (...there is a framework for a purposeful discussion together as church leaders re your city/town, if you desire it)

**(iii) In unison strategies** (...this is a reminder of 14 things we could do together in unison, to gain results through working smarter rather than harder)

**(iv) For thought and reflection** (...some resources and reflections about unity are referenced - to feed our thinking re how we might best achieve the mission Jesus has given us in each city and town).

What you do with this information / these connections is entirely up to you.  
We hope this is in some way useful for clarity or fresh thought.

Looking to all God can yet do  
Dave Mann

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## **(i) In the calendar**

### **Term 3 - key opportunities to steward together**

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## **Looking back**

**Possible brief discussion:**

- How did Easter efforts go? (...whether the booklet delivery, outreach equipping through pulpits/small groups/youth groups, Easter services or other).
  - Were we sufficiently 'present' in our city?
  - Improvements for next year?
- How did any first Matariki efforts go?

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## Looking forwards

### Thinking Matters conferences

Thinking Matters are our only national apologetics ministry covering both 'traditional' and current cultural topics.

Note the dates:

- Hamilton 29-30 July,
- Auckland 12-13 August,
- Tauranga 27-28 August



[thinkingmatters.org.nz](http://thinkingmatters.org.nz)

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**INVITATION: Third of three webinars for NZ pastors' groups.**

**>> Unity movement success stories.**

10am, 11 August on zoom [here](https://www.zoom.us/j/88193400320).

- **These are a collaboration** of NZCN, City by City and ourselves
  - **The prior meeting** hosted Roy Crowne (HOPE Together, UK) and is on video in section 4 of this update.
  - **About Ian Shelton (One Heart, Australia):** Ian is a highly respected networker, with decades of credential behind him, and who was part of an amazing move of God in the city of Toowoomba.
  - **Zoom:** Meeting ID: 881 9340 0320. Passcode: 210040
  - **Zoom direct link:** [Here](https://www.zoom.us/j/88193400320).
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## NZ Forum on the Family

Tuesday 6th September, Auckland.

- Book the date
- Find details [here](#).

Comment (From Dave): The freedoms of speech and religion are a case of 'use it or lose it'.



Our nation - like many Western nations, is facing some significant challenges, and they are coming at pace. Being well-informed is a place to start.



### Marriage Week - mid-September - a time for reflection by church leaders nationally

A great time to renew Marriage Vows. Attend a relationship refresh seminar. Arrange a special date night or weekend. Bless another younger couple who need encouragement.

(James Muir and NZCN aid this)

For more information go to [facebook.com/marriageweeknz](https://facebook.com/marriageweeknz)

- **In churches...**
  - Question: What support and equipping are we offering / giving on the whole together to our city re marriages, pre-marriage, parents of toddlers/children/teens, divorce recovery... etc.?
  - Question: What resources and ideas exist from Christian ministries in NZ that could be utilised to help people?
- **Public facing efforts...**
  - As an example, 'Tauranga Marriages' publicly speaks out, purchasing a full newspaper page, while promoting a 'Weekend to Remember' event.
  - There is no wider public-facing advocacy / voice we are aware of otherwise.

- to be aware of and support.

The "God Loves You Tour" with Franklin Graham

- This is a one-off opportunity we can choose to utilise well



**Encouragement:** Every outreaching effort is a part of the bigger picture.

(If mobilising the saints is the 'cake', events are like the icing, or the raisins).

Let's unite with the attitude of seeing EVERY outreaching effort in our nation succeed. :-)

### Details

- November 12 - **Christchurch**
- November 16 - **Wellington**
- November 19 - **Auckland**
- **Before - A training initiative that your church could be involved in:** 'The Christian Life and Witness Course' (CLWC) could be used in September to inspire and encourage Christians to become effective witnesses and disciples of Jesus. (The hope is that 30 classes will happen in a cities near Ack/Wgtn/Chch, with 10,000 attending).
- **Goal:** Full venues, with many people invited.
- Key contact person in NZ: **Sam Tolley (Campus Pastor Church Unlimited West Auckland / BGEA Church Rep)** - [STolley@billygraham.org](mailto:STolley@billygraham.org)

Details at <https://godlovesyoutour.nz>

10min interview from Rhema Media - to hear Franklin Graham's heart [here](#).

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### **Term 4 - Anything need planning now - to see Jesus honoured this Christmas?**

- Some efforts require planning (billboards, floats in parades, Christmas carol gatherings / events, creating special lighting displays)
- Ideas are being collated at [AllTogether.co.nz/Christmas](http://AllTogether.co.nz/Christmas)
- How will you 'lift Jesus up' this Christmas?

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## **(ii) Spheres of influence**

**Goal: To both discover and enhance engagement by churches**



## and believers within your community

### The idea: A simple 'discovery' discussion each quarter

In this section, various areas of engagement have been spread across the four terms - so you get only 2 or 3 areas to consider each term.

This enables a very simple 'discovery' discussion each quarter, with the purpose of all becoming aware of what the churches in your community (and your people) are already doing to serve your community :-)

### Benefits

- **New awareness and encouragement**
- **Catalyse / empower collaboration in and use of existing efforts**
- **Encourage those serving**
- **Prayer** - by sharing what you discover is happening as 'prayer items' at combined quarterly prayer gatherings Etc.

### TERM THREE FOCUS AREAS:

- **The agricultural, farming and business sectors** (Seasonally - spring represents the beginning of the agricultural season, and also of the start of the primary sales season for many businesses)
- **Family** - National Marriage Week is in Term 3
  - What services do churches provide in your city/town to support families / marriage / parenting / divorce recovery, etc/?

