

# THE ALLIANCE STORY

The Alliance Churches of New Zealand is a *Christ Centred, Bible Believing, Spirit Filled, Missional Movement of Local Churches* who are committed to building healthy churches throughout New Zealand and supporting Alliance Missions worldwide.

Our story began in 1887, with the Canadian Presbyterian Minister, Dr A.B. Simpson who had a vision to help Christians grow deeper in their relationship with God, and to reach out with the gospel at home and overseas. After moving to New York City he successfully established an independent church and two interdenominational organisations to promote this vision and after his death these ministries merged to become The Christian & Missionary Alliance. The Alliance today is still committed to the deeper life with Christ and worldwide missions. We are united by the Alliance World Fellowship and have ministry in almost 90 countries; with 22,000 churches and 6.3 million members speaking 180 languages and dialects.

The Alliance was invited to New Zealand by a group of church leaders who believed our nation needed to strengthen its evangelical emphasis. The first service was held in 1972 in Mt Roskill and the first building was opened in Blockhouse Bay in 1974. We now have 9 churches across Auckland consisting of Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Vietnamese and Multicultural congregations. We also enjoy fellowship with Pastor Farid & Angela Shehata from the Middle Eastern Evangelical Church in Manurewa and Pastor Nigel & Mana Ripley from the Burwood Christian Centre in Christchurch.

The Alliance New Zealand has a Kingdom vision and we are active members in the Auckland Church Leaders Group, Auckland Prayer Breakfast, InterChurch Bureau, National Church Leaders Group, and the NZ Christian Network.

Internationally, we support 8 Global Partners serving in a variety of ministries in Tonga, Thailand, Philippines, India and Asia. To find out more, please contact us.



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## GLOBAL IMPACT WEEK

30 October - 6 November 2021

## WELCOME TO GLOBAL IMPACT WEEK!



This is a special time for the Alliance whanau to gather together to be inspired and equipped for greater global impact. Our theme this year is *United On Mission* and there's a variety of events hosted across the city for you to attend. As well as our Combined Service and the Global Fusion Mission Fundraising Dinner, we have three special Impact Nights with great video teaching followed by facilitated discussions with Joel Kumar from Operation Mobilisation NZ.

All the details you need should be in this brochure but if you need more information please talk to your Pastor or contact me directly. I'm looking forward to being with you and seeing God move powerfully amongst us at Global Impact Week 2021!

### **Rev Andrew Marshall**

Alliance National Director

## ALLIANCE COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday, 30 October | 9.30am - 12.00pm**

*Blockhouse Bay Community Church, 76 Dundale Avenue, Blockhouse Bay.*

We gather to discuss the business and ministries of the Alliance and elect leaders for our main teams. Everyone is welcome but Official Delegates must be nominated by their churches and submitted to the Alliance Office by Sunday, 12 September. *Registrations & Refreshments from 9.10am.*

## ALLIANCE CHURCHES COMBINED SERVICE

**Sunday, 31 October | 10:30am**

*Chinese Alliance Christian Church, 60 Ben Lomond Crescent, Pakuranga.*

Join us for a special celebration as the Alliance family gathers together. The service includes a recognition of our Pastors and leaders and the presentation of Alliance Scholarship awards. Our National Director, Rev. Andrew Marshall, will bring the message and translation will be provided for Mandarin and Cantonese speakers. *Parents please note: There is a supervised programme for 0-5s and activity boards for 5-12s who will stay in the service.*

## GLOBAL FUSION MISSIONS FUNDRAISING DINNER

**Saturday, 6 November | 6.30 - 10.00pm**

*Blockhouse Bay Community Church, 76 Dundale Avenue, Blockhouse Bay.*

Join us for our premier missions fundraising event with dinner and the latest mission updates. Dress code is "international" (or formal) so we want to see a great display of culture and colour as we raise funds for international missions. The event is free but bookings are essential through your local church. Seating is arranged in tables of 8 or 10.

## GLOBAL IMPACT NIGHTS

Three equipping nights to stir our hearts for action featuring video content from the Scatter Global Conference: *Rethink Church + Rethink Mission*.

A discussion time will follow each session facilitated by our special guest, Joel Kumar from Operation Mobilisation NZ

### RETHINKING OUR LIVES: DAVID PLATT

**Tuesday, 2 November | 7:30 - 9.00pm**

*West Harbour Church, 145 Moire Road, West Harbour.*

David Platt serves as pastor at McLean Bible Church in Washington, D.C. USA. He is the founder and president of Radical. Books by David Platt include *Radical*, *Radical Together*, *Follow Me*, and *Counter Culture*, as well as the following volumes in the Christ-Centred Exposition Commentary series: *Exalting Jesus in Matthew*, *Exalting Jesus in James*, *Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus*, and *Exalting Jesus in Galatians*. David Platt received his Ph.D. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Along with his wife and four children, he lives in the Washington D.C. metro area.

### RETHINKING MISSION: ANDREW SCOTT

**Wednesday, 3 November | 7:30 - 9.00pm**

*Blockhouse Bay Community Church, 76 Dundale Avenue, Blockhouse Bay.*

As a child growing up in a small, coastal town in Northern Ireland, Andrew learned from his parents about God's heart for the nations. It is no wonder, then, that at 19 he left home to serve overseas. Now, 52 countries later and after serving with Operation Mobilisation for a number of years on the ship *Doulos*, Andrew serves as Field Leader in the US. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children. In 1995, he completed his theological training and served as an associate pastor in Northern Ireland for three years. "Before we were created, God thought of how He would use us to fulfil His purposes, and then He made us accordingly. He not only made us for a purpose, He then gave us His Holy Spirit to enable us to live that purpose out for His Glory. My passion is to share this message."

### RETHINKING CHURCH: FRANCIS CHAN

**Friday 5 November | 7:30 - 9.00pm**

*Chinese Alliance Christian Church, 60 Ben Lomond Crescent, Pakuranga.*

Francis Chan is the bestselling author of *Crazy Love*, *Forgotten God*, *Erasing Hell*, *Multiply, You and Me Forever*, and *Letters to the Church*. He is currently a pastor of *We Are Church*, a house church network that is planting churches in Northern California. Francis and his wife of 25 years, Lisa, have seven children and one beautiful granddaughter.

