



**St Andrew's Trust
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Religion and Society**



**Human Flourishing: The Courage to Act
Christina Leef & Mikaia Leach**

**St Andrew's on The Terrace
Wellington, New Zealand**

Tuesday 8 August, 12:15 – 1:00pm

Christina Leef, Maori Women's Development

Topic: Cultural reconnection, my involvement with Flourishing Fellowship and the work that I do alongside young rangatahi Māori through my role at Māori Womens Development Inc.



Bio: Christina descends from Te Rarawa, Ngāti Manawa, NgaPuhi, Kuki Airani, and grew up in Glen Innes Auckland. As a teenager she received a First Foundation scholarship, which gave her an opportunity to attend university, receive mentorship, and paid employment with New Zealand Post.

Christina studied Māori Business at Victoria University and was especially interested in Indigenous entrepreneurship and how local solutions can solve many of the problems humanity faces today. Christina is an Alumni of Lifehacks Flourishing Fellowship. The Fellowship enabled her to share her passion for the wellbeing of rangatahi Māori which culminated in Kamp Kaitiaki, a curated experience supporting young wahine Māori to reconnect with their environment and their holistic wellbeing.

Today she works for Māori Womens Development Inc, a charitable trust that focuses on supporting Māori women and their whānau to succeed in business through the provision of business and financial capability programmes.

Christina is committed to supporting, connecting and enabling rangatahi to unleash their inner entrepreneur in an ever-changing world.

Mikaia Leach is a member of the successful winning team of the 2017 Te Matatini Kapa Haka competition in Gisborne (East Coast-based Kapa Haka group Whāngārā mai Tawhiti) and is a graduate of a Kura Kaupapa – Maori Language education.



Bio: Mikaia was born and raised in Tairāwhiti (East Coast). She descends from Ngāti Konohi, Ngāti Ira and Ngāti Porou. As a Kōhanga Reo, Kura Kaupapa Māori and Wharekura graduate Mikaia always knew that going to university was going to be part of her future.

Mikaia successfully completed a Bachelor of Arts with Honours majoring in Māori Studies at Victoria University. She is passionate about Te Reo Māori, language revitalisation, kaupapa Māori research and Kapa Haka (Māori Performing Arts). Kapa Haka has had a huge influence on her life because it

has helped her actively use te reo Māori and keeps her connected to her whānau, hapū and iwi. Mikaia has been performing since she was a young child and is a life member of Te Kapa Haka o Whāngārā Mai Tawhiti who are the current Te Matatini champions.

Today she works for Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori - Māori Language Commission, a Crown entity that was set up under the Māori Language Act 1987 to promote the use of te reo Māori as a living language and as an ordinary means of communication.

Mikaia is a Policy Analyst who is committed to making a difference in the policy space within government to acknowledge and support the use of te reo Māori within the wider Public Sector.

Study Trust Annual General Meeting follows this lecture at 1:30pm in the Conference Centre, Conference Room 1. Light lunch provided

Tue 12 September 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Paul Gibson – Former Human Rights Commissioner

Tue 10 October 12:15-1:00pm - Martin Large

Shock Capitalism or Common Wealth?

Free, Equal, Earthcaring and Mutual : Rebalancing Society

Precis: There is no wealth but life,” said John Ruskin, offering hope. However, shock capitalism and shock politics are attacking our planet, businesses, government, schools, health and human security. Shocks like Trump or Brexit are opportunities for the corporatocracy to profit from global warming, insecurity, deregulation, taking away human rights, tax cuts and wealth transfer from poor to rich, public to private. Society is out of balance.



Martin Large will argue that saying ‘No’ is not enough, though it's a vital first step. In fact, the social future is breaking out everywhere in social business, communities and government, but it’s not evenly distributed. A ‘common wealth’ society is emerging. Pushing back the toxic mix of shock capitalism and politics means rebalancing society as a three legged stool, of public (state), private (business) and plural (civil society, community, culture) with each sector contributing its strengths.

Solutions? Cultural renewal enables every human to develop and maintain their potential in freedom-and contribute. How can the common wealth of land, capital and natural resources be captured for the community and protected from the market through trusteeship? What does it mean to be a citizen? How do innovations like community supported agriculture help develop a circular, mutual, regenerative economy that respects the earth?

