

STAANZ / RHAANZ/ ANZABS 2026 Annual Meetings Program (Version 1, 15/10 – subject to change)

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	RĀ 1 ATA			
08:45	Registration			
09:30	Mihi Whakatau			
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10:00	STAANZ 1 , chair: TBC • Andrena McPhillips, “Weaving Presence-Based Care and Trauma-Informed Practice in Aotearoa” • Joseph Millington, “Church Beyond Vision: Strategic Metaphorical Imagination”	Te Ao Māori and Christianity , chair: Samuel Carpenter • Sarah Penwarden, “ ‘Go and Preach Yonder’: Māori Resistance to Primitive Methodism in Taranaki 1840-1860” [Zoom, UK] • Brad Haami, “Finding Affinity between Traditional Māori and Biblical Narratives”	Psalms , chair: Julia van den Brink • Paul Jones, “Hyperlinking David: Towards a Reading Strategy for Psalm Stories” • Philip Church, “Today If You Will Hear His Voice”: Psalm 95 in Ancient Israel, the New Testament, and “Today”	Genre and Text , chair: Sean DT • Paul Trebilco, “What exactly is 1 John and Does it Matter?” • W. H. Chong, “A Haustafel Divided: Revisiting the Start of the Ephesian Household Code”
11:00	Morning tea			
11:30	STAANZ 2 , chair: TBC • Hamish Dobbie, “Jesus, Tapu & Noa in John 2:1-11” • Krystian McInnis, “Whose Knowledge, Whose Theology? Anglican Education and the Coloniality of Knowledge”	Katorika histories , chair: Peter Lineham • Maria Teresa (Mayte) Ramos, “Governing after the Visitation: Victor Poupinel’s Letters and the Marist Mission in New Zealand, 1858” [Zoom, NZ] • Rowan Light, “Ngā Koiwi ki Ngā Tapuwae: the National Tour of Bishop Pompallier, 2002”	Words , chair: Paul Jones • Julia van den Brink, “What’s in a name?: Obscure biblical names and their impact on interpretation” • John De Jong, “Conceptual Metaphors in the Book of Daniel”	Letters of Paul , chair: Emma Stokes • Amanda Mason, “Belonging, Power and Genuine Good News in Global Cities: Sharing the Gospel with Southeast Asian Theravada Buddhist Diasporas in Sydney (1 Corinthians 12:12–27)” • Karen Newton, “A Masterful Mash-up of Metaphors: reason and imagination in Colossians 2:6–15”
12:30	Lunch			

	RĀ 1 AHIAHI			
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13:30	STAANZ 3 , chair: TBC - Joshua Bond, “The Word at the End: “Being Itself” (idipsum) as Salvific Destination in the Nautical Imagery of Augustine’s In Iohannis Evangelium Tractatus 2.2” - Dr Elia Maggang and Dr Steve Taylor, “Ocean swimming with “large fish”: A blue theology reading of the book of Jonah”	Missions in Context , chair: Rowan Light - Andrew Clark-Howard, “Civilising the Frontier: A Comparative Analysis of Conversion Narratives in Eighth and Nineteenth Century Mission Fields” - Samuel Carpenter, “Shaped by Romanticism?: Reading Emotion and Sensibility in the Lives and Letters of Henry and Marianne Williams”	Creation , chair: Tekweni Chatira - Marshall Scott, “Does Yahweh love both Job and the Ostrich? An Eco-theological, Personalist Reading of Job 38-42.” - Kathleen Rushton, “Imagining God’s “new creation”: Exploring Space and Place in the Gospel according to John”	Sexual Abuse , chair: Jonathan Robinson - Leanne Hall & Jess Hall, “On Causing ‘Little Ones to Stumble’: Reading and Re-reading Matthew 18:1-7 with Purity Culture and Christian Ethics” - David Tombs, “Sexual Violence in the Crucifixion of Jesus”
14:30	STAANZ AGM	RHAANZ AGM	ANZABS AGM	
15:00	Afternoon tea			
15:30	RHAANZ 1 Attitudes to Israel , chair: TBC - Sheree Trotter, “The ‘Symbolic Jew’: Palestine, Prophecy and Religious Imagination in Nineteenth-Century New Zealand” - Geoff Troughton, “Pentecostals and Israel in Aotearoa New Zealand”	RHAANZ 2 Te Tiriti/the Treaty , chair: Samuel Carpenter - Malcolm Falloon, “Christian Māori and the Treaty of Waitangi: Faith, Law and Political Agency” - Alistair Reese, “Towards a Governmental Acknowledgement of the Oral Article of Te Tiriti o Waitangi”	Death in Israel , chair: John De Jong - Tim Frank, “The death of children in Ancient Israel” - Catherine Brownlie, “Reconsidering Judges 19: The Levite’s Concubine and Marriage Metaphor”	Christology , chair: Karen Newton - Jeremy Tattersall, “Teloskopos: A Christological Reading of Scripture (Gen 15)” - David McCurdy, “The Frankenstein Jesus: Constructing and Misrecognising the Messiah in Second Temple Judaism”
16:45	Book Launch for Samuel Carpenter, Bradford Haami and Tony Ballatyne, eds., <i>Whatua te Kāhahu: Christianity, the Māori World and Colonialism in Aotearoa New Zealand</i> (Te Herenga Waka University Press, 2026).			
18:00	Conference Dinners (TBA)			

