



Seventh-day  
Adventist Church™

*North New Zealand*



**YEARS  
2022  
2023**



# OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

North New Zealand Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Registered Charity No. CC42024





## OUR ORIGINS

### HISTORY

Organised in 1915, the North New Zealand Conference (NNZC) acts as the central operational hub of the global Seventh-day Adventist Church serving and impacting the North Island of New Zealand. The Church wants all New Zealanders in the North Island of New Zealand to have an opportunity to consider the Gospel Message and its call and impact on their lives. The Church also wants to make people's lives a little better as we engage with the community around us. The NNZC exists to provide services and programmes to individual churches in the North Island of New Zealand that allow them to work in their local communities seeking to bring people together and support well-being and wholeness of life.

Governance is by way of a quadrennially appointed committee which is a blend of employed staff and volunteers.

Operationally the churches work with volunteers who are members or regular attendees. They are supported by the NNZC that employs pastors to provide leadership and spiritual guidance to the churches and also administrative staff in a central office to care for the business and business operations of the Church.

## OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the NNZC and any affiliated entity or entities of the NNZC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who live as His loving witnesses and proclaim to all people the everlasting Gospel of the Three Angels Messages in preparation for His soon return.

## OUR VISION

The vision of the Seventh-day Adventist church in the North Island, New Zealand is summarised in three words; Connect, Grow, Multiply. These words have a spiritual foundation with practical outcomes. Outcomes that help both church members and the community we serve.

**Connect.** We first invite people to connect with God through regular worship gatherings and on a personal level. Secondly, as people gather, they connect and support each other. Thirdly, our vision is to connect with the community in ways that add value to others and where possible, alleviate suffering. One of the ways the Bible describes church, is like a body. "If one part (of the body) suffers, every part suffers with it" 1 Corinthians 12:26.

For example, following the devastation of cyclone Gabrielle, and other floods across New Zealand, church members teamed up to help the community with the clean-up. ADRA, (Adventist Development Relief Agency) is the arm of the church that coordinates these opportunities.

**Grow.** It is our purpose to see believers grow in Christian maturity which will have a positive impact on their lives and in turn the community. The SDA church has a structured approach to this growth through the weekly Sabbath School for all ages. Many congregations also have Club Ministries for ages 5-16.

**Multiply.** The flow on effect of Connect and Grow, is Multiply. It is our aim to see more lives transformed into followers of Jesus and therefore live a purpose filled life, and in turn have a positive impact on society.

As Lead Pastor in the North Island, I am proud of how the Seventh-day Adventist Church is proactive in all these areas.



**Pr Bob Larsen**  
*Lead Pastor - President  
North New Zealand Conference*



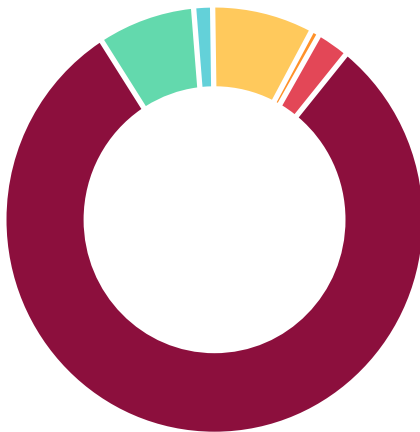


## OUR FUNDING

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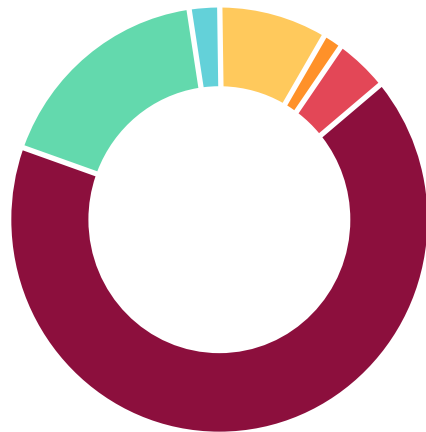
- Donors who contribute to the Church
- Trading operations
- Contribution from denominational entities
- Property

Income 2022



- Net sales income
- Programme income
- Investment and rental income
- Donations
- Contribution from denominational entities
- Other income

Income 2023



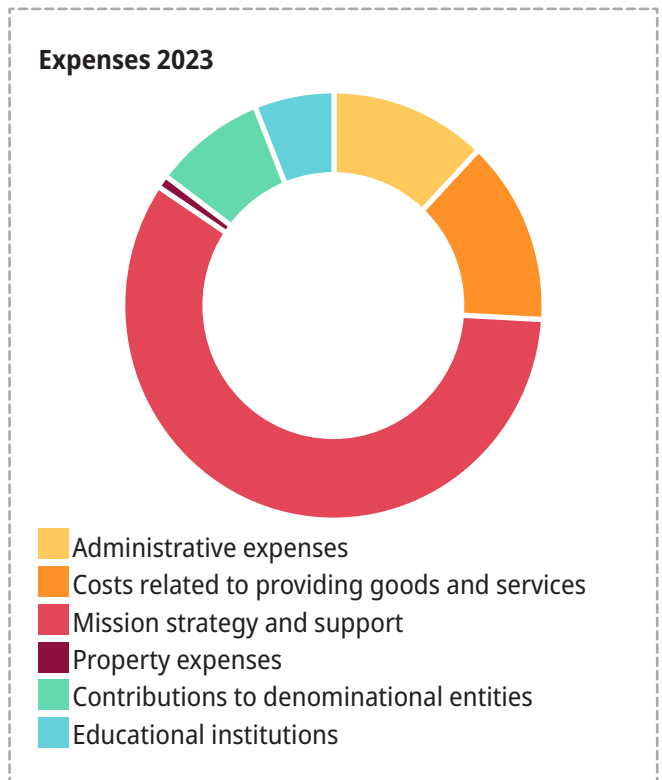
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# OUR PERFORMANCE