Bio: Martin Large is on a learning and lecture tour inquiring into 'common wealth' community initiatives, civic projects and social businesses. Father of four children, Quaker, student of Rudolf Steiner's education and social thinking, former academic, publisher with Hawthorn Press, he is a director of Stroud (UK) Common Wealth Ltd which enables co-op, cultural and social businesses e.g. community land trusts. Author of Social Ecology (1981); Set Free Childhood (2002); Futures that Work (2003), Common Wealth (2010)

'What society do we want and how do we get there?' are burning questions we all face, if we are to leave a more equal, free, prosperous and earthcaring world for our grandchildren. Its up to all of us, as there is no wealth but life. I look forward to sharing burning questions, people's 'leadings' from the social future they see emerging. ' ML

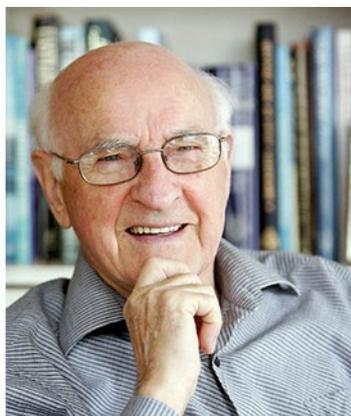
Link to a review of Martin's recent book [Common Wealth: Free, Equal, Mutual and Sustainable Society \(2010\)](#)

More can be read on his [blog](#)

November 3 & 4 Spring Seminar on Courage to Act

Friday 3 November 5:30pm - Courage in speaking out

Excerpts form the Geering Heresy trial - The Last Western Heretic



Brief address by Prof Sir Lloyd Geering and Prof Hal Taussig followed by a Question and Answer session.

Professor Sir Lloyd Geering was born in Canterbury in 1918 and educated in Otago. He holds Honours degrees in Mathematics and Old Testament Language and Literature. Ordained as a Presbyterian minister, he served in Kurow, Dunedin and Wellington. He held Chairs of Old Testament Studies at theological colleges

in Brisbane and Dunedin before being appointed as the foundation Professor of Religious Studies at Victoria University of Wellington. From this he retired in 1984.

The University of Otago awarded him an Honorary D.D. in 1976 and he received a C.B.E. in the 1987 New Year Honours, PCNZM in 2001 and ONZ in 2007. His major publications include “God in the New World” (1968), “Resurrection - a Symbol of Hope” (1971), “Faith’s New Age” (1980), “In the World Today” (1988), “Tomorrow’s God” (1994), “The World to Come” (1999), ‘Christianity without God’ (2002), ‘Wrestling with God’ (2006), ‘Coming back to Earth’ (2009), ‘Such is Life!’ (2010), ‘From the Big Bang to God’ (2013), ‘Reimagining God: The Faith Journey of a Modern Heretic’, (2014), ‘On Me Bike: Cycling round New Zealand 80 years ago (2015), ‘Portholes to the Past: Reflections on the early 20th century (2016).



Professor Hal Taussig is a post-modern theologian and pastor. He celebrates the vitality of pluralistic Catholic and Protestant communities in North America, and works energetically to expand their spiritual and intellectual reaches. His professorial career has featured experimental and humor-filled masters and Ph.D. level instruction in New Testament and early Christianity for 17 years at the Union Theological

Seminary in New York City and more than a decade in Roman Catholic colleges and universities as Professor of Bible.

Of his 14 books, the most recent are A New New Testament: A 21st Century Bible Combining Traditional and Newly Discovered Texts; Re-Reading the Gospel of Mark Amidst Loss and Trauma; A New Spiritual Home: Progressive Christianity at the Grass Roots; and In the Beginning Was the Meal: Social Experimentation and Early Christian Identity.

While a professor, he co-pastored two long-term churches that rose from the ashes and displayed young congregation members full of social moxy, multi-cultural hilarity, and art-filled innovative worship.

He is currently the co-chair of Westar Institute’s Christianity Seminar that is re-writing history of early Christianity, a member of Westar’s Board of Directors, Board Chair of the Tanho Center (on the study of extra-canonical texts), and on the steering committee of the national Society of Biblical Literature’s Seminar on Meals in the Greco-Roman World. Ordained a United Methodist, he currently has an episcopal appointment as a consultant for churches in decline.

Saturday 9:30 am - 3:00pm - Courage to Change

Prof Hal Taussig will give a lecture followed by Q & A, workshops etc. Program still under development

Other events on in Wellington

Centre for Theological and Public Issues

August 31, 6pm St Andrew's on The Terrace

A hustings event with MP's from major Parties.

November 6 - 8 Sea of Faith Conference

Reformation 2.0 :Luther lit a fuse, what happens next?

It is 500 years since Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg. This provides a starting point for a consideration of how events unfolded since then, and more especially, how religion and spirituality are evolving in our time. What are the reforming initiatives today? What new spiritual/religious developments are needed in our time as we face a cultural situation and ethical issues that were simply not there in previous centuries?

What needs to be discarded, challenged, or radically renewed?

This year our topic is more related to the development of Christianity than our usual generic approach to religion, largely because western society's history, development and ethics have evolved largely from that wellspring, as has our own, since the arrival of the pakeha. It is not to exclude other influences, but simply to acknowledge the Christian heritage as the mainstream of our cultural development.

Conference venue: Silverstream retreat

see sof.org.nz for the program and details.

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