**What are churches and their people doing to make a difference in your city/town, in these areas?**

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## (iii) 'In unison' strategies Working smarter - rather than harder

### ABOUT

This section reminds us of 4 goal we could achieve together *by each embracing 14 simple applications (habits) in common...  
...our own way!*



### Four goals: What if in 20 years...

1. Our core messages were still being heard — despite cultural hostilities
2. Our members were better equipped to engage difficult conversations
3. Our members were engaging with increased cultural wisdom, knowledge and story
4. The Church as a whole was also stronger in prayer?

**Simple habits we could all embrace to achieve these goals together can be viewed...**

(a) as a blog [here](#)

(b) as a print-ready 'magazine article' [here](#).

There is significance to reminding church leaders of these simple habits.

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Below the 'sign-off' here you will find some articles/resources.

**The next update** will be prior to the start of Term 4.

We pray this is useful.

Looking to all God can yet do

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(Director - Shining Lights Trust )

[AllTogether.co.nz/pastorsgroups](http://AllTogether.co.nz/pastorsgroups)

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## **(iv) For thought and reflection - related to unity**

### **Top 5 things UK churches have done that made a difference**

**Webinar for pastors' groups**

**with Roy Crowne**

**(HOPE Together, UK)**

(Click the image to play)



Strategy/Area 1. The rhythm of mission

Strategy 2. Something to give

Strategy 3. Historical events

Strategy 4. Churches visibly uniting

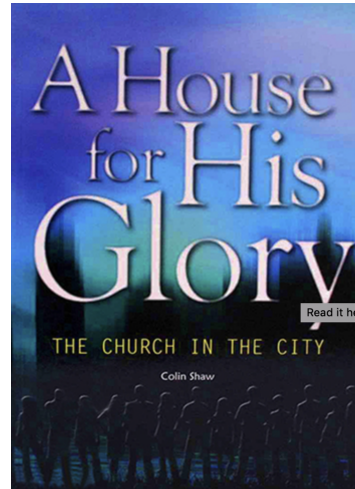
Strategy 5. Identifying & meeting needs

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## BOOK - NZ: On a united and prayerful church

"A House for His Glory - Church in the City", is written by Colin Shaw. It captures the New Testament 'one church in the city' emphasis.

- [Free as a pdf via the image](#)
- Hard copy from Colin Shaw (colinshaw90@gmail.com) - or our online 'All Together' shop (\$15 plus \$5 post) [here](#)



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## BOOK - NZ: On the purpose and function of pastors' groups

Whole book free as a pdf [here](#) or email [dave@shininglights.co.nz](mailto:dave@shininglights.co.nz).

- Hardcopy of book (without final two chapters) - \$20 plus post [here](#)
- Chapter 14 (NEW) - Principles for managing the agenda in Pastors' groups [here](#)
- Chapter 15 (NEW) - A vocabulary we can agree upon (re the purpose of pastors' groups) [here](#)



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## 'Prophetic word'

### What might God say to his people globally right now?

This is a summary [of many people's thoughts](#), comprised by Kim Farnyk (Australia) based on things discussed at the World Prayer Assembly (an annual international gathering of prayer networks).



The [weblink via the image above](#) is to a powerful new song - with familiar lyrics, from 'The Worship Movement' in Australia - to enjoy as you read.  
May these thoughts encourage hope, vision and courage.

## **What do you think the Lord is saying to his Church?**

**(Even if our thoughts are different to the below - the question has value)**

**Three keywords were released: Prayer, Mission, and Generations.**

### **1. Prayer.**

My first sense is that the separation of prayer teams and worship teams will dissolve as they become one.

Secondly on prayer, the Lord is raising His houses of prayer in every congregation (local Ekklesia) that will hear His heartbeat. Prayer is becoming focal for many at this time, more than ever before. Maybe you need to raise the level of prayer in your small group, local congregation, and/or join a city-wide prayer group.

### **2. Mission.**

We are no longer dependent on big-name ministries or evangelist crusades, although these are wonderful and will continue; but this age is about every believer's witness at its core.

All of us are ministers of the Gospel. The second part of Luther's reformation message is the priesthood of all believers. We all must tell our story to those who will listen and minister the message of salvation; also healing and deliverance to those who need it.

We are the answer for a dying world, because of Christ in us the hope of glory.

### **3. Generations.**

I see the greatest need at this time as healing across the generations.

Fatherlessness is a curse and a major root cause of the issues plaguing the world today. (Malachi 4:6)

The Ekklesia has not fathered well like 1 Corinthians 4:15 — we have many instructors, not many fathers. This is changing and there is a multi-generational shift happening. In 2 Timothy 2:2, we see Paul as a father to Timothy, who then is a father to faithful men, who are then fathers to others.

The Lord is raising fathers in the faith (men and women) who are not instructors, or even mentors, but fathers like Jesus showed in Luke 15 (the prodigal's father). A true father walks with his children regardless of where they are on their journey. A good father seeks for his children to come to maturity and to see them released in all that the Lord has for them.

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## Mahi Ngatahi (working together) closed-group FB page

Don't forget this FB page - for church leaders who are committed to unity in their city or town - to feed vision, conversation, strategy and ideas. (Everything in this update has been posted at it at some point in approx the last year)



### Mahi Ngatahi (Working together)

🔒 Private group · 70 members

Search 'Mahi Ngatahi (working together)' on [FaceBook](#) and ask to join.

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Click here to [unsubscribe](#) from these updates - or update me please if someone else is in the facilitators role or better suited as a connection point.

All options fine - thanks.

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