Over the past financial year, the North New Zealand Conference has expended over \$13 millions of donated and raised revenue. The breakdown of this expenditure is shown in the following chart:



# OUR IMPACT

## SPIRITUAL/EMOTIONAL EMPOWERMENT

Worship is central to the Church operation and aimed to connect people with God and share hope and wholeness with the North New Zealand society through the Gospel Message.

More than 123 organised groups meet each Saturday (Sabbath) and throughout the week.

Our Comparative Performance is shown below.

	<b>RECORDED MEMBERSHIP</b> 2021-2022: 11,421 2022-2023: 11,672
	<b>BAPTISMS</b> 2021-2022: 181 2022-2023: 278
	<b>ORGANISED CHURCH COMMUNITIES MEETING</b> 2021-2022: 88 2022-2023: 91
	<b>WEDDINGS</b> 2021-2022: 46 2022-2023: 12
	<b>NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS MET EACH SATURDAY (SABBATH)</b> 2021-2022: 145 2022-2023: 145

Coming back into active community after the Covid lockdowns of the previous years has been a real highlight for our church communities. We have seen new people engaging with a church, enjoying the opportunity to meet and connect with people regularly who appreciate the sermons and programmes that give hope and support. One of the great benefits for the elderly and homebound has been the online options now available for joining worship that developed over the Covid era. We offer weekly, over 11 online options for worship including languages such as Tongan and Chinese.



## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Ministries aimed at youth 16 – 30 year-olds, provide for young people to come together and engage in spiritual activities, social interaction and physical sports activities.

Spiritual Development included 5 programmes involving 145 people.

Sports included 4 tournaments involving 1,871 people.



# Adsafe

## SAFE CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

Improving our ability to create a safe community is incredibly important to the Church. Over the last year, training for members, to ensure we operate in a safe manner, saw over 200 people trained by ADSAFE, the Church's Child and Vulnerable Elderly/Adults protection office.





**122 CONGREGATIONS**  
**55 MINISTERS**  
**4 BIBLE WORKERS**



**SCHOOLS**  
**12 PRIMARY SCHOOLS**  
**1 HIGH SCHOOL**

**CHILD AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

**NUMBER OF PATHFINDERS CLUBS**

2022: 45

2023: 45

**NUMBER OF ADVENTURER CLUBS**

2022: 36

2023: 36



**CLUB MINISTRIES**  
**69 CLUBS**  
**963 KIDS**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

**SERVES OF HEALTHY FOOD CONSUMED**

2022: 503.5 million

2023: 508.4 million

**SERVES OF HEALTHY FOOD DONATED**

2022: 7.5 million

2023: 8.2 million



**STUDENTS**  
**1,087 PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**325 HIGH SCHOOL**



**11,672 MEMBERS**  
**NATIONALLY 17,799**



**CHRISTIAN CAMPGROUND**  
**148 BOOKINGS**  
**12,178 CAMPERS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**NUMBER OF COMMUNITY PROJECTS RAN**

2022: 16

2023: 22

**NUMBER OF DAYS OF CARE IN AGED CARE CENTRE**

2022: 22,597

2023: 19,287



**Adventist  
Schools**

## EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

Providing educational opportunities continues to be part of our service to the community. We continued to invest in and encourage church programmes that grow people holistically, develop resilience and encourage joy in life and community.

### ADVENTIST EDUCATION - SCHOOL SYSTEM

Student Enrolment 1,412

Operating 13 schools across the North Island allows families to access a values-based quality education for their children. While the New Zealand Curriculum is taught in the school, the programme also emphasizes strong Christian values and provides for emotional and social well-being and spiritual growth.

In the 2022/2023 year, 1,412 students accessed Adventist education. Numbers of students accessing Adventist education are holding steady as families have dealt with the return to school after the Covid era.

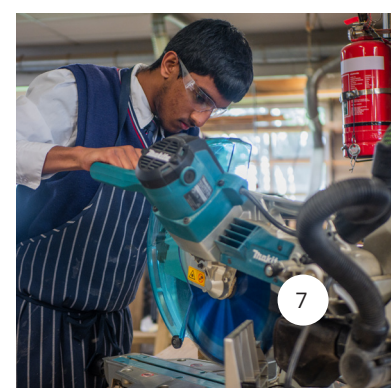
Education and Nurture	2022	2023
Number of schools	16	16
Number of students	2,023	2,042
Number of preschools	3	3

## QUOTES

Parent – “we chose this school specifically because we know that our kids are going to get quality education and will also be taught the principles and values of our church”

Student - this school “has helped mould me to stand as who God has destined me to be. Without a daily relationship or connection with God, incorporated into my learning, I don't think I would be the confident, God-fearing leader I believe myself to be”

Deputy Head Boy – SASDA helped me through times when I didn't even know who I was. Even though I went to church, church didn't really have my attention but to be honest. At SASDA I learnt more about God and that's where my journey started.





