

### President's MESSAGE

What you're about to read in this report highlights a church united in mission. A community of faith determined to live out the call of Jesus to Connect, Grow, and Multiply. These three words summarise the heart of our shared vision.

Across Aotearoa New Zealand, our 122 congregations are on a journey toward becoming centres of compassion, learning, and transformation. What follows in these pages is a snapshot of that mission in action - stories of ordinary people, inspired by the Spirit of God, making an extraordinary difference.



## Mission & VISION

This past year has been one of hope, momentum, and practical impact across the North New Zealand Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (NNZC).

As a registered charitable

organisation, our purpose is to serve people and communities in ways that bring connection, growth, and renewed hope. Our vision, Connect, Grow, Multiply, guides every aspect of our work:



Connect

Building meaningful relationships with people from all walks of life.



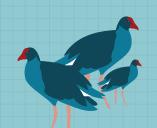
Grow

Supporting personal and community development in ways that strengthen resilience, wellbeing, and faith.



Multiply

Equipping and empowering people to serve others and multiply the good they have received.



This vision has come to life in diverse ways over the past 12 months...

## Our churches and ministry teams are involved with their local communities in many and varied ways:

Auckland

Aventist Church

Visits lonely elders with music, helps immigrants settle, and restores dignity to struggling households. Brailian Effispanic

Adventist congregations are bringing prayer and hope to inmates and police at Waikeria Prison.

Milpah Adventist Church's

"Dorcas Ministry"
cleans homes, yards
and community spaces
while delivering
home-cooked meals to
vulnerable families.

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Bethany ONGON Adventist Church

Mobilises its youth group to feed the homeless and connect with those living on the streets. KAIKOHE

East Tamaki

Cook Islands

Adventist Church

Opens its building as a "home away from home" for grieving families and those on referral from the Cook Islands. In addition, this church coordinates free winter home improvements in accordance with the

healthy homes standards.

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NEW PLYMOUTH

Brentwood

Adventist Church

Provides weekly fresh produce and Monday night meals to ease financial strain and build connections.

Kaikohe Adventist Church

Provides free clothing
each week, serving soup in
the town centre, and is
preparing to minister
within Northland Region
Corrections Facility.

New Plymouth

Adventist Church

Has supplied vegetables to a pay-what-you-can café that provides food to the homeless.

These are just a few examples of the positive impact being made by our approximately 122 congregations across the North New Zealand Conference, each contributing in unique ways to the health, wellbeing, and dignity of communities throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

### Worth Harbour Adventist Church

Regularly visits age care homes bringing joy and friendship through music, in addition to its free, weekly playgroup for young children accompanied by their mums.

Invests consistently in community mental and physical health by running regular whole food cooking classes, Forgive to Live workshops and other topical health seminars.

### **NORTH HARBOUR**

### TAUMARUNUI Papatoetoe

Positively impacts its local neighbourhood through the free community dining opportunity as well as SOLID Kickboxing classes, specifically aimed at offering constructive engagement with at risk persons.

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sports, and community lunches.

### STRATFORD

WHANGANUI

Distributes soup, fruit, and hampers weekly to those in need.



## Adventist Church

Runs a "Storehouse of Love" food bank that began with no resources and now feeds dozens while drawing volunteers into faith discovery.

Hosts weekly breakfasts from surplus school food and visits rest homes with music and prayer.





## Adventist Book Centre

Our service to the community also includes the Adventist Book Centre (ABC), which provides books, resources, and media that inspire hope, encourage personal growth, and offer practical wisdom for life's journey. Through the ABC, people can access literature that strengthens family relationships, promotes health and wellbeing, nurtures faith, and supports lifelong learning. Many of these resources are chosen for their ability to help individuals and families navigate life with resilience and purpose.

### Mawri partnership and service

We are entering a fresh season of Māori partnership and service, full of potential and promise. This is a journey grounded in learning, listening, and shared vision, as we explore how best to connect and work alongside Māori communities in ways that are authentic and honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We are committed to deepening relationships, hearing the stories and aspirations of iwi and hapū, and embracing culturally grounded expressions of connection and service. Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi – with your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive – reminds us that mutual sharing and respect bring life.