	RĀ 2 ATA			
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09:00	Denominations + Politics , chair: Tom Noakes-Duncan - John Tucker, “ ‘Jesus Only’: Faith, Politics and Authority in the Life of J. K. Archer” - Thomas Scrimgeour, “ ‘Living in the Afterglow of the Puritans and Wesley’: William Downie Stewart Junior and the (Im)Possibilities of Presbyterian Modernism” - Hugh Bowron, “Cherrington – the Bishop who gave Waikato more than they bargained for”	Muslim histories , chair: Linda Flett - Maria Sartison, “From Madinah to Aotearoa: Transnational Islamic Education and the Making of Muslim Religious Authority in New Zealand” [Zoom, Germany] - Somia Tasneem, “Making Muslim Histories Visible: Religion, Migration, and Belonging in Aotearoa New Zealand”	Translation , chair: Deane Galbraith - Forrest Panther et al., “The Development of te Paipera Tapu: Psalm 68” - Michael Simpson, “The Use of Formal and Functional Equivalence in Moulton’s Tongan New Testament” - Eugene Fuimaono & Michael Rhodes, “How to Translate Your Dragon: Biblical Sea Monsters and the “First Act of Contextual Theology”	Theological Interpretation , chair: Kathleen Rushton - Mary Huie-Jolly, A hermeneutic of typology: the character of Joseph and Mary’s marriage in Matthew 1 and 2 as fulfillment of “what is written” - Chris Northcott, Green Shoots Amid “a Crop of Dust and Ashes”: John Lowe and the mid-twentieth century recovery of theological interpretation. - Tekweni Chatira, “Lessons from my PhD Journey”
10:45	Morning Tea			
11:15	Missions and Children , chair: Stuart Lange - Grant Hodgson, “A significant conversation in 1825” - Hugh Morrison, “ ‘That One Vivid Impact is Made Upon Their Consciousness’: Sermonising For & About New Zealand and Canadian Settler Children, c. 1870-1930”	Charisma and Charity , chair: John Tucker - Edward Scrimgeour, “Charismatic Christianity and the Remediation of Aotearoa-New Zealand National History” - Peter Lineham, “Retaining a Religious Identity in the Charity Space”	Jonah , chair: Michael Rhodes - Julia van den Brink, et al., “Biblical Hebrew brought to life: A dramatic reenactment of the book of Jonah” - Brooke Rivett, “How do you gut a fish? An Exploration of a Polarised Lens in Jonah”	Historical Jesus , chair: Philp Church - Jacqui Lloyd, “Jesus in the region of the Gerasenes (Mark 5:1): Historically plausible or unlikely?” - Andrew Duncanson, “Was Jesus Baptised?”

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12:15	Lunch			
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13:30		Panel: Christianity and Liberation in the 1970s , chair: TBC • Michael Mawson, “A Pedagogy of Liberation: Paulo Freire’s Impact on New Zealand Christianity” • Tom Noakes-Duncan, “Liberating Theological Education: A Freirean Experiment at St Johns Theological College in the 1970’s” • Miranda Johnson, “Anticolonialism and the Māori Jeremiad in the Late Twentieth Century”	Identity , chair: Eugene Fuimaono • Deane Galbraith, “Reading ancient Jewish claims to be Israelite after Pretendians, Fake Māori and other Self-Indigenizers” • Nicola Rouse-Holmes, “The Identities of the “Sons of God” and Nephilim in Genesis 6:1–4” • Jekheli Kibami-Singh, “Your people shall be my people” (Ruth 1:17): Community, Belonging, and Identity in a Three Tikanga Church.	Gospel of Luke , chair: Paul Trebilco • Emma Stokes, “Déjà vu on the road to Jericho: An intertextual reading of Luke 10:25-37 and 2 Chronicles 28:5-15” • Wendy Taylor, “The Symbol of the Burning Tongue: The Rich Man in Luke 16:19-31” • Kevin Waldie, “Reading Luke 22:14-20 – an Exposition of the Lukan Wording with respect to the Eucharistic Mystery”
15:10	Poroaki			
15:40	End			