## CHILDREN'S CLUB MINISTRIES

### PATHFINDERS AND ADVENTURERS

We continue to provide Club Ministries to educate and challenge children ages 5 to 16 and offer leadership training into adulthood.

Club Ministries 2023	Clubs	No. Kids
Pathfinder Clubs	38	584
Adventurer Clubs	26	379
	<b>69</b>	<b>963</b>

Events / Training Held	2022	2023
Master Guide Training Attendance	30	30
Fair Rally Attendance	1,046	834







## ENHANCING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Seventh-day Adventists are known for their emphasis on health, and the North New Zealand Conference values the opportunity to contribute to the well-being of members and the wider community. Trained church members and community professionals offer a range of health-related programmes for the community including ELIA (Empower-Lifestyle-Innovate-Advocates) wellness programmes. Among these in 2022/2023 were the CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Programme), DARP (Depression and Anxiety Recovery Programme), Forgive to Live and Retirement Ready. Other service projects that engage with the community are part of a partnership the North New Zealand Conference has with ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) known as CTP (Community Transformational Partnership).

<b>Elia Wellness</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
No. Held	10	42
No. Engaged	112	250
<b>ADRA CTP</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
No. Projects	7	14

People who attended these programmes have found real benefits that are improving their way of life and supporting a better future.

One participant of the Retirement Ready programme said, "I thought I had planned well for my retirement, but after this programme, I can see there is more I can do now to really make my retirement years so much better. Everyone should do this programme a couple of times from about 30 years of age onwards." Another said, "I wish I had learnt these things at the start of my working life, however, it is never too late to start".

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES SABBATH SCHOOL

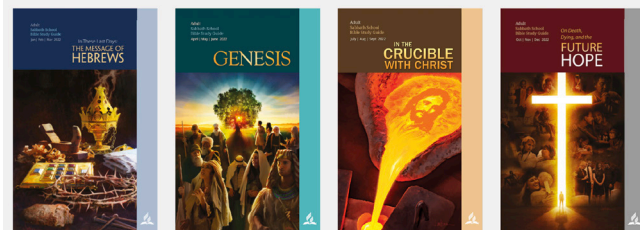
Weekly involvement exceeds 1,105.

Other programmes offered to support learning and personal development include Bible study, understanding life and its challenges, health and well-being, and caring and nurturing. This is accomplished primarily through Bible Study classes and groups which also provide for language, cultural and age-supporting maximum engagement.

The weekly average reported engagement is 1,105 participants. Many more are involved but are not reported centrally. Each week members and guests gather in small groups to study prepared Bible study guides or to discuss reading and passages from the Bible. Aimed at enriching knowledge of the Bible and seeking to apply the principles and life lessons of the Bible is the aim of this hour-long programme.

We continue to access quality resources in three languages for these studies which are provided by the Adventist Book Centre and form part of its business operations.

<b>Lesson Pamphlets</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Total sold	22,386	21,677





## HOPE CHANNEL OPTIONS

Hope Channel New Zealand which is partly funded by North New Zealand Conference, provides resources into the community, for those looking for spiritual and wellbeing resources. Regular requests and contact continues to be part of our support for this venture nationwide.

However, there does seem to have been a decline in some areas, possibly as people have returned to a more normal pattern of life.

A regular prayer request list is sent out monthly to 'prayer warriors' with 20-30 requests from those who made contact and sent in their requests.

One person who receives the list states, "These people have reached out for help, I count it a privilege to pray for them." Other offers fulfilled nationwide are outlined below. The offers are also followed up to ensure that people receive what they requested and if they want to engage further or not.

Activity	2021 / 2022	2022 / 2023
Lessons	12,592	10,872
Studies	2,241	1,499
Offers	1,246	1,280



## TUI RIDGE PARK - ROTORUA

Time in nature and opportunities to challenge oneself or simply be still are critical to growing resilience and emotional well-being. The Tui Ridge Park campground near Rotorua is a facility that provides for Camping Ministry as well as sports and training opportunities. Covid had a massive impact on operations for the campground. We are grateful that in the last year, as we have returned to a more normal life, our activities and services at the campground are again in full operation.

Campground	2022	2023
Number of school bookings	39	70
Total children, teachers, and parents help impacted by our programme	3,266	6,487
Number of other bookings	77	78
Total attendees from other bookings	2,832	5,691



## TRUST SERVICES

## WILL SERVICES

For many people, leaving a legacy when you pass away is important. We have continued to offer services in preparing Wills for those who request this service.

A total of 23 Wills were prepared for 2021/2022 year and 45 for 2022/2023 year.