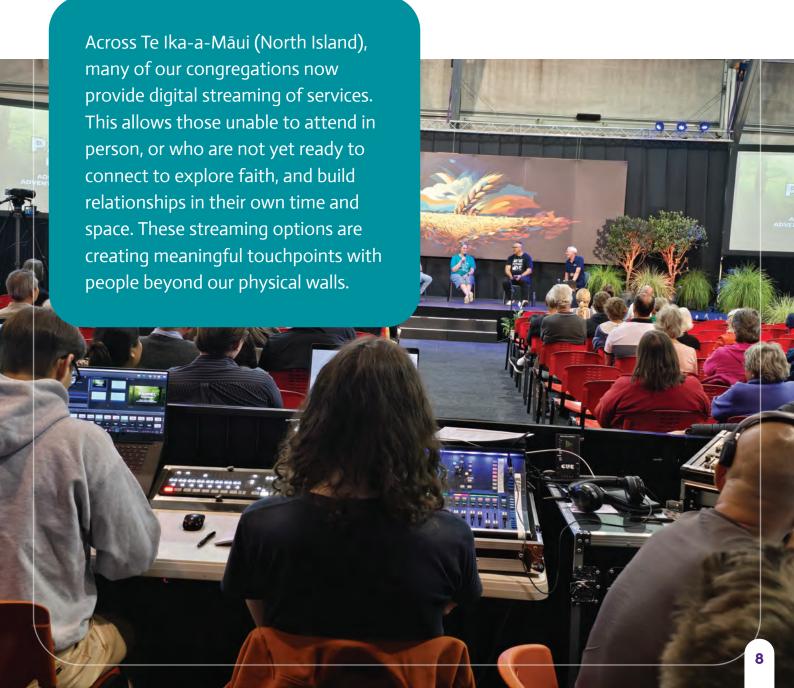




## With Gratitude

We acknowledge with gratitude the service of our previous leadership team — Bob Larsen (President), Rosalie McFarlane (General Secretary), and Kheir Boutros (Chief Financial Officer) who led through the previous quadrennium. We also recognise that Chiedza Ndlovu

stepped into the CFO role prior to the end of that term. At our most recent constituency meeting, the following leaders were appointed: Adrian Webster (President), Andrew West (General Secretary), and Chiedza Ndlovu (CFO).



## Ngá manaakitanga,

Behind every project and programme are people — volunteers, community leaders, staff, and supporters who make this work possible. Their compassion and commitment mean that many New Zealanders each year experience practical help, emotional support, and a safe place to belong through the ministries of NNZC.

The following pages share highlights and statistics that show the breadth of our service, from children's and youth programmes to community health initiatives, education, and more. Our finance section outlines how we have stewarded the resources entrusted to us.

We remain deeply grateful for every person, organisation, and partner who has contributed to our mission. In the year ahead, NNZC will continue to connect with people, help them grow, and empower them to multiply good in their communities — building a stronger, healthier, and more hopeful Aotearoa.

Ngá manaakitanga,

Pr Adrian Webster President



# OUR Prevational MINISTRY ANCHORS

As we Connect • Grow • Multiply into a Spirit-led movement of flourishing disciple-makers in Aotearoa New Zealand.

1. Jesus at the Center.

We anchor all that we do in a deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Every ministry initiative, leadership decision, and church activity must point people to Jesus as Saviour, Lord, and soon-coming King.

2. Welcoming the Holy Spirit.

We actively seek the presence, power, and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We long to see revival and transformation, recognising that only the Spirit can empower us to bear fruit and fulfil the Great Commission.

3. Building Relational Bridges.

We prioritise meaningful relationships with people in our communities. Through acts of compassion, service, and authentic friendship, we aim to create safe

- spaces where spiritual conversations and gospel encounters can naturally take place.
- 4. Encouraging Faithful Stewardship.
  We call every member to be a
  faithful steward of God's
  gifts—time, talents, resources, and
  finances. Stewardship is an act of
  worship and a practical expression
  of our trust in God and
  commitment to His mission.
- 5. Multiplying Disciple-Makers.
  We are shifting from a ministry model where pastors are the primary doers to one where pastors train and equip members to become disciple-makers. This is essential for mobilising a multiplying movement of everyday believers who live on mission with Jesus.







# This Year IN PICTURES



















































### STATEMENT OF SERVICE Performance (YEAR IN NUMBERS) 56 57 2024 2025 123 118 CHURCH 2024 2025 CHURCHES, GROUPS, **MINISTERS COMPANIES & CHURCH PLANTS** 92 398 22,495 11,981 14,658 11,994 14,686 2025 19,428 2024 2024 338 2024 2024 2025 2025 2025 2025 **NUMBER OF NUMBER OF NUMBER OF ORGANISED ATTENDANCE AT BAPTISMS CHURCHES & COMPANIES MEMBERS MEMBERS SABBATH SCHOOL NATIONALLY** BIBLE WORKERS 32 2025 15 5 7 5 5 N/A N/A N/A 350 2025 2024 2025 2024 2025 2024 2024 2024 2025

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